

Student Handbook

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PREFACE

The Springfield School District is committed to fostering a close relationship with the home through communication providing an understanding of educational and instructional goals. This handbook supersedes all other school handbooks and is developed to explain rules, procedures and expectations for the student. (ORS 339.240)

The Springfield School District recognizes that students have full rights of citizenship as delineated in the United States Constitution and its amendments and that citizenship rights must not be abridged, obstructed, or in any other ways altered except in accordance with due process of law.

The primary obligation for developing student self-discipline, responsibility and respect for the rights of others rests with parents. Students who develop these qualities usually progress well in school. The school is also concerned with the development of attitudes, habits and behavior and must provide a proper climate for learning. School staff work with parents in a mutual effort to promote student's success in school. Teachers want all students to learn, but a disruptive student can thwart their efforts. When a student does not follow the rules of proper conduct, the school has a responsibility to take action in the interest of that student and the rest of the students in the school. To assure an atmosphere conducive to learning and which also assures the safety and welfare of students and school personnel, it is necessary to carefully balance a student's responsibilities of good citizenship with individual rights.

Springfield School District Vision:

Every Student a Graduate Prepared for a Bright and Successful Future

Springfield School District Mission:

We are committed to supporting *Every Student, Every Day*.

Our Values:

We believe...

- ... every student can and will learn;
- ... in eliminating inequities in student achievement;
- ... in fostering safe, healthy and engaging environments;
- ... in promoting an inclusive culture that draws on the assets of students, staff and community.

Springfield School District Board Goals:

- Promote growth and success in every student
- Support families so that every student is prepared to learn
- Provide personalized learning opportunities for every student
- Create safe and future ready facilities
- Advocate for funding and policies that support education

For the most up-to-date information about our [Springfield Public School Board](#) please visit our district web page.

The material covered within this student handbook is intended as a method of communicating to students and parents regarding general district information, rules, and procedures and is not intended to either enlarge or diminish any Board policy, administrative regulation, or collective bargaining agreement. Material contained herein may therefore be superseded by such Board policy, administrative regulation, or collective bargaining agreement. Board policies are available [on the district website](#).

Any information contained in this student handbook is subject to unilateral revision or elimination from time to time without notice.

Springfield Public Schools prohibits discrimination and harassment on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's perceived or actual race¹, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, mental or physical disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veterans' status, or genetic information in providing education or access to benefits of education services, activities, and programs in accordance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments, and other applicable civil rights or discrimination laws; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act; and Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act.

The following staff have been designated to coordinate compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments, and other civil rights or discrimination issues:

Title IX coordinator: Brian Megert, 640 A Street, Springfield, OR 97477, brian.megert@springfield.k12.or.us, 541.726.3250

¹ Includes discriminatory use of a Native American mascot pursuant to OAR 581-021-0047.

The following staff members have been designated to coordinate compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act:

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Procedure for filing a complaint can be found on the [district's home page](#).

****As used in this handbook, the term parent generally includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, may depend on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes may depend on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For students with disabilities, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-2000.**

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

“Directory Information” means information contained in an educational record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Directory information includes, but is not limited to, the student’s name, parent name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, photograph, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended (OAR 581-21-330 and ORS 326.565). 6. If you do NOT wish the school to release directory information about your child, please inform the school office in writing by the end of the second week of the start of the school year.

School officials are required to disclose personally identifiable information from an educational record to law enforcement agencies, child protective service, health care professionals, and other appropriate parties in connection with a health and safety emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of a student or other individuals (OAR 581-21-380(1)). Pursuant to OAR 581-21-410, a parent or eligible student may file a complaint with the United States Department of Education concerning alleged failures to comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The federal “Elementary and Secondary Education Act” requires that school districts allow military recruiters the same access to students as college or job recruiters. This includes, when requested by the military recruiter, the release of secondary student’s names, addresses and telephone numbers. Springfield School District will comply with this federal regulation; however, secondary school students or their parents may request that this information not be released to military recruiters.

ADMISSION

A student seeking enrollment in the district must register at the school. All students enrolled in the district must comply with Oregon laws related to age, residence, health, attendance, and immunization. Age, immunization, tuition, and other eligibility prerequisites for admission as set forth in state law, Board policy, and administrative regulation, may be required.

The district may deny regular school admission to a student who is expelled from another school district and who subsequently becomes a resident of the district or who applies for admission to the district as a nonresident student.

Alternative education services may be provided to students expelled from another school district for violation of applicable state or federal weapons laws and who subsequently become a resident of the district.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Alternative education program options have been established and approved by the Board to meet the individual needs of students. These programs will be made available to students who are unable to succeed in the regular programs because of erratic attendance or behavioral problems; for students who have not met or who have exceeded all of Oregon’s academic content standards; when necessary to meet a student’s educational needs and interests; to assist students in achieving district and state academic content standards; or when a public or private alternative program is not otherwise readily available or accessible. Such programs consist of instruction or instruction combined with counseling and may be public or private. Private programs must be registered with the Oregon Department of Education. Home schooling shall not be used as an alternative education program placement.

IN-DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Examples of alternative education program options are not limited to, but include:

1. Brattain Campus GED
2. Intensive Tutoring Program (ITP)
3. SPS Online
4. Brattain Online

OUT-OF-DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The student's placement in an out-of-district alternative education program must have the prior approval of the district. The district will not assume alternative education costs for any student not placed in an alternative program according to procedures established by the district and Oregon law.

If a parent receives an exemption on a semiannual basis to withdraw a student age 16 or 17 from school, the district has no obligation to pay for an alternative education program.

If a student is not successful in the alternative education program or the alternative education programs are not accepted by the student/and or parent, there is no obligation to propose or fund a second program.

Examples of out-of-district alternative education programs include:

1. Looking Glass Programs – Riverfront School & Career Center (ages 14-21), Lane Metro Youth Corps (ages 14-19), Centerpoint School (ages 14-19)
2. Department of Youth Services – MLK School (Court School)
3. Wellsprings Friends School (ages 14-19)
4. Bridgeway School (ages 6-19)
5. Jasper Mountain/SAFE Center (ages 6-19)

All individual student/parent notification of alternative educational programs will comply with School Board Policy IGBHC.

ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL

Only service animals, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, serving persons with a disability or animals approved by the human resource director that are part of an approved district curriculum or co-curricular activity are allowed in district facilities.

Companion and comfort animals are not considered service animals.

Animals, except those service animals serving persons with a disability, may not be transported on a school bus.

ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The district's assessment program shall be designed for the purpose of determining district and school program improvement and individual student needs including the requirements of the Oregon Administrative Rules. Assessments shall be used to measure the academic content standards and Essential Skills and to identify students who meet or exceed the performance standards and Essential Skills adopted by the State Board of Education.

Students may annually opt-out of taking the statewide summative assessments as provided by state law. The district shall provide the required notice and necessary forms for opting out of the statewide assessments to the student. The district shall provide supervised study time for students who are excused from participating in the assessment.

The act of student-initiated test impropriety is prohibited. A student that participates in an act of student-initiated test impropriety will be subject to discipline. "Student-initiated test impropriety" means student conduct that is inconsistent with the Test Administration Manual or accompanying guidance; or results in a score that is invalid.

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS

Students are required to attend the school in the attendance area in which they reside, except as otherwise provided by state and federal law. Exceptions may be allowed in certain circumstances, such as: students navigating homelessness, students in Life skills, etc. Contact the school office or counselor for additional information.

A district may allow transfers based on established district criteria.

A student who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense, as determined by state law, while in or on the grounds of a school the student attends, or any student attending a district school that is identified by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) as persistently dangerous, may transfer to a safe district school as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Parents of students considering private placement for IDEA or Section 504 services must notify the district in advance before privately placing their student, or else potentially forfeit any right to reimbursement or prospective payment for that placement. Many students who are unilaterally placed by their parents are sometimes placed when they are not yet identified under the IDEA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

All students between the ages of 6 and 18, who have not completed grade 12, are required to regularly attend a public full-time school, unless otherwise exempted by law. Staff will monitor and report violations of the state compulsory attendance law. All students five years of age who have been enrolled in a public school are required to attend regularly.

A parent will be issued a notification, in writing and in the native language of the parent, and in accordance with law, a school designee will schedule a conference with the non-attending student and their parent(s) to discuss attendance requirements. At this time, the parent has the right to request an evaluation to determine if the student should have an individualized education program (IEP) or a review of the student's current IEP.

Any person having legal control of a student between the ages of 6 and 18, who has not completed the 12th grade, and who fails to send a student to school within three days of notification by the district that their student is not complying with compulsory attendance requirements may be issued a citation by the district for the student's failure to attend school. Failure to send a student to school is a Class C violation of law and is punishable by a court imposed fine.

Additionally, a parent or guardian, or other person lawfully charged with the care or custody of a student under 15 years of age, may be found by the courts to have committed the offense of failing to supervise a child who has not attended school as required. Failing to supervise a child is a Class A violation. Violations, as determined by the court, may be punishable by a requirement to complete a parent effectiveness program approved by the court and/or a fine.

Student Absences

When returning to school after an absence, a parent must notify the school and describe the reason for the absence. A student's absence from school or class will be excused under the following circumstances:

1. Illness, including mental and behavioral health of the student;
2. Illness of an immediate family member when the student's presence at home is necessary;
3. Emergency situations that require the student's absence;
4. Student is a dependent of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces² who is on active duty or who is called to active duty. The student may be excused for up to seven days during the school year;
5. Field trips and school-approved activities;
6. Medical or dental appointments. Confirmation of appointments may be required;
7. Other reasons deemed appropriate by the school administrator when satisfactory arrangements have been made in advance of the absence.

Each school shall notify a parent or guardian by the end of the school day if their child has an unplanned absence. The notification will be either in person, by telephone or another method identified in writing by the parent or guardian. If the parent or guardian cannot be notified by the above methods, a message shall be left, if possible.

Students may be excused on a limited basis from a preplanned classroom activity or from selected portions of the established curriculum on the basis of a disability or for personal or religious considerations.

A student who has been absent for any reason is encouraged to make up specific assignments missed and/or to complete additional in-depth study assigned by the teacher to meet subject or course requirements. Parents should contact the office to arrange for the collection of homework assignments for a student who will be absent several days.

A student who is absent from school for any reason may not be allowed to participate in school-related activities on that day or evening.

² U.S. Armed Forces includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United States; reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines Corps and Coast Guard of the United States; and the National Guard of the United States and the Oregon National Guard.

Truancy

A student who is absent from school or from any class without permission will be considered truant and may be subject to disciplinary action and ineligibility to participate in athletics or other activities.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Student clubs and performing groups such as the band, choir, rally, dance, drama, and athletic teams may establish rules of conduct – and consequences for misconduct – that are stricter than those for students in general. If a violation is also a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, the consequences specified by the district shall apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization.

COMPUTER USE

Students may be permitted to use the district's electronic communications system for school and instructional related activities . Personal use of district computers including Internet and email access is permitted when consistent with board policy and administrative regulations.

The district's electronic communications system meets the following federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements:

1. Technology protection measures have been installed and are in continuous operation to protect against Internet access by both adults and students to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or with respect to the use of the computers by students, harmful to students;
2. Educating minors about appropriate online behaviors, including cyberbullying awareness and response, and interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms;
3. The online activities of students are monitored;
4. Access by students to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web is denied;
5. Procedures are in place to help ensure the safety and security of students when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
6. Unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by students online is prohibited;
7. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding students is prohibited;
8. Measures designed to restrict students' access to materials harmful to students have been installed.

The district retains ownership and control of its computers, hardware, software, and data at all times. All communications and stored information transmitted, received, or contained in the district's information system are the district's property and are to be used for authorized purposes only. Use of district equipment or software for unauthorized purposes is strictly prohibited. To maintain system integrity, monitor network etiquette, and ensure that those authorized to use the district's system are in compliance with Board policy, administrative regulations, and law; school administrators may routinely review user files and communications. Files and other information, including e-mail, sent, received, generated, or stored on district servers are not private and may be subject to monitoring.

By using the district's system, individuals consent to have that use monitored by authorized district personnel. The district reserves the right to access and disclose, as appropriate, all information and data contained on district computers and district network.

Students will comply with district policies, including but not limited to, Board policy IIBGA - Electronic Communication System, IIGBA-AR - Electronic Communications Systems - SpringNET, and its administrative regulations. Students who violate Board policy, administrative regulations, including general system user prohibitions, shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or revocation of district system access up to and including permanent loss of privileges. Violations of law may be reported to law enforcement officials.

STUDENT CONDUCT

In Springfield School District, we are committed to promoting and supporting a positive school culture, welcoming all students. Students are responsible for conducting themselves properly, in accordance with the policies and administrative regulations of the district, school rules, and the lawful direction of staff. The district has the responsibility to afford students certain rights as guaranteed under federal and state constitutions and statutes.

Student Code of Conduct

The district has the responsibility to ensure positive student behavior during the regular school day, at any school or district-sponsored activity, regardless of time or location, and while being transported in district-provided transportation.

Students are subject to discipline for conduct while traveling to and from school, at the bus stop, at school- or district-sponsored events, while at other schools in the district, and while off campus, whenever such conduct causes a substantial and material disruption of the educational environment or the invasion of the rights of others. Students may be denied participation in extracurricular activities. Titles and/or privileges available to, or granted to, students may also be denied and/or revoked (e.g., valedictorian, salutatorian, student body, class or club office positions, senior trip, prom, etc.) - (JFC Board Policy language).

Students will be subject to discipline, and/or loss of awards and privileges, and/or may be referred to law enforcement officials or Oregon Department of Human Services for the following, including but not limited to:

1. Assault;
2. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, cyberbullying or teen dating violence;
3. Coercion;
4. Suspected abuse of a child pursuant to Board policy JHFE - Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child;
5. Violent behavior or threats of violence or harm,
6. Disorderly conduct, false threats, and other activity causing disruption of the school environment;
7. Bringing, possessing, concealing, or using a weapon;
8. Vandalism, malicious mischief, and theft, including willful damage or destruction to district property; or to private property on district premises or at district-sponsored activities;
9. Sexual harassment;
10. Possession, distribution, or use of: inhalant delivery systems (i.e., vape pens), alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances, including drug paraphernalia;
11. Use or display of profane or obscene language;
12. Disruption of the school environment;
13. Persistent failure to comply with the lawful directions of teachers or school officials;
14. Violation of district transportation rules;
15. Violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, school, or classroom rules.

In accordance with the federal Gun-Free School Zone Act, possession, or discharge of a firearm in a school zone is prohibited. A “school zone” as defined by federal law means, in or on school grounds or within 1,000 feet of school grounds.

Any person under age 21 is prohibited from possessing tobacco, alcohol, and unlawful drugs or a tobacco product or inhalant delivery system. Unlawful delivery of a controlled substance to a student or minor within 1,000 feet of district property is a Class A felony, as provided by ORS 475.904.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Student rights and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Civil rights – including the right to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination, the responsibility not to discriminate against others;
2. The right to attend free public schools, the responsibility to attend school regularly and to observe school rules essential for permitting others to learn at school;
3. The right to due process of law with respect to suspension, expulsion, and decisions which the student believes injure their rights;
4. The right to free inquiry and expression, the responsibility to observe reasonable rules regarding these rights;
5. The right to assemble informally, the responsibility to not disrupt the orderly operation of the educational process, nor infringe upon the rights of others;
6. The right to privacy, which includes privacy in respect to the student’s education records;
7. The right to know the behavior standards expected, the responsibility to know the consequences of misbehavior.

CONFERENCES

Regular conferences are scheduled annually to review student progress.

A teacher may request a conference: (1) if the student is not maintaining passing grades or achieving the expected level of performance; (2) if the student is not maintaining behavior expectations; or (3) in any other case the teacher considers necessary.

The district encourages a student or parent in need of additional information or with questions or concerns to confer with the appropriate teacher, counselor, or principal. A parent who wishes to confer with a teacher may call the office for an appointment before or after school, or request that the teacher call the parent to arrange a mutually convenient time.

COUNSELING

Students and parents are encouraged to talk with district counselors, teachers, and building administrators to learn about the curriculum, course offerings, activities and graduation requirements. All students in grades [6-12] and their parents shall be notified annually about the recommended and available courses for students. All students are encouraged to attend college, university or training school, or pursue some other advanced education, and should work closely with their counselor so that they may take the courses that may best prepare them for further education. The counselor can also provide information about entrance examinations required by many colleges and universities, as well as information about financial aid and housing.

Consistent with individual rights and the counselor's obligations as a professional, the counseling relationship and resulting information may be protected as privileged communications by Oregon law.

DAMAGE TO DISTRICT PROPERTY

A student who is found to have damaged district property will be held responsible for the reasonable cost of repairing or replacing that property. If the amount due is not paid within 10 calendar days of receipt of the district's notice, the amount will become a debt owed and certain penalties and/or restrictions may be imposed. For additional details, see Board Policies: ECAB – Vandalism, Malicious Mischief or Theft (Optional), JFCB - Care of District Property by Students, and JN – Student Fees, Fines and Charges.

DANCES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

The rules of appropriate conduct and grooming shall be observed for school dances and social events. Guests and students will be expected to observe the same rules. The person inviting the guest will share responsibility for the conduct of the guest. A student attending a dance or social event may be asked to sign out when leaving before the end of the activity. Anyone leaving before the official end of the activity will not be readmitted.

A student who violates the Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action and may be provided an opportunity to engage in restorative practices to mitigate the impact of behavior and learn strategies to avoid such decisions and outcomes in the future.

DISCIPLINE/DUE PROCESS

Discipline in the district is based upon a philosophy designed to produce behavioral changes that will enable students to develop the self-discipline necessary to remain in school and to function successfully in their educational and social environments.

Student disciplinary sanctions will offer corrective counseling and sanctions that are age appropriate, and to the extent practicable, that use approaches that are shown through research to be effective.

Disciplinary measures are applied depending on the nature of the offense and without bias. The age and past pattern of behavior of a student will be considered prior to determining the specific discipline.

In addition, when a student commits substance abuse, drug, or drug paraphernalia, alcohol- and/or tobacco-related offenses, or any other criminal act, they may also be referred to law enforcement officials. Violations of the district's weapons policy shall be reported to law enforcement when required by law.

To mitigate disciplinary action for drug- and alcohol-related offenses, a student may voluntarily complete a drug and alcohol assessment or evaluation at parent expense, by a qualified professional approved by the superintendent or designee and the student's parent. If the parent/student agree(s) to the voluntary assessment or evaluation, the student may be readmitted to school after arrangements for the assessment or evaluation are verified and completion of the terms of the mitigated district-imposed discipline. Failure to complete the evaluation or to comply with the recommendations of the evaluator will result in imposition of the unmitigated terms of the original disciplinary action.

No student will be subjected to corporal punishment.

See Board Policy JG.

Detention

A student may be detained outside of school hours for disciplinary reasons, provided the parent has been notified of the detention and, in the case of bus students, arrangements have been made for the student's transportation home. In cases where transportation is required, 24-hour notice will be given so that transportation may be arranged.

Discipline of Students with Disabilities

When a student being served by an individualized education program (IEP) engages in conduct which would warrant removal from school for more than 10 days, the student's parents will be notified immediately (within 24 hours) of the circumstances of the misbehavior, the time, and location of the student's IEP team meeting addressing the infraction and its relationship to the disability.

The IEP team will determine whether the misconduct is a manifestation of the student's disability. Should the IEP team conclude the misconduct has no relationship to the student's disability, the student may be disciplined in the same manner as would other students.

If the IEP team concludes the misconduct is a consequence of the student's disability, the team may review and revise the student's IEP and determine whether a change in placement is needed. The district may not suspend for more than 10 days or expel a student with a disability or terminate educational services for any behavior which is a manifestation of the disability.

A student may be removed from the current educational placement to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for the same amount of time that a student without a disability would be subject to discipline, but for not more than 45 school days in a school year, for a drug or weapon violation as provided in district procedures.

Expulsion

Students may be expelled for any of the following circumstances: a) when a student's conduct poses a threat to the health or safety of students or employees; b) when other strategies to change the student's behavior have been ineffective, except that expulsion may not be used to address truancy; or c) when required by law.

The district shall consider the age of the student and the student's past pattern of behavior prior to imposing the expulsion. The use of expulsion of a student in the fifth grade or below, is limited to:

1. Nonaccidental conduct causing serious physical harm to a student or employee;
2. When a school administrator determines, based on the administration's observation or upon a report from an employee, the student's conduct poses a threat to the health or safety of students or employees; or
3. When the expulsion is required by law.

No student may be expelled without a hearing unless the student's parent or the student, if 18 years of age, waives the right to a hearing, either in writing, or by failure to appear at a scheduled hearing.

An expulsion shall not extend beyond one calendar year.

The district will provide appropriate expulsion notification including expulsion hearing procedures, student, and parent rights and alternative education provisions as required by law as part of the expulsion process.

See board policy JGDA.

Suspension

A student whose conduct or condition is seriously detrimental to the school's best interests may be suspended for up to and including 10 school days. A student may be suspended for one or more of the following reasons: a) willful violation of Board policies, administrative regulations, or school rules; b) willful conduct which materially and substantially disrupts the rights of others to an education; c) willful conduct which endangers the student, other students, or staff members; or d) willful conduct which damages district property.

The use of out-of-school suspension for discipline of a student in the fifth grade or below, is limited to: a) nonaccidental conduct causing serious physical harm to a student or employee; b) when a school administrator determines, based on the administrator's observation or upon a report from an employee, the student's conduct poses a threat to the health or safety of students or employees; or c) when the suspension or expulsion is required by law.

When an out-of-school suspension is imposed on a student in the fifth grade or lower, the district shall take steps to prevent the recurrence of the behavior that led to the out-of-school suspension and return the student to a classroom setting to minimize the disruption of the student's academic instruction.

The district may require a student to attend school during non school hours as an alternative to suspension.

An opportunity for the student to present their view of the alleged misconduct will be given. Each suspension will include a specification of the reasons for the suspension, the length of the suspension, a plan for readmission, and an opportunity to appeal the decision.

Every reasonable and prompt effort will be made to notify the parents of a suspended student.

While under suspension, a student may not attend after-school activities and athletic events, be present on district property nor participate in activities directed or sponsored by the district.

School work missed by a student while on suspension may be made up upon the student's return to school if the work missed reflects achievement over a greater period of time than the length of the suspension. For example, a student will be allowed to make up final, mid-term, and unit examinations without academic penalty.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

All aspects of K-12 school-sponsored publications, including web pages, newspapers, and/or yearbooks, are completely under the supervision of the teacher and principal. Students may be required to submit such publications to the administration for approval. Generally, high school student journalists have the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press in school-sponsored media. School-sponsored media prepared by student journalists are subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions pursuant to state and federal law.

Written materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, petitions, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials may not be sold, circulated, or distributed on district property by a student or a nonstudent without the approval of the administration.

All materials requests for distribution require approval of the administration.

The district may designate the time, place, and manner for distribution.

If material is not approved within 48 hours of the time that it was submitted, it must be considered denied.

A denial may be appealed to the superintendent. If the material is not approved by the superintendent within three days it will not be considered approved. A decision reached by the superintendent may be appealed to the Board at its next regular meeting when the individual shall have a reasonable period of time to present their viewpoint.

See Board Policy IB.

DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to promote appropriate grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and avoid safety hazards. Please see school-based student handbooks for dress code details.

Students who represent the school in a voluntary activity may be required to meet additional dress and grooming standards and may be denied the opportunity to participate if those standards are not met.

EMERGENCY DRILLS - FIRE, EARTHQUAKE, SAFETY THREATS AND OTHER EMERGENCY DRILLS

Instruction on fire, earthquake, safety threats, and drills for students shall be conducted for at least 30 minutes each school month.

At least one fire drill, which includes routes and methods of exiting the school building, will be conducted each month for students in grades K-12. At least one fire drill will be conducted within the first 10 days of the school year.

At least two drills on earthquakes and two drills for safety threats for students will be conducted each year for students in grades K-12. Drills and instruction on safety threats shall include procedures related to lockdown, lockout, shelter in place, evacuation, and other actions to take when there is a threat to safety.

A map/diagram of the fire escape route is posted near all classroom doorways and reviewed with students. When the fire alarm is sounded, students must follow the direction of staff quickly, quietly, and in an orderly fashion.

See Board Policy EBCB.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

A student who becomes ill or is injured at school must notify their teacher or another staff member as soon as possible. In the case of a serious illness or injury, the school shall attempt to notify parents according to information provided on emergency forms submitted by parents. Parents are encouraged to update this information as often as necessary.

If the student is too ill to remain in school, the student will be released to the student's parents or to another person as directed by parents on the student's emergency form.

School staff may administer emergency or minor first aid, if possible. The school will contact emergency medical personnel, if necessary, and will attempt to notify the student's parents whenever the student has been transported for treatment.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

In case of hazardous or emergency conditions, the superintendent may alter district and transportation schedules, as are appropriate to the particular condition. Such alterations include closure of all schools, closure of selected schools or grade levels, delayed openings of schools, and early dismissal of students.

For more information on school closures, including weather, pandemic flu, public health emergencies, or other catastrophes: [SPS Emergency Notices](#).

FEES, FINES AND CHARGES

No student will be denied an education because of an inability to pay supplementary fees. Materials that are part of the basic educational program are provided without charge to a student. A student is expected to provide their own supplies (e.g., pencils, paper, erasers, and notebooks) and may be required to pay certain other fees or deposits, including:

1. Club dues;
2. Security deposits;
3. Materials for a class project the student will keep in excess of minimum course requirements and at the option of the student;
4. Personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel;
5. Voluntary purchases of pictures, publications, class rings, graduation announcements, etc.;
6. Student accident insurance and insurance on school-owned instruments;
7. Instrument rental and uniform maintenance;
8. Optional student identification cards;
9. Fees for damaged library books and school-owned equipment;
10. Lock or locker deposits;
11. Fees for use of towels provided by the district for P.E. classes or athletics;
12. Field trips considered optional to the district's regular school program;
13. Admission fees for certain extracurricular activities;
14. Participation fees or "pay to play" for involvement in activities.

A written notice will be provided to the student and their parent(s) of the district's intent to collect fees, fines, and damages owed. Notice will include the reason the student owes money to the district; an itemization of the fees, fines, or damages owed; and the right of the parent to request a hearing.

Debts not paid within 10 calendar days of the district's notice to the student and parent will result in possible restrictions and/or penalties, until the debt is paid, and possible referral of the debt to a private collection agency or other methods available to the district.

A request to waive the student's debt must be submitted in writing to the principal or designee. Fees, fines, and charges owed to the district may be waived at the discretion of the principal or designee, if:

1. The district determines that the parent of the student is unable to pay the debt;
2. The payment of the debt could impact the health or safety of the student;
3. The creation of the notice of the debt owed would cost more than the potential total debt collected relating to the notice;

4. There are mitigating circumstances as determined by the principal or designee that preclude the collection of the debt.

Such requests must be received no later than 10 calendar days following the district's notice.

FLAG SALUTE

Students shall receive instruction in respect for the national flag and will be provided an opportunity to salute the United States flag at least once a week during the school year by reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*. See School Board Policy INDB.

Individual students who do not participate in the salute must maintain a respectful silence during the salute.

FUND RAISING

Student organizations, clubs, or classes, athletic teams, outside organizations and/or parent groups may occasionally be permitted to conduct fund-raising drives. An application for permission must be made to the principal at least 10 days before the event.

All funds raised or collected by or for school-approved student groups will be receipted, deposited, and accounted for in accordance with Oregon law and applicable district policy and procedures. All such funds will be expended for the purpose of supporting the school's extracurricular activities program. The principal is responsible for administering student activity funds. The student body treasurer serves as the student government representative in administration of student activity funds.

HAZING, HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING, CYBERBULLYING, MENACING, TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, cyberbullying or teen dating violence, by students, staff, or third parties toward students is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated in the district. Retaliation against any person who is a victim of, who reports, is thought to have reported, or files a complaint about an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, an act of cyberbullying, or teen dating violence, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry is strictly prohibited. A person who engages in retaliatory behavior will be subject to consequences and appropriate remedial action. False charges shall also be regarded as a serious offense and will result in consequences and appropriate remedial action.

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of Board policy JFCF – Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence or Domestic Violence – Student and any accompanying administrative regulations will be subject to consequences and appropriate remedial action which may include discipline, up to and including expulsion.

Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

“Harassment, intimidation, or bullying” means any act that substantially interferes with a student's educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, that takes place on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation, or at any official school bus stop, that may be based on but not limited to, the protected class of a person, having the effect of:

1. Physically harming a student or damaging a student's property;
2. Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student's property; or
3. Creating a hostile educational environment including interfering with the psychological well-being of the student.

“Protected class” means a group of persons distinguished, or perceived to be distinguished, by race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, marital status, familial status, source of income, or disability.

“Teen dating violence” means:

1. A pattern of behavior in which a person uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control another person who is in a dating relationship with the person, where one or both persons are 13 to 19 years of age; or
2. Behavior by which a person uses or threatens to use sexual violence against another person who is in a dating relationship with the person, where one or both persons are 13 to 19 years of age.

“Domestic violence” means abuse by one or more of the following acts between family and/or household members:

1. Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury;
2. Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent bodily injury;
3. Causing another to engage in involuntary sexual relations by force or threat of force.

“Cyberbullying” is the use of any electronic means to harass, intimidate, or bully.

“Menacing” includes any act intended to place a student in fear of imminent serious physical injury.

“Retaliation” means any act of, including but not limited to, hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, teen dating violence, and acts of cyberbullying toward the victim, a person in response to an actual or apparent reporting of or participation in the investigation of, hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, teen dating violence, and acts of cyberbullying, or retaliation.

The school administrator(s) will take reports and conduct a prompt investigation of any reported acts of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, cyberbullying, or teen dating violence. Any employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of Board policy JFCF – Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyberbullying, Menacing, Teen Dating Violence or Domestic Violence - Student shall immediately report their concerns to the school administrator(s) who has overall responsibility for all investigations.

Any student who has knowledge of conduct in violation of Board policy JFCF or feels they have been subjected to an act of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, or cyberbullying or feel they have been a victim of teen dating violence in violation of this policy, is encouraged to immediately report concerns to the administrator(s) who has overall responsibility for all investigations. A report made by a student or volunteer may be made anonymously. A student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate district official.

The district shall incorporate age-appropriate education about teen dating violence and domestic violence into new or existing training programs for students in grades 7 through 12.

All reports will be promptly investigated in accordance with the following procedures:

- Step 1 Any reports or information on acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying, acts of cyberbullying, or incidents of teen dating violence (e.g., complaints, rumors) shall be presented to the school administrator(s). Reports against the principal shall be filed with the superintendent. Reports against the superintendent shall be filed with the Board chair. Information may be presented anonymously. All such information will be reduced to writing and will include the specific nature of the office and corresponding dates.
- Step 2 The school administrator(s) receiving the report shall promptly investigate. Parents will be notified of the nature of any report involving their student. The school administrator(s) will arrange such meetings as may be necessary with all concerned parties within five working days after receipt of the information or report. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses. All findings related to the report will be reduced to writing. The [employee position title] conducting the investigation shall notify the person making the report within ten working days of receipt of the information or report, and parents as appropriate, in writing when the investigation is concluded and a decision regarding disciplinary action, as warranted, is determined.
- Step 3 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, they may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within ten working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the person making the report and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the appeal within ten working days.
- Step 4 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, a written appeal may be filed with the Board. Such appeal must be filed within ten working days after receipt of the Step 3 decision. The Board shall, within twenty working days, conduct a hearing at which time the person making the report shall be given an opportunity to present the report. The Board shall provide a written decision to the person making the report within ten working days following completion of the hearing.

Direct complaints of discriminatory harassment related to educational programs and services may be made to the Regional Civil Rights Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Region X, 915 Second Ave., Room 3310, Seattle, WA 98174-1099.

Documentation related to the incident may be maintained as a part of the student’s education records.

THREATS OF VIOLENCE AND GANG ACTIVITY

The district prohibits student violence or threats of violence in any form. Also, the District prohibits the presence of gangs because they can cause substantial disruption of school, district activities, and a student's ability to meet curriculum and attendance requirements. Student conduct that threatens or intimidates and disrupts the educational environment, whether on or off school property, will not be tolerated. A student may not verbally or physically threaten or intimidate another student, staff member, or third party on school property. A student may not use electronic means to threaten, harass, or intimidate another. Additionally, false threats to damage school property will not be tolerated.

A "gang" is defined as any group that identifies itself through the use of a name, unique appearance, or language, including hand signs, the claiming of geographical territory, or the espousing of a distinctive belief system that frequently results in criminal activity.

In an effort to reduce gang involvement, the district encourages students to become involved with district-sponsored clubs, organizations, and athletics; to discuss with staff and district officials the negative consequences of gang involvement; to seek the assistance of counselors for additional guidance and district; and to access community resources that offer support to students and alternatives to gang involvement.

No student on or about district property or at any district activity shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display, or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, or any other such symbol evidencing gang membership or affiliation. No student shall use any speech, either verbal or nonverbal (i.e., gestures, handshakes, etc.) signifying gang membership or affiliation. No student shall solicit other students for membership in any gangs nor commit any other illegal act or other violation of district policies.

Students in violation of the district's Board policy JFCM – Threats of Violence or Board policy JFCEA – Gang Affiliation will be subject to discipline, and may be subject to civil or criminal liability. The principal shall notify the parent or guardian when their student is in violation of this policy and the disciplinary action imposed.

STUDENTS NAVIGATING HOMELESSNESS

The district provides full and equal opportunity to students navigating homelessness as required by law, including immediate enrollment. School records, medical records, proof of residence or other documents will not be required as a condition for admission. A homeless student will be admitted, in accordance with the student's best interest, to the student's school of origin, or will be enrolled in a district school in the attendance area in which the homeless student is actually living, unless contrary to the request of the parent or unaccompanied student. Transportation to the student's school of origin will be provided in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

For additional information concerning the rights of students and parents of students in homeless situations or assistance in accessing transportation services, contact the homeless liaisons at 541.744.6769.

IMMUNIZATION, PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, VISION SCREENING AND DENTAL SCREENING

Immunizations

A student must be fully immunized against certain diseases or must present a certificate or statement that, for religious or philosophical beliefs and/or a medical exemption, the student should not be immunized. Proof of immunization may be personal records from a licensed physician or public health clinic.

Any student not in compliance with Oregon statutes and rules related to immunization may be excluded from school until such time as they have met immunization requirements. The student's parent or guardian will be notified of the reason for this exclusion. A hearing will be afforded upon request.

Physical Examinations

Students in grades 7 through 12 must have an examination performed by a physician prior to practice and competition in athletics, and shall additionally have an examination once every two years and after either a significant illness or a major surgery prior to further participation.

The examination is the responsibility of the parent/student and is to be paid for by the parent/student. Record of the examination must be submitted to the district and will be kept on file and reviewed by the coach prior to the start of any sports season.

Students shall not participate without a completed School Sports Preparticipation Examination form on file with the district.

Vision Screening

The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time shall, within 120 days of beginning the education program, submit a certification that the student has received:

1. A vision screening or eye examination; and
2. Any further examination, treatments, or assistance necessary.

The certification is not required if the parent or guardian provides a statement to the district that:

1. The student submitted a certification to a prior education provider; or
2. The vision screening or eye examination is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parent or guardian of the student.

Dental Screening

The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time shall, within 120 days of beginning the education program, submit a certification that the student has received a dental screening within the previous 12 months.

The certification is not required if the parent or guardian provides a statement to the district that:

1. The student submitted a certification to a prior education provider;
2. The dental screening is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parent or guardian of the student; or
3. The dental screening is a burden, as defined by the State Board of Education, for the student or the parent or guardian of the student.

Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV and Sexually Transmitted Disease Instruction

An age-appropriate plan of instruction about Human Sexuality, AIDS, HIV, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases has been included as an integral part of the district's health curriculum. The plan of instruction will include age-appropriate child sexual abuse prevention instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Any parent may request that their student be excused from that portion of the instructional program required by Oregon law by contacting the principal for additional information and procedures.

LOCKERS

Lockers and other district storage areas provided for student use remain under the jurisdiction of the district even when assigned to an individual student. Lockers may be routinely inspected without prior notice to ensure no item which is prohibited on district premises is present; maintenance of proper sanitation, mechanical condition, and safety; and to reclaim district property including instructional materials.

A student has full responsibility for the security of the locker and is responsible for making certain it is locked and that the combination is not available to others. Valuables should never be stored in the student's locker. The district will not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, personal property.

MEAL PROGRAMS

The district participates in national meal programs, offering free meals which may be based on a student's financial need.

Additional information can be obtained in the school office.

For the district's meal charging requirements contact the school office or see our nutrition services website at

<https://www.springfield.k12.or.us/Page/3313>

A student shall be provided a reimbursable meal upon request. After five meal charges the district will attempt to certify the student for free or reduced-price meals. At least two attempts to contact the student's parent or guardian for completing a meal application will be made by the district, including offering assistance filling out the application, if appropriate. Communications regarding student charges will be directed to parents or guardians, only. Students will not be denied lunch and shall not be singled out for owing money for meals.

MEDICATIONS

The district recognizes that administering a medication to a student and/or permitting a student to administer a medication to themselves, may be necessary when the failure to take such medication during school hours would prevent the student from attending school, and recognizes a need to ensure the health and well-being of a student who requires regular doses or injections of a medication as a result of experiencing a life-threatening allergic reaction or adrenal crisis³, or a need to manage hypoglycemia, asthma, or diabetes.

Students may be permitted to take medication and/or self-medicate at school, at school-sponsored activities, under the supervision of school personnel, and in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities in accordance with Board policy, administrative regulations, and the following.

District-Administered Medication

Request and parental permission for the district to administer prescription or nonprescription medication shall be made in writing by the parent or student, if the student is allowed to seek medical care without parental consent pursuant to ORS 109.610, 109.640 or 109.675.

Written instructions of the prescriber are required for all requests to administer prescription medication. Such instructions must include the following information: name of the student, name of the medication, dosage, method of administration, frequency of administration, any other special instructions, and the signature of the prescriber. A prescription label prepared by a pharmacist at the direction of a prescriber meets the requirements for written instructions from the prescriber, if the information above is included (excluding the signature).

Written instructions, which include the information above and the reason that the medication is necessary for the student to remain in school, are required for all requests to administer non-prescription medication (parental signature in place of prescriber signature).

All medication to be administered by the district is to be brought to school in its original container. Medication not picked up by the parent within five school days of the end of the medication period or at the end of the school year, whichever occurs first, will be disposed of by the district.

A request to the district to administer non-prescription medication that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall include a written order from the student's prescriber that meets the requirements of law.

In situations when a licensed healthcare professional is not immediately available, trained personnel, designated by the district, may administer epinephrine, glucagon, or other medications to a student as prescribed and/or allowed by Oregon law.

A process shall be established by which, upon parent written request, a backup prescribed auto-injectable epinephrine pen be kept at a reasonable, secured location in the student's classroom.

Self-Administered Medication

Students in grades K-12, who are able to demonstrate the ability, developmentally and behaviorally, to self-medicate, are permitted to self-medicate prescription and non-prescription medication upon:

1. Written request and permission of the parent or student, if the student is allowed to seek medical care without parental consent pursuant to ORS 109.610, 109.640, or 109.675; and
2. Permission from a building administrator and either a prescriber or registered nurse practicing in a school setting; and
3. Compliance with age-appropriate guidelines.

In the case of prescription medication, permission from the prescriber is also required. Such permission may be indicated on the prescription label. The instruction for a student to self-medicate will include an assurance that the student has been instructed in the correct and responsible use of the medication from the prescriber.

A student permitted to self-administer medication may be monitored by designated personnel to monitor the student's response to the medication.

All medication must be kept in its appropriately labeled, original container. The student's name is to be affixed to nonprescription medication.

³ Under proper notice given to the district by a student or student's parent or guardian.

A request to allow a student to self-administer nonprescription that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall include a written order from the student's prescriber that meets the requirements of law.

Students may have in their possession only the amount of medication needed for that school day. Except for manufacturer's packaging that contains multiple dosages, the student may carry one package. Sharing or borrowing nonprescription or prescription medication of any kind is strictly prohibited.

Permission to self-medicate may be revoked if the student is found to be in violation of these requirements. Students may also be subject to disciplinary action.

Contact the school office for additional information and forms.

Naloxone

Naloxone or any similar medication that is in any form available for safe administration and that is designed to rapidly reverse an overdose of an opioid drug may be administered by trained, designated personnel to any student or other individual on school premises who the person believes in good faith is experiencing an overdose of an opioid drug.

Pre-measured Doses of Epinephrine

A premeasured dose of epinephrine may be administered by trained, designated personnel to any student or other individual on school premises who the person believes, in good faith, is experiencing a severe allergic reaction, regardless of whether the student or individual has a prescription for epinephrine.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Education succeeds best when there is a strong partnership between home and school. As a partnership thrives on communication, the district asks parents to:

1. Encourage their students to put a high priority on their education and to commit themselves to making the most of the educational opportunities the district provides;
2. Keep informed on district activities and issues. To facilitate the partnership communication, the district and schools send newsletters, hold events such as Back to School nights, school orientation events, curriculum nights and parent/booster club meetings;
3. Become a district volunteer. For further information contact the principal;
4. Participate in district parent organizations. The activities are varied, ranging from graduation activities to the building's site council, with its emphasis on instructional improvement.

PARENTAL RIGHTS

Parents of students may inspect any survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by the school to students. Parents may also inspect any survey administered or distributed by the district or school containing one or more of the following items:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally-recognized privileged or analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parents;
8. Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance.

A student's personal information (e.g., name, address, telephone number, or social security number) will not be collected, disclosed or used for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information without prior notification, an opportunity to inspect any instrument used to collect such information, and permission of the student's parent(s) or the student if age 18 or older.

Instructional materials used as part of the school's curriculum may also be reviewed by the student's parent(s).

Requests to review materials or to excuse students from participation in these activities, including any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screenings administered by the school and not otherwise permitted or required by state law should be directed to the office during regular school hours.

For definitions of each category and further information on Parental Rights, see Policy KAB and Administrative Procedure KAB-AR.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Students may possess personal electronic devices in district facilities during the school day only as authorized by the administration and described in school student handbooks. A “personal electronic device” is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, and/or displaying information and data.

Student use of a personal electronic device is prohibited during class time, unless it is used for appropriate/approved classroom, instructional related activities. Devices shall not be used to take photographs, record video or audio while on district property or while a student is engaged in sponsored activities, unless expressly authorized in advance by the district administrator.

Students may not access social media websites using district equipment, while on district property, or at district-sponsored activities, unless the access is approved by a district representative.

Students found in violation of the personal electronic device use and possession prohibitions of Board policy, JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media, or any rules established by the building administrator will be subject to disciplinary action. The device may be confiscated and will be released to the student’s parents.

The taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, emailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be reported to law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies, which may result in arrest, criminal prosecution, and lifetime inclusion on sexual offender registries.

The district will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to district property and district activities. The district will not be liable for information or comments posted by students on social media websites, when the student is not engaged in district activities, and not using district equipment.

The district will not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, personal property.

PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS

Students may be excused from a state-required program or learning activity for reasons of religion, disability, or other reasons deemed appropriate by the district.

An alternative program or learning activity for credit may be provided.

All such requests should be directed to the principal by the parent in writing and include the reason for the request and a proposed alternative.

RELEASE OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

A student shall not be released from school at times other than regular dismissal hours except with the principal’s permission or according to school sign-out procedures. The teacher will determine that permission has been granted before allowing the student to leave. A student will not be released to any person without the approval of their parent or as otherwise provided by law. It is the parents’ responsibility to inform the school, in writing, of any changes to custodial agreements that impact student release from school.

Release Time for Religious Instruction

Students may be excused from school for religious instruction, not to exceed two hours for grades K through 8 and five hours for grades 9 through 12 in any school week. This request must be submitted in writing to the principal or designee.

REPORTS TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Written reports of student progress shall be issued to parents at least three times a year, informing parents of their student's progress toward achieving the academic content standards. Parents will receive reports on their student's absences. Parents will be alerted and conferred with as soon as possible when a student's performance is below average or below the expected level.

STUDENT/PARENT COMPLAINTS

Discrimination Complaints

A student and/or parent with a complaint regarding possible discrimination of a student on any basis protected by law should contact Brian Megert, 541.726.3250.

The district's final decision may be appealed to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 581-002-0001 – 581-002-0023.

Bias Incident Complaints

All students are entitled to a high-quality educational experience, free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.

“Bias incident” means a person's hostile expression of animus toward another person, relating to the other person's perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin, of which criminal investigation or prosecution is impossible or inappropriate. Bias incidents may include derogatory language or behavior directed at or about any of the preceding demographic groups.

“Symbol of hate” means a symbol, image, or object that expresses animus on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin including, the noose, symbols of neo-Nazi ideology and the battle flag of the Confederacy⁴, and whose display:

1. Is reasonably likely to cause a substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities; or
2. Is reasonably likely to interfere with the rights of students by denying them full access to the services, activities, and opportunities offered by a school.

The district prohibits the use or display of any symbols of hate on all district property or in any district- or school-sponsored program, service, school or activity that is financed in whole or in part by monies appropriated by the Oregon Legislative Assembly, except where used in teaching curriculum that is aligned to the Oregon State Standards.

The complaint process is outlined in administrative regulation ACB-AR - Bias Incident Complaint Procedure.

Division 22 Education Standards Complaint

Any resident of the district, parent of a student attending district schools, or a student attending a school in the district may express a concern alleging violation of the district's compliance with an educational standard as provided by the State Board of Education. The complainant should first discuss the nature of the alleged violation with the individual involved.

If the complainant wishes to pursue the matter further, the complainant will follow the complaint process outlined in Board policy KL – Public Complaints and any accompanying administrative regulations.

After exhausting local procedures or if the district has not resolved the complaint within 30 days at any step or within 90 days of the initial filing of a written complaint with the district (whichever occurs first), any complainant may appeal directly to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Instructional Materials Complaints

Complaints by students or parents about instructional materials should be directed to the principal. Should the student or parent, following initial efforts at informal resolution of the complaint, desire to file a formal complaint, a “Challenge Request for

⁴ While commonly referred to as the “confederate flag,” the official name of the prohibited flag is the Battle Flag of the Armies of Northern Virginia.

Instructional Materials” may be requested from the school office. The principal will be available to assist in the completion of such forms as requested.

All Challenge Request forms must be signed by the complainant and filed with the superintendent. A review committee, in accordance with Board policy, will review the material and forward a recommendation to the superintendent for appropriate action and notification to the complainant. A copy of the committee’s recommendation and justification will be forwarded to the complainant together with the superintendent’s written decision.

The complainant may appeal the superintendent’s decision to the Board, whose decision will be final.

Placement/Enrollment of Students Navigating Homelessness Complaints

In the event a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment of a student navigating homelessness, the student will be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought pending resolution of the dispute. The student/parent may appeal the school’s written decision in accordance the McKinney-Vento Act dispute resolution and appeal process, including final appeal to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) State Coordinator, if warranted. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the district’s liaison for students navigating homelessness.

Public Complaints

A parent or guardian of a student attending a school in the district, or a person who resides in the district, a staff member, or a student who wishes to express a concern should discuss the matter with the school employee involved.

The Administrator: Step One

If the individual is unable to resolve a problem or concern the individual may file a written, signed complaint with the principal within five working days of the employee’s response. The principal shall investigate the complaint and render a written decision within five working days after receiving the complaint.(A form is available, but not required.)

The Level or Department Director: Step Two

If Step One does not resolve the complaint, within 10 working days of the meeting with the principal, the complainant may file a written, signed complaint with the level or department director clearly stating the nature of the complaint and a suggested remedy.

The level or department director shall evaluate the complaint, confer with the complainant and the parties involved, prepare a written report of their findings and their conclusion and provide the written report to the complainant within 10 working days after receiving the written complaint.

The Superintendent or Designee: Step Three

If Step Two does not resolve the complaint, within 10 working days of the meeting with the level or department director, the complainant may file a written, signed complaint with the superintendent clearly stating the nature of the complaint and a suggested remedy.

The superintendent shall evaluate the complaint, confer with the complainant and the parties involved, prepare a written report of their findings and conclusion and provide the written report to the complainant within 10 working days after receiving the written complaint.

The Board: Step Four

If the complainant is dissatisfied with the superintendent or designee’s findings and conclusion, the complainant may appeal the decision to the Board within five working days of receiving the superintendent or designee’s decision. The Board will review the findings and conclusion of the superintendent in a public meeting to determine what action is appropriate. The Board may use executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. Appropriate action may include, but is not limited to, holding a hearing, requesting additional information, and adopting the superintendent’s decision as the district’s final decision. If the Board chooses to hear the complaint, all parties involved, including the Public Complaint Procedure – KL-AR, school administration, will be asked to attend the meeting for the purposes of presenting additional facts, making further explanations and clarifying the issues.

If the Board chooses not to hear the complaint, the superintendent or designee’s decision in Step Two is final .

The complainant shall be informed of the Board’s decision within 20 days from the hearing of the appeal by the Board. The Board’s decision will address each allegation in the complaint and contain reasons for the district’s decision. The Board’s decision will be final.

Also see board policy [KL - Public Complaints](#) and [KL-AR - Public Complaint Procedure](#)

If any complaint alleges a violation of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 581, Division 22 Standards, Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 339.285 to 339.303 or OAR 581-021-0550 to 581-021-0570 (Restraint and Seclusion), or ORS 659.852 (Retaliation), and the complaint is not resolved through the complaint process, the complainant, if a student, a parent or guardian of a student attending a school in the district, or a person who resides in the district, may appeal⁵ the district’s final decision to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-002-0001 – 581-002-0023[(see KL-AR - Appeal to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction..

Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students by District Employees, Contractors, Agents, and Volunteers of the District

Sexual conduct by district employees, contractors⁶, agents⁷, and volunteers⁸ is prohibited and will not be tolerated. All district employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers are subject to Board policy JHFF/GBNAA – Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Students.

“Sexual conduct,” means verbal or physical conduct or verbal, written or electronic communications by a school employee, a contractor, an agent, or a volunteer that involve a student and that are sexual advances or requests for sexual favors directed toward the student, or of a sexual nature that are directed toward the student or that have the effect of unreasonably interfering with a student’s educational performance or of creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. “Sexual conduct” does not include touching or other physical contact that is necessitated by the nature of the school employee’s job duties or by the services required to be provided by the contractor, agent or volunteer, and for which there is no sexual intent; verbal, written or electronic communications that are provided as part of an education program that meets state educational standards or a policy approved by the Board; or conduct or communications described in the definition of sexual conduct herein if the school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer is also a student and the conduct or communications arise out of a consensual relationship between students, do not create an intimidating or hostile educational environment and are not prohibited by law, any policies of the district or any applicable employment agreements.

“Student” means any person who is in any grade from prekindergarten through grade 12 or 21 years of age or younger and receiving educational or related services from the district that is not a post-secondary institution of education, or who was previously known as a student by the person engaging in sexual conduct and who left school or graduated from high school within 90 days prior to the sexual conduct.

The district will post in each school building the name and contact information of the designated licensed administrator and alternate licensed administrator, in the event the designated licensed administrator is the suspected perpetrator, for each school building to receive sexual conduct reports, and the procedures the designee will follow upon receipt of a report.

The designated licensed administrator to receive sexual conduct reports at [name of school] is [name of administrator]. In the event this person is the suspected perpetrator, the [insert title of the alternative licensed administrator] shall receive the report. When the [licensed administrator title] takes action on the report, the person who initiated the report must be notified. The district will notify, as allowed by state and federal law, the person who was subjected to the suspected sexual conduct about any actions taken by the district as a result of the report.

The district shall make available each school year the training described below to volunteers and parents of students attending district-operated schools.

1. Prevention and identification of sexual conduct;
2. Obligations of district employees under ORS 339.388 and 419B.005 – 419B.050 and under adopted board policies to report suspected sexual conduct; and
3. Appropriate electronic communications with students.

⁵ An appeal must meet the criteria found in OAR 581-002-0005(1)(a).

⁶ “Contractor” means a person providing services to the district under a contract in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

⁷ “Agent” means a person acting as an agent for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

⁸ “Volunteer” means a person acting as a volunteer for the district in a manner that requires the person to have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

Students with Disabilities Complaints

A complaint or concern regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of a student with disabilities or the accessibility of the district's services, activities, or programs to a student, should be directed to the Special Programs Department at the Springfield School District Office.

Students with Sexual Harassment Complaints

The Board is committed to the elimination of sexual harassment in district schools and activities. Sexual harassment is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated. This includes sexual harassment of students, staff members or third parties who are on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any district-sponsored activity, on any district-provided transportation or at any official district bus stop, by other students, staff members, Board members or third parties. "Third parties" include, but are not limited to, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors or others engaged in district business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the district and others not directly subject to district control at interdistrict and intradistrict athletic competitions or other school events. "District" includes: district facilities; district premises and non-district property if the student or staff member is at any district-sponsored, district-approved, or district-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events, where students are under the jurisdiction of the district; or where the staff member is engaged in district business. The prohibition also includes off duty conduct, which is incompatible with district job responsibilities.

Sexual harassment of students and staff member shall include, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. The conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of demanding sexual favors in exchange for benefits;
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct or communication is used as the basis for educational decisions affecting a student or employment or assignment of staff members;
3. The conduct or communication is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance or with a staff member's ability to perform job responsibilities; or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile educational or working environment. Relevant factors to be considered will include, but not be limited to, did the individual view the environment as hostile; was it reasonable to view the environment as hostile; the nature of the conduct; how often the conduct occurred and how long it continued; age and sex of the complainant; whether the alleged harasser was in a position of power over the student or staff member subjected to the harassment; number of individuals involved; age of the alleged harasser; where the harassment occurred; and other incidents of sexual harassment at the school involving the same or other students, staff members or third parties.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to, physical touching or graffiti of a sexual nature; displaying or distributing of sexually explicit drawings; pictures and written materials; sexual gestures or obscene jokes; touching oneself sexually or talking about one's sexuality in front of others; or spreading rumors about or rating other students or others as to appearance, sexual activity, or performance.

All complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated. Any students, staff members or third parties who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy or feels they are a victim of sexual harassment must immediately report their concerns to the principal, compliance officer or superintendent, who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Students may also report concerns to a teacher, counselor, or school nurse, who will promptly notify the appropriate district official.

Upon receipt of a complaint by a student, student's parents, a staff member or a third party alleging behavior that may violate this policy, the district shall provide written notice as required by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 342.704(4) to the complainant.

The student and/or the student's parents, the staff member or the third party who initiated the complaint shall be notified that the investigation has been concluded and as to whether a violation of this policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable under state and federal confidentiality laws.

The initiation of a complaint in good faith about behavior that may violate this policy may not adversely affect the educational assignments or educational environment of a student complainant, any terms or conditions of employment or work environment of the staff member complainant or any terms or conditions of employment or of work or educational environment of a third-party complainant. There shall be no retaliation by the district against any person who, in good faith, reports, files a complaint or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry of sexual harassment.

It is the intent of the Board that appropriate corrective action will be taken by the district to stop the sexual harassment, prevent its recurrence and address negative consequences. Students in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or counseling or sexual harassment awareness training, as appropriate. The age and maturity of the student(s) involved and other relevant factors will be considered in determining appropriate action. Staff members in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal and/or additional sexual harassment awareness training, as appropriate. Other

individuals whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the superintendent or the Board.

Additionally, the district may report individuals in violation of this policy to law enforcement officials. Licensed staff, staff registered with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and those participating in practicum programs, as specified by Oregon Administrative Rules, shall be reported to TSPC.

The superintendent shall ensure appropriate periodic sexual harassment awareness training or information is provided to all supervisors, staff members, and students and that annually, the name and position of district officials responsible for accepting and managing sexual harassment complaints, business phone numbers, addresses or other necessary contact information is readily available. This policy as well as the complaint procedure will be made available upon request to all students, parents of students, staff members and third parties posted on the district's website and published in student/parent handbooks. The district's policy shall be posted on a sign in all schools. Posted signs shall be at least 8 ½ inches by 11 inches in size.

The superintendent will establish a process of reporting incidents of sexual harassment.

See board policy [JBA/GBN - Sexual Harrassment](#) and [JBA/GBN-AR - Sexual Harrassment Complaint Procedure](#)

General Procedures

When information, a report or complaint regarding sexual harassment is received by the district, the district will review such information, report or complaint to determine which law applies and will follow the appropriate procedures. When the alleged conduct could meet both of the definitions in ORS Chapter 342 and Title IX, both complaint procedures should be processed simultaneously (*see* JBA/GBN-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure and JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure). The district may also need to use other complaint procedures when the alleged conduct could meet the definitions for other complaint procedures.

Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure

See administrative regulation JBA/GBN-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure for reporting and investigating reports, information, or complaints of sexual harassment.

Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure

See administrative regulation JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure for reporting and investigating reports, information, or complaints of sexual harassment.

Talented and Gifted (TAG) Programs and Services Complaints

Individuals with complaints regarding the appropriateness of programs or services provided for TAG students should complete the TAG Standards Complaint form available through the school office. All complaints associated with the TAG program will be addressed through our public complaint procedures outlined in Policy KL and Administrative Procedure KL-AR(1).

The complainant may file an appeal with the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction if dissatisfied with the decision of the Springfield School District Board in accordance with Administrative Procedure KL-AR(2).

STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS

The information contained below shall serve as the district's annual notice to parents of minors and eligible students (if 18 years of age or older) of their rights, the location and district official responsible for education records.

"Education records" are those records directly related to a student and maintained by the district. A student's education records are confidential and protected from unauthorized inspection or use. All access and release of education records with and without parent and eligible student notice and consent will comply with all state and federal laws.

Personally identifiable information shall not be disclosed without parent or eligible student authorization or as otherwise provided by Board policy and law.

Permanent records shall include:

1. Full legal name of student;

2. Name and address of educational agency or institution;
3. Student birth date and place of birth;
4. Name of parent/guardian;
5. Date of entry into school;
6. Name of school previously attended;
7. Course of study and marks received;
8. Data documenting a student's progress toward the achievement of state standards and must include a student's Oregon State Assessment results;
9. Credits earned;
10. Attendance;
11. Date of withdrawal from school;
12. Such additional information as the district may prescribe.

Providing a student's social security number is voluntary and will be included as part of the student's permanent record only if provided by the eligible student or parent. The district will notify the eligible student or parent as to the purposes a social security number will be used. At no point will a student's social security number or student identification number be considered directory information.

Memory aids and personal working notes of individual staff members are considered personal property and are not to be interpreted as part of the student's education records, provided they are in the sole possession of the maker.

Access/ Release of Student Records

By law, both parents, whether married, separated, or divorced, have access to the records of a student who is under 18 years of age, unless the district is provided evidence that there is a court order or parental plan, state statute or legally-binding document relating to such matters as divorce, separation, or custody that specifically revokes these rights.

Parents of a minor, or an eligible student (if 18 years of age or older), may inspect and review education records during regular district hours.

Provision for Hearing to Challenge Content of Education Records

Parents of a minor, or eligible student (if 18 years of age or older), may inspect and review the student's education records and request a correction if the records are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights. If the district refuses the request to amend the contents of the records, the requester has the right to a hearing as follows:

1. Parents shall make request for hearing in which the objections are specified in writing to the principal;
2. The district shall appoint a hearings officer who shall establish a date and location for the hearing agreeable to both parties;
3. The hearings panel shall consist of the following:
 - a. The principal or designated representative;
 - b. A member chosen by the eligible student or student's parent(s); and
 - c. A disinterested, qualified third party appointed by the superintendent.
4. The hearing shall be private. Persons other than the student, parents or guardians, witnesses, and counsel shall not be admitted.

An individual who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing shall preside over the panel. They shall hear evidence from the staff and from the parents to determine the point or points of disagreement regarding the education records. The panel shall make a determination after hearing the evidence and determine what steps, if any, are to be taken to correct the education record. Such actions are to be made in writing to the parents.

If, after such hearing is held as described above, the parents are not satisfied with the recommended action, the parents may appeal to the Board where the action of the hearings panel may be reviewed and affirmed, reversed, or modified. Procedure for appeal beyond the local Board follows the prescribed actions as set forth in federal regulations. The parent or eligible student may file a complaint with the Student Privacy Policy Office, United States Department of Education regarding an alleged violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. File complaints with the Student Privacy Policy Office, U.S. Department of Education, Washington D.C., 20202.

A copy of the district's education records Board policy and administrative regulation may be obtained by contacting the office.

Requests for Education Records

The district shall, within 10 days of a student seeking initial enrollment in or services from the district, notify the public or private school, education service district, institution, agency, detention facility, or youth care center in which the student was formerly enrolled and shall request the student's education record.

Transfer of Education Records

The district shall transfer originals of all requested student education records relating to a particular student to the new educational agency when a request to transfer such records is made to the district. The transfer shall be made no later than 10 days after receipt of the request.

The district shall retain a copy of the education records that are to be transferred in accordance with applicable Oregon Administrative Rules.

STUDENT SEARCHES

Students

District officials may search a student, their personal property, and property assigned by the district for the student's use on district property or when the student is under the jurisdiction of the school when there is reasonable suspicion based upon specific and articulated facts to believe that the student personally poses or is in possession of some item that poses an immediate risk or serious harm to the student, school officials and/or others at the school.

Searches shall be "reasonable in scope", that is, the measures used are reasonably related to the objectives of the search, the unique features of the official's responsibilities, and the area(s) which could contain the item(s) sought and will not be excessively intrusive in light of the age, sex, maturity of the student, and nature of the infraction. Strip searches are prohibited by the district.

District officials may seize any item which is evidence of a violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, or school rule, or which the possession or use of is prohibited by such law, policy, regulation, or rule.

District officials may also search when they have reasonable information that emergency/dangerous circumstances exist.

District-owned storage areas assigned for student use, such as lockers, and desks, may be routinely inspected. Students have no expectation of privacy regarding these items/areas. Such inspections may be conducted to ensure maintenance of proper sanitation, to check mechanical conditions and safety, and to reclaim overdue library books, texts, or other instructional materials, property, or equipment belonging to the district. The student will generally be permitted to be present during the inspection.

Items found which are evidence of a violation of law, policy, regulation, or the Student Code of Conduct may be seized and turned over to law enforcement or returned to the rightful owner, as appropriate.

Questioning of Students

If a law enforcement official is allowed to question or meet with students during the school day or during periods of extracurricular activities, the principal or designee will be present, when possible. A good faith effort will be made to notify the parent of the situation prior to questioning so they may choose to be present during questioning. If the presence of a parent or guardian, or the timeline needed to include the parent or guardian, impedes the investigation, parents may be notified after questioning.

Parents are advised that when an Oregon Department of Human Services or a law enforcement official is questioning a child whom the investigating agent believes may have been a victim of abuse of a child, the investigator may exclude district personnel from the investigation and may prohibit personnel from contacting parents.

STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION

Springfield School District is committed to supporting our students through mental health needs. Please see the following website for links to district, school, and community resources.

<https://www.springfield.k12.or.us/Page/5354>

This page also includes a link to the district's Suicide Intervention Plan.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR INHALANT DELIVERY SYSTEMS

Student possession, use, sale of/distribution of any tobacco product or inhalant delivery system on or near district property or grounds, including parking lots, or while participating in school-sponsored activities is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action. Any form of promotion or advertisement related to any tobacco product or inhalant delivery system is also strictly prohibited. A student who violates this policy may be referred to law enforcement officials. Parents will be notified of their student's violation and subsequent action taken by the school.

"Tobacco product" is defined to include, but not limited to, any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product, spit tobacco also known as smokeless, dip, chew, or snuff in any form. This does not include products that are USFDA-approved for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for any other therapeutic purpose, if marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose.

"Inhalant delivery system" means a device that can be used to deliver nicotine or cannabinoids in the form of a vapor or aerosol to a person inhaling from the device or a component of a device, or a substance in any form sold for the purpose of being vaporized or aerosolized by a device, whether the component or substance is sold or not sold separately. This does not include products that are USFDA-approved for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for any other therapeutic purpose, if marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose.

An intervention program to eliminate drug, alcohol, and tobacco use has been implemented throughout the district. As part of this program, an age-appropriate drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention curriculum will be taught annually to all students.

The program also includes staff training in district procedures for the identification and referral of students whose behavior is interfering with their potential success socially, emotionally, physiologically, and/or legally as a result of illegal drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

Parents are encouraged to contact the counseling (front office at other levels) office for information on district and community resources available to assist students in need.

For School Board Policy reference, see: IGAEB, JFCG, JFCH, JFCI

TRANSFER OF STUDENTS

Parents may request a transfer of their student to another school in the district in the event the school the student is attending is identified as persistently dangerous or the student has been a victim of a violent criminal offense in or on the grounds of the school the student attends. Additionally, requests to transfer to another school in the district for other reasons or to a school outside the district may be approved in certain circumstances. [See this webpage](#) for additional information on transfers.

TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

A student being transported on district-provided transportation is required to comply with the Student Code of Conduct. Any student who fails to comply with the student code of conduct may be denied transportation services and shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Transportation Rules

The following rules shall apply to student conduct on district transportation:

1. Students being transported are under the authority of the bus driver;
2. Fighting, wrestling, or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus;
3. Students will use the emergency door only in case of emergency;
4. Students will be on time for the bus, both morning and evening;
5. Students will not bring firearms, weapons, or other potentially hazardous materials on the bus;
6. Students will not bring animals, except approved service animals, on the bus;
7. Students will remain seated while bus is in motion;
8. Students may be assigned seats by the bus driver;
9. When necessary to cross the road, students will cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver;
10. Students will not extend their hands, arms, or heads through bus windows;
11. Students will have written permission to leave the bus other than for home or school;
12. Students will converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited;
13. Students will not open or close windows without permission of the driver;

14. Students will keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it;
15. Students will be courteous to the driver, fellow students, and passersby;
16. Students who refuse to promptly obey the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the buses.

See Board policy [EEACC - Student Conduct on School Buses](#)

Response to Misconduct During District-Provided Transportation

The following procedures shall be followed when a discipline concern arises on a vehicle serving a regular route or an extracurricular activity:

First Citation - Warning: The driver verbally restates behavior expectations and issues a warning citation. The driver may assign the student to a particular seat.

Second Citation: The student is suspended from the bus until a conference, arranged by the transportation supervisor, has been held with the student, the parent, the bus driver, and the principal.

Third Citation of the Year: The student receives a 5- to 10-day suspension and will not be able to ride the bus until a conference, arranged by the transportation supervisor, has been held with the student, the parent, the bus driver, the transportation supervisor, and the principal. Further violations of bus regulations will be considered a severe violation.

Severe Violations: Any severe violation will result in the immediate suspension of the student for a minimum of 10 days. There will be a hearing arranged by the transportation supervisor, involving the student, the bus driver, the transportation supervisor, the parent, and the principal.

In all instances, the appeal process may be used if the student and/or parent desires.

For more information on discipline and appeal process, see Board policy [EEACC-AR - Discipline Procedures for District-Approved Student Transportation](#)

Disciplinary sanctions and changes in transportation for a student with a disability shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the student's individualized education program (IEP) for students considered disabled under IDEA or the individually-designed program for students considered disabled under Section 504 and in accordance with Board-adopted policies and procedures governing the discipline of students with disabilities.

VEHICLES – MOTOR VEHICLES/BICYCLES/SKATEBOARD

Vehicles parked on district property are under the jurisdiction of the district. The district may require that before parking privileges are granted the student must show that they hold a valid driver's license, the motor vehicle is currently registered, and that the student driving the vehicle is insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy.

In applying for a parking permit, students will be notified that parking on district property is a privilege and not a right. Students will be notified that as a condition of parking on district property, district officials may conduct searches of vehicles upon reasonable suspicion of a policy, rule, and/or procedure violation.

Parking privileges, including driving on district property, may be revoked by the building principal or designee for violations of Board policies, administrative regulations, or school rules.

Bicycles ridden to school by students must be parked in the designated area on school grounds and should be locked. Students under the age of 16 must wear a helmet as required by law.

Due to the inherent dangers both to participant and nonparticipant, combined with the potential liability assumption, the use of skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, or similar devices on district grounds is prohibited. Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, or similar devices will be confiscated by school authorities and placed in the office for parents to retrieve.

The district assumes no liability for loss or damage of personal property, including vehicles, bicycles, or skateboards, or to injuries caused in the use of them.

VISITORS

Parents and other visitors are encouraged to visit district schools after scheduling such visits with the principal or designee. To ensure the safety and welfare of students, that schoolwork is not disrupted, and that visitors are properly directed to the areas in which they are scheduled, all visitors must report to the school office upon entering school property. Photo ID of visitors may be requested. In the absence of photo ID, a visitor may be denied access to the district facility. The principal will approve requests to visit, as appropriate. Students will not be permitted to bring visitors to school without prior approval of the principal. Building access is subject to change based on current restrictions associated with communicable diseases, mask requirements, and vaccination status, as recommended by the state and county health authorities.