# STUDENT HANDBOOK Revere High School

2023 - 2024





# $\star$ VISION OF A MINUTEMAN $\star$

# A REVERE MINUTEMAN...

### **CREATES SOLUTIONS**

Embraces the world and skillfully uses critical thinking to bring creative solutions to problems. Minutemen focus on authentic tasks with a real world purpose and impact.

### **DEMONSTRATES A**

LEARNER'S MINDSET
Stays curious to maximize
opportunities and grow perspectives
through a willingness to learn,
unleam and relearn information
in pursuit of mastery. Minutemen
apply financial, media, technical and
information literacy skills to foster
decision-making and
intellectual growth.



### EMBODIES CONFIDENCE & EMPATHY

In groups and individual work, Minutemen demonstrate awareness, sensitivity and compassion for others' experiences while persisting to overcome obstacles and creating joint reasoning.

### PERSEVERES & ADAPTS

Works effectively in a climate of ambiguity and changing priorities. Minutemen are agile and respond productively to feedback with a focus on positive outcomes.

### ENGAGES WITH PURPOSE

Takes initiative and acts intentionally to benefit the broader community and greater good. Minutemen seek personalization in variety of tasks, make significant choices and strive for equitable access.

### COMMUNICATES TRUTH

Seeks mutual understanding through effective verbal, written and non-verbal communication while considering the audience. Minutemen actively listen, honoring diverse perspectives to create collective commitment

and action.

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# **GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Revere High School Students,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! Each school year begins with a sense of hope and promise. This year, more than ever, we are excited about a new start. I cannot wait to begin this journey together. To our freshmen and new students to the district, we welcome you into our family. To our sophomores, juniors, and seniors, we call on you to be the leaders and role models that we know you can be. With each challenge and new experience, we grow stronger. Pass on what you have learned to each other. The entire Revere High School staff is here to assist you along the way. Together, we will make this a great year!

Please take time to read this student handbook and review the contents. There is a wealth of information that is helpful for you to know. All of the items included are very important. The student code of conduct is important to understand and review. Along with your parent(s) or guardian(s), part of your responsibility is indicating via digital signature on Final Forms that you have read and understand all aspects of this handbook. Please take this seriously.

I hope that you use your time here to maximize your potential, make some amazing memories, and prepare yourself for the road ahead. The Vision of a Minuteman is here to guide you and the choices you make. If you remember to create solutions, demonstrate a learner's mindset, embody confidence & empathy, persevere & adapt, engage with purpose, and communicate the truth, then you will be successful in all that you do. We are here to help you, but it will be your efforts that determine the outcome. Let us make 2023-24 a year to remember!

Sincerely,

Andrew Peltz

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Principal of Revere High School

# **Quick Reference**

# **Administrative Assistants**

RHS Main Office - Mrs. Baird (330) 523-3202 jbaird@revereschools.org

RHS Attendance Office - Mrs. Zendlo (330) 523-3206 dzendlo@revereschools.org

# 24-HOUR ATTENDANCE REPORT LINE

Parents and guardians can report an absence from school, a tardy to school or an early dismissal from school by using the direct 24-hour attendance line.

RHS Counseling Office - Mrs. Reinhold (330) 523-3210 treinhold@revereschools.org

RHS Athletic Office - Ms. Lechman (330) 523-3205 hlechman@revereschools.org

RHS Data Assistant - Mrs. Sampson (330) 523-3240 jsampson@revereschools.org

RHS School Fax (330) 659-0051 - Main Office (330) 659-0058 - Counseling Office

# **General Information**

Revere High School Address: 3420 Everett Rd Richfield, OH 44286

Visit us at www.revereschools.org

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Safe School Hotline

www.safeschoolhelpline.com 1-800-418-6423 (EXT 359)

### ACADEMIC EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

Students are required to meet all eligibility requirements set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Revere Local School District Board of Education to participate in extracurricular activities. Requirements are passing a minimum of five (5) one-credit classes and having earned a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the previous grading term. Students meeting the credit requirements but having a GPA of 1.00 to 1.99 will be placed on Academic Probation. Study tables are available for students year round.

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Students are expected to present only their work for any assignment, project, or assessment. Presenting another's work as one's own is considered cheating and/or plagiarism. This includes the unauthorized use of data to gain an academic advantage. Students who violate this policy are subject to the consequences set forth by the classroom teacher. Students may also be referred to administration for further disciplinary action which could result in loss of National Honor Society recommendation.

### **ACCIDENTS**

Student safety is the responsibility of both students and staff. All injuries and accidents on school grounds must be reported to a staff member. State law requires that all students complete an Emergency Medical Authorization form, signed by a parent and or/guardian, and filed in the school's main office.

### **ATHLETICS**

The Revere Local School District believes that participation in school athletics is a privilege, not a right, and can have a direct positive impact on a student's overall high school experience. Revere Local Schools offer numerous opportunities for our young men and women to explore and develop their personal skills as part of a team. We believe that participation on a team brings with it certain responsibilities that are above and beyond those that are expected of individuals who are not participants. This belief is based upon the fact that participation in athletics is a privilege and not a right.

There is a need for students to learn respect for authority in the classroom, on the court or playing field, as well as in society. There is a need for students to learn that there are rules and regulations that one must follow to be a member of society. Athletes are expected to follow the rules and regulations in the RHS Code of Student Behavior as well as the rules and regulations established by their coaches and other authorities or governing bodies. These authorities or governing bodies include but are not limited to the athletic director, principals, superintendent, board of education, or the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).

All athletes and at least one parent and/or guardian must view the online OHSAA Preseason Meeting video/powerpoint and sign off to be eligible to compete. Players need to have a complete set of athletic forms on file. The RHS Athletic Department uses an online system called Final Forms to achieve this. During this process, all athletes will be asked to digitally sign they have read and understand all aspects of the Revere High School Code of Conduct and the Extracurricular Code of Conduct. Final Forms must be completed before an athlete is allowed to participate on an athletic team.

# \* ATHLETICS AND OHSAA

Student Athletes and Parents should familiarize themselves with the following OHSAA Bylaws:

- All beginning ninth graders must have passed five (5) one-credit classes in which they were enrolled during the immediately preceding grading period. (Ex: 4th grading period of 8th grade year to be eligible for participation during fall of 9th grade year.)
- Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received the preceding grading period.
- Grades 9-12: To be eligible, a student-athlete must be currently enrolled in a member school and, again, have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. (Note: Students taking post-secondary options must comply with these standards).

 For eligibility, summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades received in the final grading period of the regular school year or for lack of enough courses taken the preceding grading period.

# ❖ INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Boys/Girls Basketball Boys/Girls Golf

Football Boys/Girls Cross Country

Boys/Girls Soccer Baseball
Boys/Girls Tennis Dance Team

Softball Boys/Girls Track

Wrestling Volleyball Boys/Girls Swimming Cheerleading

Boys/Girls Lacrosse

The following websites are listed for the convenience of student-athletes and parents. Students and parents will be able to research eligibility, rules, regulations, and a variety of other topics.

www.revereminutemen.org www.ohsaa.org

www.ncaa.org

# **ATTENDANCE**

Each parent or guardian, having charge of a child of compulsory school age must send the child to school for the entire time the school attended is in session (ORC 3321.04). Students are more likely to succeed in school, academics, and building skill sets when they consistently attend school. Excessive absences interfere with students' progress in mastering knowledge and skills necessary to be prepared for higher education and the workforce upon high school graduation. In December 2016, Ohio legislature passed House Bill 410 to proactively address excessive absences and truancy. By law, once a student accumulates 38 hours of absence per month or 65 hours per year, they will be considered excessively absent and referred to the district's at-risk student coordinator. The student and family may be required to participate in an intervention program or be referred to the Summit County Juvenile Court as necessary.

When a student submits an excused medical note pertaining to an absence, this absence remains a part of their permanent record but will not be counted towards the above bolded House Bill 410 hours.

# **AUTHORIZED EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Absences for the following reasons shall be considered as excused:

- A. Personal illness.
- B. Serious illness or death of a family member.
- C. Funeral.
- D. Medical and dental appointments that cannot be arranged during non-school hours.
- E. Unusual or emergency situations at home.
- F. Religious holidays and activities.
- G. Authorized school-sponsored activities.
- H. Approved college visits.
- I. Natural Disaster.
- J. Quarantine or Stay at Home order.
- K. Out-of-state travel, not to exceed 24 hours per school year that the student's school is open for instruction, for participation in an enrichment activity approved by the Board of Education or an extracurricular activity, defined as a student activity program operated by the District but not included in a graded course of study.
- L. At the Superintendent's discretion, a visit with a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service and who has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting.

An absence for any reason other than those listed above shall be classified as **unexcused**.

All excuses from parents, as well as other documents pertaining to a student's enrollment, attendance, and withdrawal from the Revere Local School District, shall become a part of the official attendance record and shall be maintained regardless of format or condition.

A student shall have the opportunity to make up school work missed due to an excused absence; however, it shall be the responsibility of the student to initiate a make-up procedure and schedule with his or her teacher(s). All make-up work shall be completed within the number of days missed following the excused absence. A student shall receive full credit for school work made up pursuant to an excused absence.

The principal or his or her designee may request written verification of a student's illness from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state in the event of frequent or extended absences attributed to personal illness.

A student must be in attendance at school for half of the school day in order to participate in any school-sponsored activity that is conducted on that day. This includes but is not limited to athletics, band, choir, drama, and field trips. Exceptions or in cases of emergency this policy will be determined by the administration.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§3301.60; 3321.041; 3321.13

Ohio Department of Education EMIS Manual, Section 2.1.1: Student Enrollment Overview, Version 4.0 (2017) Adopted: December 19, 2017

# **❖ REPORTING ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL**

It is the responsibility of the parent and/or guardian to report all absences from school to the attendance office on the day of the absence. The attendance phone line is available 24 hours a day at (330) 523-3206. Parents/guardians must call by 8:00 AM the day of the absence. Failure to report a student's absence may result in truancy. The attendance secretary will verify absences daily, and place an automated call home to unconfirmed absent students within 2 hours after the school day begins. This is required by the State of Ohio according to guidelines of Alianna's Alert.

# \* REPORTING TO SCHOOL UPON ARRIVAL (TARDIES)

Students who arrive at school after 7:34 AM are considered tardy. Upon arrival, students must immediately report to the Attendance Office for a pass. Failure to do so will be considered truancy. Oversleeping or transportation difficulties are not excuses for tardiness. Students who are excused and miss classes due to arriving late to school must consult with their teachers prior to leaving school that day to rearrange for tests or quizzes and to obtain homework assignments. Failure to do so may result in zeroes issued at the discretion of the teacher. Chronic tardiness

will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action and/or result in loss of student driving privileges or ability to obtain a student parking permit. All tardiness will be counted as such and is cumulative over each quarter.

# **❖ MAKE-UP WORK**

It is the responsibility of absent students to obtain their make-up work. Students are permitted one day of make-up for every missed day. A day's absence does not excuse a student from the responsibility for all previously announced assignments or tests on the day of their return. Students who have been suspended may make up any available missed assignments or tests.

# **❖ OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

Out-of-school suspension means the student may not come to school, attend classes, or any school events. Students coming onto school property while they are under suspension may be charged by police for The suspension begins on the date designated by the administrator and ends the morning of the student's return. Students remain suspended throughout any appeals process. The student may make up any available missed assignments or tests. Students should work with their teachers to determine missing work and/or assignments. Teachers are not responsible for providing alternative classroom materials for the time missed. It may not be possible to make up class participation activities. All missed assignments are due the day the student returns to school from the out-of-school suspension. The student must make arrangements through their classroom teachers to complete any tests or guizzes. Suspension may extend beyond the current school year, if at the time a suspension is imposed; fewer days remain in the school year than the term of the suspension. The Superintendent may apply any or all of the period of suspension to the following year.

# **BACKPACKS & BOOKBAGS**

Students are permitted to carry larger backpacks/bookbags into and out of the school. During the school day, however, the larger backpacks/bookbags must remain in the student's assigned locker unless permission is granted from administration due to a medical or personal situation. Students may carry smaller drawstring bags during the day from class to class if they choose. All contents within the backpacks,

bookbags, and drawstring bags must be school appropriate and in line with the student code of conduct.

# **BELL SCHEDULES**

Period	Regular Bell Schedule	Minutemen Time (MMT) Schedule	1-Hour Delay (PLC) Schedule
0 (PLC)	N/A	N/A	PLC Time: 7:24 – 8:24
1	7:34 – 8:25	7:34 – 8:21	8:34 – 9:16
2	8:30 - 9:20	8:26 - 9:12	9:21 – 10:02
3	9:25 - 10:15	9:17 – 10:03	10:07 – 10:51
MMT	N/A	10:03 - 10:32	N/A
4	10:20 – 11:10	10:37 - 11:23	10:56 – 11:37
5	11:15 – 12:45	11:28 - 12:53	11:42 – 1:04
6	12:50 - 1:40	12:55 – 1:44	1:09 – 1:50
7	1:45 – 2:37	1:49 – 2:37	1:55 – 2:37

Lunch Period	Regular Bell Schedule	Minutemen Time (MMT) Schedule	1-Hour Delay (PLC) Schedule
Α	11:15 – 11:45	11:23 – 11:53	11:39 – 12:09
В	11:45 – 12:15	11:53 – 12:23	12:07 – 12:37
С	12:15 – 12:45	12:23 – 12:53	12:34 – 1:04

### **BULLETINS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All P.A. & morning video announcements require prior approval by an activity advisor. All posters and signs for activities placed in the building must receive prior approval by the administration.

### **BUS RULES AND PROCEDURES**

- 1. Students must remain seated at all times. Seat changes are not permitted while the bus is in motion.
- 2. Excessive noise, boisterous conduct, calling to others outside the bus, and talking at intersections and railroad crossings is prohibited.
- 3. Students must keep all body parts inside the bus and feet must remain on the floor.
- 4. There will be no eating on the bus.
- 5. The use of profane, vulgar, or improper language and/or gestures is prohibited.
- 6. Any action that includes throwing items in the bus, at the bus, or the windows is prohibited. The use of water guns, lighters,

electronic communication devices, matches, or cigarettes is prohibited. Any violation may result in the loss of riding privileges and further disciplinary action by the administration.

- 7. Fighting and/or scuffling is prohibited.
- 8. Students are expected to promptly obey the instructions of the bus driver or will face disciplinary action by the building administrators.
- 9. Any other misconduct detrimental to the safe operation of the bus is prohibited.

# **CELLULAR PHONES & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

Cell phones and electronic communication devices are to be kept out of sight while school is in session, unless granted permission by a staff member. Any device that is deemed turned on, makes a noise or vibrates, or otherwise calls attention to itself, without prior approval of the teacher, will be considered a disruption and subject to confiscation by RHS staff. The student may also face additional disciplinary action by administration and parent(s) or guardian(s) will be informed.

### **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

All students are expected to comply with the RHS Code of Student Behavior during classroom instruction. Violations of the Code of Student Behavior will not be tolerated and may require further disciplinary action by administration.

### **COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS**

Ohio's College Credit Plus is a program that will allow you to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students in grades 7-12. Contact colleges for information, application forms, and criteria for acceptance into College Credit Plus. Some materials are available from your counselor and at the college's website. For additional information, refer to the Information Sheets/Presentations on the Revere High School website and schedule a meeting with your school counselor. A failed CCP course will be charged to the family and the grade will appear on the students high school and college transcript.

# **COMMENCEMENT & COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL**

Attendance at commencement rehearsal is a requirement for participation in Commencement. The Senior Class will be recognized at Commencement as Summa Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA); Magna Cum Laude (3.75 – 3.99 GPA); or Cum Laude (3.50 – 3.74 GPA).

### **COMPUTERS**

Policies governing the use and/or misuse of computers and technology are included in the Revere Board of Education policy guidelines and Code of Student Behavior. Use of school computers is dependent upon annual receipt of a Computer Technology Usage Form signed by the parent /guardian and student.

### **CREDIT FLEXIBILITY**

Senate Bill 311 (the Ohio Core legislation) raised the graduation requirements for high school students, with the goal of increasing the number of students who are ready to meet the demands of our global and technological age. Ohio's plan for Credit Flexibility is designed to broaden the scope of curricular options available to students, increase the depth of study possible for a particular subject, and allow tailoring of learning time and/or conditions. The overall effect is to increase student engagement and sense of ownership of learning. Please check the counseling website for additional details and requirements.

# **CVCC ADMISSIONS**

A student who wishes to qualify for CVCC admission should discuss this option with their counselor. The following factors affect CVCC admission status:

- 1. Good academic standing (on track to graduate)
- 2. No attendance compliance issues (HB 410)
- 3. Attendance at the CVCC Parent and Student Information Night in January.
- 4. Attendance at the CVCC field trip in January
- 5. Complete applications will be given priority status based on the date received and the above considerations.

# **DETENTIONS**

Detentions are issued as a form of consequence for violations of the student code of conduct. Students are expected to serve their detention at the assigned time. Students must be prompt, must work on school

assignments, and must adhere to all rules of the Code of Student Conduct during the detention. Failure to serve assigned detentions will result in additional disciplinary action by the administration.

# **DISCLAIMER**

The handbook may not include every item or incident that may occur in the building or on school grounds. Final resolution of each of these situations will be made by the school administration. Additional information about student conduct is found in the Code of Student Behavior. The handbook is not intended to be a manual of all the policies of the Revere Board of Education.

# **DRESS CODE**

We are committed to a safe and orderly learning environment for students that is free from distraction. Attire should not detract from the educational process and reasonable standards in dress and grooming apply. Compliance with the dress code is expected and non-compliance may be considered insubordination. Any form of dress that is considered contrary to good hygiene is prohibited.

School Appropriate is defined as:

- 1. No drugs, alcohol, or weapons references
- 2. No profane or hate speech
- 3. No revealing clothing
- 4. No hats or non-religious head coverings unless approved by the administration

Final determination of appropriate school attire rests with the school administration.

# **DRIVING TO SCHOOL**

Driving to school is a privilege at Revere High School and eligibility is dependent on many factors. A permit is required and obtained through an application process. Payment of the required parking fee in addition to all school fees and fines is required. Excessive tardiness and absences may prevent the issuance or cause suspension of driving privileges at RHS. Suspension and/ or non- issuance of driving privileges may occur as a result of a violation listed in this handbook or the Code of Student Behavior. The Revere Local School District assumes no responsibility for

damage or theft of any student vehicle. Student drivers are expected to comply with the following procedures or may face disciplinary action by the administration. Vehicles may be subject to towing at the owner's expense for any violation.

### ❖ PARKING RULES AND PROCEDURES

- Students must register his or/her vehicle annually.
- Parking permits must be on display on the rear-view mirror.
- The permit is valid only for the assigned parking spot of the vehicle.
- All rules of the Code of Student Conduct may apply to student cars.
- Traffic laws are to be obeyed on any school property and/or school events.
- Driving inappropriately or in an unsafe manner within the school zone may result in forfeiture of parking and/or other school disciplinary action.
- Permits may not be shared or borrowed.
- Students are not permitted to loiter in or near their vehicles or in the parking lot during school hours.
- Search of a student and his/her possessions, including vehicles, may be conducted at any time the student is under the jurisdiction of the Revere Board of Education if there is reasonable suspicion that the student is in violation of the Code of Student Behavior. Failure to comply with a reasonable search will be considered insubordination.

# **EARLY DISMISSAL**

Early dismissal opportunities are available to students enrolled in work study, post-secondary or volunteer options only. Students must have a signed approval form in the school office to participate. All students scheduled for early dismissal must leave the building at the time of sign-out.

### **EARLY GRADUATION**

Early completion of graduation requirements is not advised. There are many advantages and opportunities for students to expand their academic and social development by completing four full years of high school. However, there may be circumstances in which early graduation is desired and will be considered for approval. The guidelines listed below must be followed:

- 1. The student must declare their intention to graduate by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to graduation.
- 2. A student/parent/principal conference may be required prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year before graduation. An educational plan detailing the request for early graduation and its relationship to the student's overall education must be completed and submitted prior to this conference. Assistance in preparing the educational plan may be obtained from the Counseling Department.
- 3. Completion of the "Early Graduation Approval Form" must be submitted by the student and parents prior to final approval by the principal.

# **FIELD TRIPS**

Field trips enhance the educational experience of students. A completed student field trip permission form with teacher and parent/guardian signatures is required for student participation. Teachers may decline approval for student field trip participation if the student's attendance or academic performance is of concern. All emergency contact information in Final Forms must be completed prior to permission to attend field trips.

# FIRE, SAFE SCHOOLS, AND TORNADO DRILLS

All drills are conducted periodically in accordance with state law. Safety routes are posted in each classroom and in various locations in the building. It is expected students will follow the direction of staff during drills and assist in the orderly completion of any drill. Anyone involved in causing a false fire alarm is subject to the penalties defined in Ohio Revised Code section 2917.32.

### **FINES AND FEES**

All financial obligations incurred by students must be paid in full. All students are assessed a general student fee for the current school year. The amount of the fee will be determined and communicated prior to the beginning of the school year. Some courses may require additional fees. Diplomas and final transcripts may be held for unpaid fees.

# FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

If a student wishes to take a course that is part of the RHS curriculum, but cannot take that course during a regularly scheduled class period according to the Master Schedule, he or she may do so according to the following guidelines:

- 1. They must have the approval of the teacher, department chairperson, counselor, and principal.
- 2. They must enroll for the course during another class period or meet with the teacher during his/her preparation time.
- 3. The presence of the student in the classroom cannot cause a disruption or increase class size beyond recommended limits.
- 4. Please see your school counselor regarding Credit Flexibility Policies in addition to the above guidelines.

# FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND LUNCH

Delivery orders and foods from any restaurants are not permitted in the cafeteria. Food and beverages in the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher and/or activity supervisor. All visitors to the lunchroom must be approved by the administration.

### **GRADING**

The semester grade earned at the end of the course is the grade that determines credit and appears on the student's transcript. Advanced Placement courses are weighted by one point.

Failure to complete course requirements may result in a failing grade for the course. Students removed from a class for disciplinary or attendance violations will receive a Withdrawal Failure. The WF will appear on the student's permanent transcript. The student will remain in the course on a non-credit basis.

# **District Grading Policy**

•	-		RHS	RHS
Percentage	Grade	Regular	Honors	AP*
93% - 100%	Α	4.0	4.5	5.0
90% - 92.99%	A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
87% - 89.99%	B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
83% - 86.99%	В	3.0	3.5	4.0
80% - 82.99%	B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
77% - 79.99%	C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
73% - 76.99%	С	2.0	2.5	3.0
70% - 72.99	C-	1.7	1.7	1.7
67% - 69.99	D+	1.3	1.3	1.3
63% - 66.99	D	1.0	1.0	1.0
60% - 62.99	D-	0.7	0.7	0.7
0% - 59.99	F	0.0	0.0	0.0

\*Weighted grades will only be given to students completing an entire AP course and taking the AP Exam. AP students must finalize their decision to take or not take the AP Exam by the end of the 1st grading period. Weighted grades will not be given for grades below a C.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will receive high school credit for any high school course taken at the middle school when earning a C or better. The grade will not be calculated into a student's GPA. All Flex Credit Courses or courses taken in the summer between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9th grade will be calculated into a student's GPA.

Juniors and Seniors may choose <u>up to one (1) credit per year</u> as a No Grade/No GPA Credit Option from the Elective course offerings. The purpose of this option is to afford students an opportunity to experience a course that they may enjoy without adversely affecting the GPA. If a student earns less than a "C" in the course, the actual grade will be calculated into the GPA, and appear on the report card and transcript. For a grade of "C" or higher, a "P" Pass grade will appear. Students interested in this option must make an appointment with their school counselor prior to the start of the school year. Not all courses qualify for this option.

# HALL PASSES

Permission for hall privileges is required from each teacher. Students must complete necessary tasks during hall pass in a reasonable amount of time

# HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING

Harassment, intimidation, and bullying of students in the school environment can substantially interfere with their ability to learn, perform, and feel safe. Therefore, any conduct, communication, activity, or practice that occurs at any time on school property, on a school bus, or during any school sponsored event, and at the times and/or places set forth in the Code of Student Conduct, that constitutes harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving students shall be strictly prohibited. Students who are determined to have engaged in such behavior are subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion from school. Further, any such conduct, communication, activity, or practice should be immediately reported to the building principal or other responsible school

employee. All reports of harassment not covered by this policy shall be investigated in accordance with the policies applicable to the particular harassment.

To implement this policy and to address the existence of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the schools, the following procedures shall be followed:

- Students must report acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying to teachers, District employees, and/or school administrators;
- B. The parents or guardians of students should file written reports of suspected harassment, intimidation, or bullying with the building principal or other appropriate administrator:
- C. Teachers and other school staff who witness acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying or receive student reports of harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall notify school administrators;
- D. School administrators shall investigate and document any written or oral reports;
- E. School administrators shall notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student who commits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of students against whom such acts were committed, and shall allow access to any written reports pertaining to the incident, to the extent permitted by O.R.C. §3319.321 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

# 1. Definition of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying

In accordance with this policy, "harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means either of following:

- A. Any intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both:
  - Causes mental or physical harm to the other student; and

- 2. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student; or
- B. Violence within a dating relationship.

"Electronic act" means an act committed through the use of a cellular telephone, computer, pager, personal communication device, or other electronic communication device.

The behavior prohibited by this policy is marked by the intent to ridicule, humiliate, or intimidate the victim. In evaluating whether conduct constitutes harassment, intimidation, or bullying, special attention should be paid to the words chosen or actions taken, whether such conduct occurred in front of others or was communicated to others, how the perpetrator interacted with the victim, and the motivation, either admitted or appropriately inferred, of the perpetrator.

# 2. Conduct Constituting Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying

Such conduct can take many forms and can include many different behaviors having overt intent to ridicule, humiliate or intimidate another student. Examples of such conduct include, but are not limited to:

- A. Physical violence and/or attacks.
- B. Taunts, name-calling, and put-downs.
- C. Threats and intimidation (through words and/or gestures).
- D. Extortion or stealing of money and/or possessions.
- E. Exclusion from the peer group or spreading rumors.
- F. Repetitive and hostile behavior with the intent to harm others through the use of information and communication technologies and other online sites or phone apps (also known as "cyber bullying"), such as the following:
  - a. Posting slurs on Websites where students congregate on Web logs (personal online journals or diaries);
  - b. Sending abusive or threatening instant messages;
  - c. Using camera phones to take embarrassing photographs of students and posting them online;
  - d. Using Web sites to circulate gossip and rumors to other students:

- e. Excluding others from an online group by falsely reporting them for inappropriate language to Internet service providers: and
- G. Violence within a dating relationship.

# 3. Complaint Process

# A. Formal Complaints

Students and/or their parents or guardians may file reports of conduct that they consider to be harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Such written reports shall be reasonably specific as to the actions giving rise to the suspicion of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, including person(s) involved, time and place of the conduct alleged, the number of such incidents, the target of such suspected harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and the names of any potential student or staff witnesses. Such reports may be filed with any school staff member or administrator, and they shall be promptly forwarded to the building principal for review and action.

Teachers and other school staff who witness acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, as defined above, shall promptly notify the building principal and/or his/her designee of the event observed, and shall promptly file a written incident report concerning the events witnessed.

# B. Informal Complaints

Students may make informal complaints of conduct that they consider to be harassment, intimidation, or bullying by verbal report to a teacher or administrator. Such informal complaints shall be reasonably specific as to the actions giving rise to the suspicion of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, including person(s) involved, time and place of the conduct alleged, the number of such incidents, the target of such suspected harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and the names of any potential student or staff witness. A school staff

member or administrator who receives an informal complaint shall promptly reduce the complaint to writing, including the information provided. Such a written report by the school staff member and/or administrator shall be promptly forwarded to the building principal for review and action.

In addition to addressing both informal and formal complaints, school personnel are encouraged to address the issue of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in other interaction with students. School personnel may find opportunities to educate students about harassment, intimidation, or bullying and help eliminate harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior through class discussions, counseling, and reinforcement of socially appropriate behavior. School personnel should intervene promptly whenever they observe student conduct that has the purpose or effect of ridiculing, humiliating, or intimidating another student, even if such conduct does not meet the formal definition of "harassment, intimidation, or bullying."

# 4. Deliberately Making False Reports

Students are prohibited from deliberately making any false report of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Students found to have violated this prohibition are subject to the full range of disciplinary consequences, up to and including suspension and expulsion.

# 5. Confidentiality

The right to confidentiality, both of the complainant and of the accused, will be respected consistent with the District's legal obligation to the complainant, alleged harasser, and witnesses, and with the necessity to investigate allegations of misconduct and take corrective action when this conduct has occurred.

# 6. Investigation

- A. The investigator should remember that the investigation requires a balancing of the accused's rights, the complainant's right to an environment free of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and the Board of Education's interest in a prompt and fair investigation.
- B. The investigator shall meet with the complainant within a reasonable period of time from the time of making the complaint. However, the investigator is urged to meet with the complainant as soon as possible.
- C. Following the meeting with the complainant, the investigator shall conduct an investigation to determine if harassment, intimidation,

or bullying has occurred. The investigation shall include a conference with the accused and the complainant, as well as any and all other methods which are considered necessary to determine whether harassment, intimidation, or bullying has occurred.

# 7. Post-Investigation Procedures

- A. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the investigator shall issue a written report. The report shall include a determination of whether the accused was found to have engaged in harassment, intimidation, or bullying, was found not to have engaged in harassment, intimidation, or bullying, or whether the investigation was inconclusive. The report shall be issued to the complainant's parents. A copy of the report shall also be sent to the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- B. A finding of no harassment, intimidation, or bullying or inconclusive evidence shall end the investigation.
- C. If harassment, intimidation, or bullying is found to have occurred, the investigator shall recommend what steps are necessary to ensure that the harassment, intimidation, or bullying is eliminated for the victim and other individuals affected by the harassment, intimidation, or bullying and to correct its effects on the complainant and others, if appropriate.

# 8. Retaliation is Prohibited

Retaliation against those who file a complaint or participate in the investigation of the complaint is prohibited. Therefore, filing of a complaint or otherwise reporting harassment, intimidation, or bullying will not reflect upon the student's status, nor will it affect future employment, grades, or work assignments. Further, the administrator is directed to implement strategies for protecting a victim from retaliation following a report.

# 9. Remedial Actions

Verified acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall result in intervention by the building principal or his/her designee that is intended

to assure that the prohibition against harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior is enforced, with the goal that any such harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior will end as a result.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior can take many forms and can vary in how serious it is, and what impact it has on the targeted individual and other students. Accordingly, there is no one prescribed response to verified acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. While conduct that rises to the level of "harassment, intimidation, or bullying" as defined above will generally warrant disciplinary action against the perpetrator of such harassment, intimidation, or bullying, whether and to what extent to impose disciplinary action (detention, in and out-of-school suspension, or expulsion) is a matter for the professional discretion of the building principal.

# 10. Non-Disciplinary Interventions

When verified acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying are identified early and/or when such verified acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying do not reasonably require a disciplinary response, students may be counseled as to the definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, its prohibition, and their duty to avoid any conduct that could be considered harassment, intimidation, or bullying. If a complaint arises out of conflict between students or groups of students, peer mediation may be considered.

# 11. Disciplinary Interventions

When acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying are verified and a disciplinary response is warranted, students are subject to the full range of disciplinary consequences. Suspension is a possible consequence for a student found responsible for harassment, intimidation, or bullying by an electronic act.

# 12. <u>Strategies for Protecting Victims or Other Persons From New or</u> Additional Acts

- A. Supervise and discipline offending students fairly and consistently;
- B. Maintain contact with parents and guardians of all involved parties;

- C. Provide counseling for the victim if assessed that it is needed;
- D. Inform school personnel of the incident and instruct them to monitor the victim and the victim's friends or family members and the offending party for indications of harassing, intimidating, and bullying behavior. Personnel are to intervene when prohibited behaviors are witnessed;
- E. Check with the victim and the victim's friends or family members to ensure that there has been no new or additional incidents of harassment/intimidation/bullying or retaliation of the victim or other persons from the offender or other parties.
- F. If necessary to protect a person from new or additional acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and from retaliation following a report, a person may make an anonymous report of an incident considered to be harassment, intimidation, bullying, or retaliation by providing written information to any staff member or administrator. The report should include as much information as possible and shall be forwarded promptly to the building principal for review and action.

In addition to the prompt investigation of complaints of harassment, intimidation, or bullying and direct intervention when acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying are verified, other District actions may ameliorate any potential problem with harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school or at school-sponsored activities. While no specific action is required and school needs for such interventions may vary from time to time, the following list of potential intervention strategies shall serve as a resource for administrators and school personnel:

- A. Respectful responses to harassment, intimidation, or bullying concerns raised by students, parents or school personnel;
- B. Planned professional development programs addressing bully/targeted individuals' problems;
- C. Data collection to document bully/victim problems to determine the nature and scope of the problem;

- D. Use of peers to help ameliorate the plight of victims and include them in group activities;
- E. Avoidance of sex-role stereotyping (e.g. males need to be strong and tough);
- F. Awareness and involvement on the part of all school personnel and parents with regards to bully-victim problems;
- G. An attitude that promotes communication, friendship, assertiveness skills, and character education;
- H. Modeling by staff of positive, respectful, and supportive behavior toward students;
- Creating a school atmosphere of team spirit and collaboration that promotes appropriate social behavior by students in support of others;
- J. Employing classroom strategies that instruct students how to work together in a collaborative and supportive atmosphere; and/or
- K. Forming harassment, intimidation, and bullying task forces, programs, and other initiatives involving volunteers, parents, law enforcement, and community members.

This policy shall appear in student handbooks, and in the publications that set forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards of conduct for schools and students in the District. The policy and an explanation of the seriousness of bullying by electronic means shall be made available to students and their parent(s) or guardian(s). Information regarding the policy shall be incorporated into employee training materials.

Orientation sessions for students shall introduce the elements of this policy and procedure. Students will be provided annually with age-appropriate instruction on the recognition and prevention of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, including discussion of the consequences of violating this policy, and their rights and responsibilities under this and other District policies, procedures, and rules at student orientation sessions and on other appropriate occasions.

A District employee, student, or volunteer shall be individually immune from liability in a civil action for damages arising from reporting an incident in accordance with a policy adopted pursuant to this section if that person reports an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying promptly in good faith and in compliance with the procedures as specified in the policy.

The Administration shall annually send to each student's parent(s) or guardian(s) a written statement describing this policy and the consequences for violating it. The Administration shall semi-annually provide the president of the Board a written summary of all reported incidents and post the summary on the District's website to the extent permitted by state and federal student privacy laws.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§3313.666; 3313.667

Adopted: October 17, 2017

# INDEPENDENT COURSES

Independent study is defined as coursework that a student may wish to take that is not part of the RHS or Board adopted curriculum. Any independent study coursework must be approved by the counselor and principal, and must meet all Revere Local School District Board policies and guidelines. Students who take coursework that is approved for independent study will be granted credit toward graduation on a pass/fail basis. Additional information may be found in the Credit Flexibility Policies and Guidelines.

# INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Revere High School welcomes international exchange students on a limited basis and enrollment is not guarenteed each year. It is our privilege to support the students in their year long experience in the United States. International exchange students need to have the proper documentation through their sponsoring organization. The sponsoring organization must be sanctioned with the OHSAA in order for an exchange student to be eligible to participate in athletics. Exchange students will receive a certificate of attendance and not be eligible for graduation from Revere High School.

### LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

Bookmarks with subscription database passwords are available in the library. Students are expected to follow library rules or they may forfeit access to the library. Fines are charged on overdue or damaged items.

# **LOCKERS AND LOCKS**

Each student is assigned a lock and locker at the beginning of the school year. Lockers and locks are the sole property of the school. Lockers may be searched at any time by the administration. Appropriate care of school property is required. Locks are expected to be in use at all times. Lock combinations are confidential and should not be shared with others. The school is not responsible for lost property or valuables. Book bags and backpacks remain in lockers while school is in session. Students are not permitted to display inappropriate pictures, decals, or displays on the lockers. Any damage to the lock or locker by a student may result in disciplinary action by the administration. A \$6.00 fee is assessed for a replacement lock. While using the locker room during or after school, students must lock their belongings in a locker.

# **LOST AND FOUND**

Miscellaneous articles may be placed on the Lost and Found table. Valuable items should be taken directly to the main office and reported to school personnel.

### **MEDICATION**

The administration of any medication, including over-the-counter, to a student by school personnel requires the completion of necessary forms by the parent /guardian. Forms are available online and in the school clinic. Both a parent/guardian and a physician must complete and sign the form. Medicine to be dispensed at school must be in its original prescription bottle. The school or its employees cannot provide aspirin or any other over-the-counter medication without the necessary completed forms

# MINIMUM COURSE LOAD

All students must be enrolled in at least six (6) classes per semester. Students enrolled in College Credit Plus (CCP) or Career Technical Education (CTE) will work with their respective counselor to schedule the appropriate class load.

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society, created by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors students who excel in five ways: scholarship, knowledge, leadership, service, and character. The society is governed by national rules. Membership in the NHS is one of the highest honors that can be given to a high school student and is a privilege, not a right. The selection process at RHS begins with sophomores and juniors who have met the scholastic GPA requirement and are active in service and school related activities. A selection process established by both the national and local organizations determines membership in the National Honor Society. The final step in the selection process involves a committee of faculty members who review the applications and make recommendations for membership. The decision of the committee is final.

# PLANNED ABSENCE

We recognize that circumstances may arise that could necessitate a student accompanying his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) on a planned absence. Students are responsible for the completion of the Planned Absence form from the Main Office. On this form the student must obtain the signatures of all teachers and a parent/guardian and then return the form to the Main Office prior to the planned absence. These absent hours will count towards the student's permanent record and are included in the hours reported to the State of Ohio according to House Bill 410. All make-up work is the responsibility of the student. Any tests/exams missed shall be made up upon the student's return to school (including the end of the school year).

# PROGRESS BOOK AND REPORT CARDS

Academic progress is reported throughout each semester through various methods such as Progress Book and Report Cards. Conferences are encouraged at any time and parents may contact teachers for appointments. For questions about access to Progress Book, the online grade report program, please call (330) 523-3407.

# **PUBLIC RECORDS**

A request for public records must go through the Treasurer's Office, as the Treasurer is the designated Records Officer for the Revere School District.

# SATURDAY SCHOOL DETENTION

A three hour Saturday detention session (9:00 am - Noon) is held bi-monthly at Revere Middle School and is supervised by school personnel. Sessions are assigned by the administration as a result of violations of the Code of Student Behavior. Students are expected to bring school books and materials to Saturday Detention, as well as school assignments to work on during the 3 hour detention. Various procedures are followed and further explanation is provided to students when such an assignment is made.

# SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of inclement weather or a calamity, school may be closed or starting time delayed. The same conditions may also necessitate early dismissal. School closings, delays in starting time, or early dismissals will be announced multiple ways via the all call notification system, district website, local television/radio, and social media outlets. If no report is heard, it can be assumed that school will be in session.

# SCHOOL COUNSELING POLICIES

The assignment of a school counselor is determined by the student's last name. Students retain the same counselor throughout the student's high school career. School counselors work to support the whole student in the areas of academics, social/emotional needs, and college/career readiness. Students are encouraged to establish rapport with their counselor as they attend RHS.

### SCHEDULE CHANGES

Since all students have registered for course selections with parent/guardian approval, any change after the start of the school year will only occur as a result of extenuating circumstances. Requests for changes will be reviewed by the administration and must include a conference with the teacher and parent/guardian.

### SECURITY

In our continued efforts to increase security, Revere Local Schools employs a School Resource Officer. Please contact SRO Dressler with any concerns about school safety. His contact email is sdressler@revereschools.org.

# SENIOR INTERNSHIP

The Senior Internship Project at Revere High School is an optional, three week program open to all eligible seniors who meet program criteria. Program criteria include students that demonstrate good character, have excellent attendance records, and have maintained a passing average in all classes required for graduation. In addition to grades and absenteeism, other considerations could impact eligibility, such as outstanding fees. The Senior Internship Project serves as an excellent transition from the familiar high school experience to a future dealing with lifelong interests or career goals. Details will be provided at the beginning of a student's senior year. The dates of the program will be announced but take place at the end of the second semester.

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

There are over 50 clubs and activities available to students at RHS. For access to a live document that includes names and email addresses of the supervisors, see the high school web site.

If a student wishes to propose a club or group the following has to happen before approval will be granted by the administration:

- 1. The student(s) proposing the club or group has to schedule a meeting with the building principal to discuss the reasons why the club or group should exist.
- 2. The student(s) has to supply a petition with at least 10 signatures of students who would consider joining the club or group.
- 3. The student(s) has to provide the name of an employee of Revere Schools who will be responsible for the supervision of the club or group with the understanding this is an unpaid (non-stipend) position.
- 4. The student(s) has to provide a schedule of meeting dates, times, and location.
- 5. The club or group cannot be for profit. Any fundraising completed must be approved by the building principal and treasurer's office.

6. Once approved by the building principal, the club or group can begin meeting as an official RHS Student Activities organization.

# STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Students will be issued one identification card (badge) at the beginning of the school year. Students will be required to use this card throughout the school year and will be responsible for replacing it if it is lost. Replacement cost to the student will be \$5.00 per ID card. The student ID badge must be presented at all extracurricular events to receive free admission.

# **SUMMER SCHOOL & OUTSIDE CREDITS**

Outside credits may include summer school, correspondence courses, night school, online courses, volunteer credits, work study credits, and other alternative or remedial education credits. It is recommended that students check with their school counselor before enrolling to make sure the credits meet our requirements for graduation.

### **TEXTBOOKS**

All textbooks are the property of the school district and are on loan to the student. Proper care of school property is expected and book covers recommended. Students should write their names and grades on the book labels for identification purposes. Students are responsible for lost or damaged books.

### **TRANSCRIPTS**

Students may request and receive an <u>unofficial</u> transcript from the Counseling Office. <u>Official</u> transcripts required for college admissions and/or scholarships will be mailed directly to the appropriate institution. Please allow ten (10) school days to process these requests.

RHS Alumni may obtain transcript request forms online by visiting the Revere Local Schools website, selecting Revere High School, then selecting Counselors.

# **TRANSPORTATION**

For questions regarding transportation, contact the department at (330) 523-3118 or (330) 523-3119.

School bus transportation is a privilege and not a right. Students are expected to adhere to the Code of Student Behavior at all times, violations of which may result in disciplinary action by the administration. Video cameras are installed on buses for the purpose of monitoring student behavior. Students must comply with the directions of the bus driver. Drivers report all misconduct to the transportation supervisor who then consults with building administrators. The following items are prohibited on the buses: Pets, large boxes, sleds, balloons, lawn chairs, skateboards, golf clubs, lacrosse sticks, dangerous weapons, costumes, masks, and baseball bats. Please note: This is not a comprehensive list.

# **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF YEARBOOK AND WEBSITE**

Unauthorized use of the yearbook and website content or photographs is prohibited. None of the material may be copied, modified, reproduced, posted, published, transmitted, and/or distributed in any form without prior written permission from Revere Local Schools.

# **VALUABLES**

Students are cautioned not to bring large amounts of money or other valuables to school. Students, not the school, are responsible for their personal property. Lockers must remain secured and combinations are confidential and not to be shared with others. **Lock valuables in lockers at all times.** 

# **VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING DEVICES**

Video and/or audio recording devices are not to be used at school without permission from school personnel. This includes the use of these functions on cell phones.

# **VISITORS**

ALL VISITORS must report to the main office upon arrival, sign-in, and secure a pass. Students from other schools are not permitted to visit unless they plan to enroll at RHS. Arrangement must be made with the Counseling Office or administration prior to the day of the planned visit. These student visitors must present a pass and be escorted by a Revere High School student throughout the day. Prior arrangements reduce disruptions and increase security.

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR CREDIT**

Revere High School students are encouraged to give back to others through service. Arrangements for volunteer credit must be made through the volunteer office prior to beginning the volunteer hours. We offer credit for volunteerism according to these guidelines: 30 hours = 1/4 credit, 60 hours = 1/2 credit, 90 hours = 3/4 credit, and 120 hours = 1 credit. A maximum of 3 credit hours can be earned.

# **WORK PERMITS**

Any student under the age of 18 years of age and employed regular hours may obtain a work permit through the Main Office.

# WITHDRAWALS, TRANSFERS AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

A student should notify the Counseling Office in advance of transferring or withdrawing from school and obtain a withdrawal form. All teachers must sign this form after textbooks are returned and all financial obligations are satisfied. The form is returned to the Counseling Office when it is completed. No transfers or withdrawals will be issued until the form is returned and a request of records has been submitted from the new school. Families of students who change their addresses, telephone numbers or emergency information must do so through our FinalForms parent portal system.

#### **Revere Reunification Method**





#### Student/Parent/Guardian/Authorized Person Reunification

Circumstances may occur at the school that will require parents to pick up their students in a formalized, controlled release. The process of controlled release is called a reunification and may be necessary due to weather, a power outage, hazmat, or if a crisis occurs at the school. The Standard Revere Reunification Method is a protocol that makes this process more predictable and less chaotic for all involved.

Because a controlled release is not a typical end of school day event, a reunification may occur at a different location than the school a student attends. If this location is another school, then those students may be subject to a controlled release as well.

#### **Notification**

Parents may be notified in a number of ways. The school or district may use Blackboard Connect and/or social media. In some cases, students may be asked to send a text message or make a phone call to their parents. A reunification text message from a student may look something like this: "The school has closed, please pick me up at 3:25 at the main entrance. Bring your ID."

# Parent/Guardian/Authorized Person Expectations

If a parent or guardian is notified that a controlled release and reunification is needed, there are some expectations that parents or guardians should be aware of. First, bring identification. That will streamline things during reunification. Second, be patient. Reunification is a process that protects both the safety of the student and provides for an accountable change of custody from the school to a recognized custodial parent, guardian or authorized person.

# What if a Parent / Guardian Can't Pick-up Their Student?

When a parent/Guardian can't immediately go to the reunification site, students will only be released to individuals previously identified as a student's emergency contact. Otherwise, the school will hold students until parents/guardians or authorized person can pick up their student.

#### What if the Student Drove to School?

There may be instances where a student may not be allowed to remove a vehicle from the parking lot. In this case, a parent/guardian or authorized persons are advised to recover the student. In some circumstances, high school students may be released on their own.

#### **How it Works**

For students, the school asks that students be orderly and quiet while waiting. Students may be asked to text a message to their parents or guardian. Students are also asked not to send other text messages either in or out of the school or reunification area. Keeping the cellular network usage at a minimum may be important during a reunification.

#### **Reunification Cards**

For parents/guardians/authorized persons, there are a couple steps. If a parent/guardian/authorized person is driving to the school, greater awareness of traffic and emergency vehicles is advised. Once at the school, you should park where indicated and not abandon your vehicle. You will then be asked to go to the Reunification "Check In" area and form lines based on the first letter of their student's last name. While in line, you will be asked to fill out a Revere Reunification Form. This form is perforated and will be separated during the process. In the case of multiple students being reunified, a separate form will need to be completed for each individual student.

Example image of Revere's Reunification Form is below

Student Name		.Student	Birthday
Student Grade	Student Cell Phone Number		
Printed name of authorized person picking up student			
Phone number of authorized person picking up student			
Relationship to student being picked up  Below to be completed upon release of student:			
DateTime	First initial, last name of school personnel	L	
Signature of authorized person picking up student			

School personnel to verify that ID matches the name of the person authorized to pick up student before final release of student in his/her care.

## Bring Valid ID to Check In

During check in, identification and custody rights are confirmed. From the "Check In" area parents/guardians/authorized persons are directed to the "Reunification" area once ID is validated. There, a runner will take the bottom half of the form and take it to the Student Assembly Area to recover the student or students.

Parents should be aware that in some cases, they may be invited into the building for further information.

# **Interviews and Counseling**

In some cases, parents/guardians or authorized persons may be advised that a law enforcement investigation is underway and may be advised that interviews are necessary. In extreme cases, parents/guardians or authorized persons may be pulled aside for emergency or medical information.

# Revere Local Schools Code of Student Conduct



In January 2021, the Revere Board of Education adopted the Revere Local Schools "Vision of a Minuteman" which, as an educational community, encompasses our hopes and aspirations for our students. The Revere Local Schools Code of Student Conduct will help all students reach their fullest potential in their journey to achieve each of these competencies.



# $\star$ Vision of a minuteman $\star$

#### A REVERE MINUTEMAN...

#### **CREATES SOLUTIONS**

Embraces the world and skillfully uses critical thinking to bring creative solutions to problems. Minutemen focus on authentic tasks with a real world purpose and impact.

#### DEMONSTRATES A LEARNER'S MINDSET

Stays curious to maximize opportunities and grow perspectives through a willingness to learn, unlearn and relearn information in pursuit of mastery. Minutemen apply financial, media, technical and information literacy skills to foster decision-making and intellectual growth.



# EMBODIES CONFIDENCE & EMPATHY

In groups and individual work, Minutemen demonstrate awareness, sensitivity and compassion for others' experiences while persisting to overcome obstacles and creating joint reasoning.

#### PERSEVERES & ADAPTS

Works effectively in a climate of ambiguity and changing priorities. Minutemen are agile and respond productively to feedback with a focus on positive outcomes.

#### ENGAGES WITH PURPOSE

Takes initiative and acts intentionally to benefit the broader community and greater good. Minutemen seek personalization in variety of tasks, make significant choices and strive for equitable access.

#### **COMMUNICATES TRUTH**

Seeks mutual understanding through effective verbal, written and non-verbal communication while considering the audience. Minutemen actively listen, honoring diverse perspectives to create collective commitment

and action.

#### #WeRRevere

#### **INTRODUCTION**

One of the primary goals of the Revere Local School District is to support students through their individual educational journey and help encourage positive relationships with peers and staff. In order to foster trust and respect within the school community, the Revere Local School District Code of Student Conduct has been developed to establish high expectations for students as they grow and develop in our schools. We are confident that students will be able to meet these expectations through ongoing support from our school community.

Revere Local Schools believes that positive discipline is rooted in a philosophy that the whole child must be considered and that consequences must lead to opportunities for the student to correct behavior and learn. Parents or guardians hold the primary responsibility for setting positive discipline standards for their children. While students are in school, however, members of the school staff must act in the place of parents in maintaining a high level of student conduct. It is the goal of the school to work together with parents and guardians to support the learning of the student in situations that are related to violations of the code of conduct.

Each of the buildings in the Revere Local School District strive to maintain an educational and engaging learning environment. The codes of conduct and procedures established in this document serve as a guide to promote a positive school culture and to identify opportunities to assist students in their educational journey.

#### STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role each student plays in our educational environments is critical to the success of the overall district. It is the collective responsibility of the school community to maintain high levels of trust, pride, and decorum. The Revere staff will work to equip students with the essential skills needed to succeed while also providing them with opportunities to explore their passions and interests. It is expected that Revere students have a comprehensive understanding of the consequences of violating the expectations of the Code of Conduct and assume responsibility for their actions. In turn, Revere students have the right to a fair and equitable investigation into an alleged violation of the Code of Conduct as well as the opportunity to receive their due process as a member of the school community.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Daily attendance at school is critical to the success of every student. Revere

Local Schools is governed by House Bill 410 with regard to the overall policy. Each school's attendance policy is listed in their individual handbooks.

#### SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

The following guidelines have been developed for the purpose of providing fair and just treatment for students who allegedly violate the rules listed in this Code of Conduct. However, Revere Local Schools recognizes there is a distinction between students of differing ages and maturity, and it is within reason to expect that, at times, a decision impacting the denial of educational participation may be tempered by reference to such distinction.

- A. To protect the rights of students, staff, and other members of our school community, all offenses shall be thoroughly investigated and properly recorded. This may include a conference with the student(s) involved in an incident and a search of the student, the student's belongings, student's assigned school locker(s), vehicle(s), or other school property based upon "reasonable suspicion" that a dangerous situation exists. Reasonable suspicion exists when there is information to indicate a search will reveal evidence that a student has violated, or is violating, the law or the rules of the school. If a search is deemed appropriate, it will only be performed by the school administration.
- B. In seeking a solution of the offenses, there shall be appropriate alternatives such as one, or a combination of the following actions, but not necessarily in the order appearing below:
  - a. Conference with the student to clarify the problem and to ensure full understanding of consequences of future misbehavior.
  - b. Assignment of additional task(s), which may or may not interfere with the academic or after-school programs.
  - c. Assignment of detentions.
  - d. Conference with parents to secure cooperation of the home in supporting appropriate student behavior.
  - e. Referral to counselor, school psychologist or other school staff member for guidance, testing or recommended therapy.
  - f. Referral to Juvenile Court.
  - g. Emergency removal in accordance with State of Ohio law, including curricular and extracurricular activities.
  - h. Assignment to a Saturday School Detention. This assignment will be in accordance with the policies set forth by the Saturday School supervisor. The detention will last no more than three (3) hours.
  - i. Selection of an In-School Assignment (ISA) option. This will

- act as an in-school suspension where the student will attend school but be isolated to a room and supervised by an adult both of which will be determined by the administration.
- j. Assignment of Out of School Suspension (OSS) in accordance with the State of Ohio law.
- k. Expulsion from school in accordance with State of Ohio law.
- C. Students enrolled in alternative program options are subject to all rules and regulations covered under the Code of Student Conduct and adopted by the Revere Board of Education.

#### **SUSPENSION PROCEDURE**

- A. **Definition**: Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) is defined as the denial of attending school for the period of at least one (1) but not more than ten (10) school days. Students suspended may not take part in or attend any school activities, including extracurricular activities, or be on school property at any time during the suspension period. Any visit to the school for any reason during a period of suspension must be arranged with the school administration and will take place after typical school hours have concluded.
- B. **Procedure:** In case of a student's intended removal from school for purposes of suspension, the following procedures shall apply:
  - a. Only a building level administrator or superintendent may issue a suspension.
  - b. An attempt shall be made to notify his/her parent(s), guardian or custodian by telephone of the suspension and the reason for it.
  - c. The student and/or his parent(s) shall be provided an opportunity for an informal hearing to discuss the reason for the intended suspension and/or otherwise explain his/her actions.
  - d. The student shall be informed in writing of the intended suspension and reasons for the proposed action.
  - e. If a suspension is imposed, a copy of the suspension paperwork will be provided via mail to the parent(s) and/or guardian(s).
  - f. A notice of suspension shall include the procedures applicable to an appeal.

# C. Notification of Appeal:

a. A written notification of appeal must be made to the Superintendent and the Treasurer of the Board of Education and

be postmarked no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of the Notice of Suspension. The notice shall include the right to an informal hearing by personnel not prejudiced by association with the decision to suspend or recommend suspension of the student from school. It shall also include notification of the right of the student and his/her parent(s), guardian or custodian to appeal the suspension, in writing, to the Superintendent/or his designee, to be represented in the appeal proceedings, to be granted a hearing before the superintendent (or his designee), in order to be heard against the suspension, and to request that such hearing be held in private.

- b. The hearing shall be scheduled as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) school days after receipt of the appeal request, unless extended by mutual agreement. A verbatim record of the hearing shall be made. After reviewing all the information, the superintendent/or his designee may affirm the suspension, may reinstate the pupil, or otherwise reverse, vacate or modify the order of the suspension. Written copies of the decision shall be distributed to all concerned parties within one (1) school day. If the suspension is vacated, all references to it in school records will be purged.
- D. Should a Revere student enrolled at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) be suspended from that school for a conduct code violation, which would also be grounds for suspension in the Revere Local School District, the suspension of such student also will be in effect at Revere. The student shall be notified of that suspension by the Revere Local School District in accordance with the normal suspension procedure.
- E. Simultaneous written notice of the suspension shall be sent to:
  - a. Student's discipline file
  - b. Superintendent

#### **EMERGENCY REMOVAL**

- A. **Definition**: The term "emergency removal" means the removal of a student from curricular or extracurricular activities or from the school premises because the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or is an ongoing threat or disruption to the academic process.
- B. **Procedure:** Only a building level administrator or superintendent may implement an emergency removal from school premises. A teacher may remove a student from a curricular setting. For extracurricular activities,

a coach or an advisor may remove a student from that setting in line with their procedures and policies of the team or group. In each instance, the following procedures shall take place:

- a. A student's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be contacted via phone to explain the reasoning behind the emergency removal.
- b. An attempt will be made to arrange for that student to be transported home. If the student is able to drive, verbal consent will be obtained by the parent(s) or guardian(s) to allow that student to drive themselves home.
- c. Follow-up conversations will take place determining the outcome of any emergency removal. If a coach or advisor initiates the removal during an extracurricular activity, a written account of that action will be submitted to the building administration and athletic director (if applicable).
- C. If it is intended that the student is removed from a curricular or extracurricular activity for more than twenty-four (24) hours, a due process hearing must be held within seventy-two (72) hours after a removal is ordered.
  - a. An attempt should be made to notify the student's parents, guardian, or custodian immediately by telephone of the pending action and applicable reasons.
  - b. Written notice of the hearing and reasons for the removal and any intended disciplinary action must be given to the student as soon as possible prior to the hearing.
  - c. The person who ordered or requested the hearing must be present at the hearing.
  - d. If suspension or expulsion is intended, the due process requirement of the law must be carried out.

#### **EXPULSION**

- A. **Definition**: The term "expulsion" means exclusion of a student from all school attendance and related activities for the remainder of the current semester, or for a period of up to eighty (80) school days, or in cases involving weapons, firearms or bomb threats, an expulsion may be imposed for one (1) calendar year. Only the Superintendent of Revere Schools may expel a student in accordance with procedure outlined by Ohio statute.
- B. **Procedure:** The building administrator shall afford due process to the student before such administrator recommends expulsion to the

Superintendent. The building administrator will follow all the procedures outlined in the suspension section of the Code of Conduct. Prior to expulsion, the Superintendent shall follow the following procedures:

Written Notice: The student and his/her parent, guardian or custodian shall be provided written notice of the intention to expel. The notice must advise the student and his/her parent, guardian or custodian or other representatives of their right to appear in person before the Superintendent or his designee to challenge the reasons for the expulsion. The notification must include the location and time of the hearing, which must take place no earlier than three (3) school days and not later than five (5) days after the notice is sent. The Superintendent may grant an extension of time only upon request from the student, parent or guardian. The Superintendent will then provide notice to all parties involved of the revised date and time for the hearing.

Scheduled Hearing: A hearing will be conducted by the Superintendent or his designee under the guidelines established by the individual conducting the hearing. Within one (1) school day after the time of the expulsion hearing, the Superintendent shall send written notice to the student and his/her parent, guardian or custodian, and the Treasurer of the Board of Education regarding the decision. The notice shall specify the duration of the expulsion and the reasons therefore. It also shall include notification of the rights of the student, his/her parent, guardian or custodian, to appeal the expulsion to the Board of Education or to its designee within the fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notification in order to be heard against such expulsion, to be represented in the appeal proceeding, to be granted a hearing before the Board or its designee in order to be heard against the expulsion, and to request that such a hearing be held in executive sessions.

# C. Notification of Appeal:

a. Within fourteen (14) days of notification of the student expulsion, the parent, guardian or custodian may appeal the expulsion. The request for appeal must be submitted to the Board of Education. A hearing shall be scheduled within five (5) days of receipt of the request, unless the time for the hearing is

- extended by mutual agreement. The student or his parent, guardian or custodian may be represented in the appeal proceedings.
- b. The Board may affirm the order of expulsion or may reinstate such pupil or otherwise reverse, vacate or modify the order of expulsion. The Board shall determine the procedures to be followed during the hearing. A verbatim record shall be made.
- D. Should a student enrolled at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) be expelled from the Career Center for a conduct code violation, which would be grounds for expulsion in the Revere Local School District, the student will be expelled from the Revere Local School District in accordance with the normal expulsion procedure.

# <u>LIMITATIONS ON THE DISCIPLINING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES</u>

A. A student with a disability is one whose education is governed by an Individualized Education Program (IEP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 or a 504 Plan under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Students with disabilities may not be suspended for more than ten (10) days per school year without first conducting a manifestation determination review hearing. All students with disabilities are subject to removal on an emergency basis described in this code of conduct. Repeated behavior concerns and/or conduct code violations must be addressed by a student's IEP team or 504 team.

#### **PERMANENT EXCLUSION**

- A. Any student who has been found guilty of committing, when sixteen (16) years of age or older, any of the specific offenses identified by state statute while on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity may be subject to permanent exclusion by the Board of Education.
- B. The Board of Education's statement of policy on permanent exclusion is posted in each school and is available to students and their parents, upon request, at each school office.

#### **CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

The items in this Code are applicable to misconduct by a student that occurs on property owned or controlled by the District and off of property owned or controlled by the District but that is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on property owned or controlled by the District, and misconduct by a student that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a District official or employee or the property of such official or employee and all students when properly under the authority of school personnel during a school activity, function, or event, whether on property owned, rented, or maintained by the Board of Education or property owned, rented, or maintained by another party. Additionally, the provisions of this Code shall apply to students if the prohibited act(s) takes place while on properties immediately adjacent to school property, within the line of sight of school property, on school transportation, or if the act affects the operation of the schools.

This Code shall also be inclusive for the right to exercise authority and for personal and property protection of administrators, teachers, librarians, or clerks, substitute teachers, teacher aides, monitors, authorized volunteers, tutors, secretaries, cooks, custodians, bus drivers, visitors, or other authorized school personnel.

Violation by a student of any one or more of the following rules of conduct may result in disciplinary action(s), which may include detention, parental contact, referral to legal authorities, emergency removal, disciplinary removal, suspension, expulsion, or permanent exclusion. A student may be suspended pending the outcome of expulsion proceedings.

- 1. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY Cheating on tests or school assignments, forging school and/or parent documents, falsifying information or committing fraud. Cheating is considered, but not limited to capturing images of quizzes and exams (paper or online) in order to pass to other students or for self-use, the use of online sources without citation, and/ or copying another student's computer code, spreadsheets, documents, or handwritten material.
- <u>2. AIDING & ABETTING</u> An involvement (active or passive) with another student or students engaged in prohibited activities.

- 3. ARSON/FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS/FALSE ALARMS AND/OR THREATS An act of arson or unauthorized use, possession, transfer, or disposal of firearms, knives, or other weapons as defined under law or Board Policy, or initiating without cause a fire alarm, reporting a fire, or false reporting of an impending bombing or catastrophe.
- <u>4. BUS CONDUCT</u> Any violation of the rules of conduct on the school bus.\*
- <u>5. COMPUTER USAGE</u> Violation of the school's computer policy and/or the District's acceptable use policy. \*\*
- <u>6. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES</u> Violations of specific provisions of federal, state, or local statutes.
- <u>7. DISHONESTY</u> Cheating on tests or school assignments, forging school and/or parental documents, falsifying information, making false statements or knowingly submitting false information to District staff, plagiarism or committing fraud.
- <u>8. DISRESPECT</u> Rude or disrespectful behavior, or failure to cooperate with school personnel.
- <u>9. DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR</u> Disruption or continuous disruption of the classroom, school, school grounds, or school activities or functions.
- <u>10. EXPLOSIVE DEVICES</u> The use, threatened use, possession or distribution of explosives including matches and lighters or any item which could explode, burn, detonate, cause bodily harm or have the appearance to do so.
- <u>11. FIGHTING/ASSAULT/PHYSICAL VIOLENCE</u> The act of intentionally causing or threatening to cause physical or emotional harm to another person or behaving in such a manner as to present an eminent risk of such harm.
- <u>12. GAMBLING</u> Students shall not engage in or promote games of chance, placing bets or wagers, or risk anything of value on school grounds.

- 13. HARASSMENT Harassment includes, but is not limited to, any action which subjects an individual or group to unwanted abusive behavior of a nonverbal, verbal, written, or physical nature, and any act that injures, degrades, or disgraces or attempts to injure, degrade, or disgrace another person. Harassment includes any act defined as harassment under Board Policy or state or federal law. Examples include, but are not limited to the following: bullying, intimidation, coercion, hazing, spreading rumors, name calling, and menacing.
- <u>14. INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE/MATERIALS</u> The use of profane, indecent, vulgar, or other improper language, gestures, comments, or material, whether written or oral, or the possession of any profane, vulgar, obscene, or other improper objects or material.
- <u>15. INCITING</u> Inciting to riot or to disrupt or attempt to disrupt the operation of the school.
- 16. ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES The sale, possession, intent to sell, concealment, use of, or being under the influence or emitting an discernible odor of any substance containing betel nut, narcotics or illegal drugs or controlled substances, including but not limited to marijuana, hemp and hemp products, as defined in R.C. 928.01, as well as any counterfeit controlled substances, look-a-like substances, drug paraphernalia, inhalants, consumables, near beer or alcoholic beverages or the unauthorized use and/distribution of over-the-counter medication or prescription medication.
- 17. INAPPROPRIATE PHYSICAL OR NON PHYSICAL BEHAVIOR Any behavior deemed inappropriate in school, including but not limited to unwelcome touching, play fighting, unwanted advances, physical intimidation, sexual contact, public displays of affection, throwing items, and excessively loud hallway or classroom behavior.
- 18. INSUBORDINATION The failure to comply with directions of school personnel or acting in defiance of authority, including intentional interference with the performance of a teacher's duties or failure to identify oneself to school personnel when requested. Also included within is the failure to accept or comply with discipline or punishment from

appropriate school personnel.

- <u>19. LOITERING/TRESPASSING</u> The action of being present on any school grounds, including a school bus, or any occupation of, or loitering on, near, or around school property without authorization.
- <u>20. REPEATED VIOLATIONS</u> Repeated violations of the Code of Student Conduct, Board Policy, or directives from school personnel.
- <u>21. RULES</u> Violation of rules and policies of the classroom, school, and the Revere Board of Education, including any applicable dress code.
- <u>22. SEXUAL CONTACT</u> Defined as any touching of an erogenous zone of another or public display of affection.
- <u>23. SCHOOL PERSONNEL</u> The harassment, vandalism, physical abuse, theft, or other disruptive or destructive behavior toward school personnel during school and non-school time regardless of the location.
- <u>24. THEFT</u> The act of confiscating, possessing, or stealing private or public property of the school or another individual.
- <u>25. TOBACCO/VAPING/OTHER DEVICES</u> The use, possession, transmission, or concealment of either tobacco products or nicotine products or paraphernalia in the school buildings, within sight of the school buildings, on school grounds, or in areas in which school sponsored activities are taking place. This prohibition includes alternative tobacco/nicotine products, and nicotine cessation products, as well as electronic, vapor and other smoking devices.
- <u>26. UNAUTHORIZED TOUCHING</u> Touching another person without permission or consent.
- <u>27. UNAUTHORIZED MATERIALS</u> The publication or distribution of unauthorized material. This includes postings throughout the school and school grounds.

- <u>28. VANDALISM</u> The intentional, purposeful, or reckless destruction or defacing, or attempt to do so, of public or private property within the school.
- <u>29. WEAPONS</u> Possession, concealment, use, threat of use, or exhibition of a firearm or other weapon, or look-a-like weapon. A weapon is defined as either an item designed to inflict injury or an item designed for another purpose then converted to a weapon through its use.
- <u>30. GANG MEMBERSHIP AND/OR GANG ACTIVITY</u> For purposes of this policy, a gang is an organization, association, or group of three or more people, using a common name or one or more common identifying signs, symbols, or colors, whose members individually or collectively engage in criminal activity.
- <u>31. REPEATED TARDINESS</u> arriving after the start of a scheduled class or activity without a valid excuse.
- <u>32. EXTORTION</u> obtaining something from a person by force, intimidation, or undue/ inappropriate use of authority.
- <u>33. UNSAFE DRIVING</u> operating an automobile in an illegal or unsafe manner, or in violation of any rules applicable to such use on District property.
- <u>34. ATTEMPT</u> purposefully attempting to violate any provision of the Code of Student Conduct.

Students found in violation of any section of this code of conduct may be immediately removed from school and recommended to the Superintendent for expulsion.

Parents of students suspended out-of-school for ANY length of time may be asked to personally return the child to school and meet with the principal/designee and/or guidance personnel before he/she is readmitted.

<sup>\*</sup>The bus code of conduct can be found in school handbooks

<sup>\*\*</sup> The technology acceptable use policy can be found in the district's electronic student registration system

# Revere Local School District Notice of Plan to Ensure Language Assistance for Parents/Guardians with Limited English Proficiency

The Revere Local School District is committed to ensuring all families have meaningful access to the District's programs and activities. In support of that goal, the District has available free language assistance programs for any parent/guardian with limited English proficiency ("LEP"). This Notice sets forth the District's commitment to LEP parents/guardians (referred to collectively in this Notice as "LEP Parents") and the mechanisms for families and staff to access these programs.

#### I. Notice of Free Language Assistance.

The District will make available free language assistance, including translation and/or interpretation services, for parents/guardians who need such services in order to access the District's programs or activities. This Notice will be published on the District's website, including, but not limited to, its Student Registration page. In addition, a copy of this Notice, in the language of each frequently encountered LEP Parent group, will be provided in any student and parent handbooks, the Student Code of Conduct, and any other District-wide or building- based general informational documents, such as newsletters, that might be sent to parents/guardians of Revere students. A copy of this Notice in all frequently encountered languages will also be posted at the Board offices.

# II. Identifying and Supporting LEP Parents.

A parent or guardian qualifies for language assistance through the District if they are of limited English proficiency in *one* or *more* of the following areas: speaking, reading, writing or comprehending. The District will generally accept a parent/guardian's assertion that they need language assistance without requiring additional corroboration.

Upon enrolling a student in the District, parents/guardians will be asked to indicate:

- 1. The primary language spoken by each parent/guardian in the home; and
- 2. Whether any parent/guardian in the home requires language assistance services in any or

all of the following areas: speaking, listening, reading or writing.

These questions will be translated into the District's frequently encountered languages and will be translated or interpreted into other languages as needed. If a parent/guardian indicates they require language assistance services in any of the above categories, the District will contact the parent/guardian to discuss their needs, including the availability of free interpretation and translation services. This communication will occur with an interpreter.

The District maintains a District-wide list of LEP Parents with student names, including the type of language services the parent/guardian requires and a log of the language services provided to the parent/guardian by date, type of service and provider. Each school is provided a list of its LEP Parents, and all staff members who interact with LEP Parents have access to the list. Each building's list is updated August 1 to reflect new enrollees and transfers from other buildings, and updated throughout the school year as needed.

### III. Obtaining Language Supports.

District staff should contact the Office of Student Services to arrange for translation, interpretation or other language support services. The District has contracted with several agencies to provide language supports and will engage them whenever necessary to assist LEP Parents. The District ensures, via contract with its outside language service providers, that interpreters and translators have received training in their roles, including in the ethics of interpreting or translating, and the need to maintain confidentiality. The District also ensures, again via contract with its outside language service providers, that interpreters or translators hired for specialized purposes (for example, special education meetings) are familiar with the special terminology required for those purposes and that interpreters and translators have fundamental knowledge of the target language group's vocabulary and phraseology (i.e. the specific language or dialect). The District also consults, as necessary, with translators and/or community organizations to ensure translated documents are written at appropriate reading levels for their intended audiences.

# IV. Preference for Professional Translators/Interpreters.

The use of family members or friends to provide language assistance to LEP families is not generally acceptable. Using such individuals may raise issues

of confidentiality, privacy or conflict of interest. Further, in many circumstances, those individuals are not competent to provide quality, accurate interpretations. District staff should not rely on these types of individuals to assist LEP Parents, even when the LEP Parent has consented to or even suggested the use of a friend or family member instead of professional language support. Even when a parent/guardian has volunteered a friend or family member to provide interpretation services, District staff members must contact the Office of Student Services so that the District may offer a professional interpreter or translator instead. The use of minor children as interpreters raises particular concerns about competency, quality and accuracy of interpretations. Therefore, District staff should never rely on children to convey information about their own education and/or to convey complex information.

#### V. Translation of Vital Documents.

The District maintains copies of vital documents such as notices of procedural safeguards under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504"), registration and enrollment forms, emergency notification forms, handbooks, disciplinary procedures, template forms (i.e. disciplinary notices, manifestation documents, report cards, notice of parent-teacher conferences, and documents related to eligibility and placement decisions under Section 504 and the IDEA), documents related to academic options and planning, screening documents regarding the child's and parents'/guardians' language background, and other documents in the District's Frequently Encountered Languages ("FEL"). **These documents**, *and any others*, will *be translated upon* request or *as* needed to *assist* any *LEP* Parent, regardless *whether they* speak a *FEL*. District all-calls and other District-wide or building-wide communications will automatically be made available in FELs and as needed in any other language for LEP Parents.

#### VI. Annual Evaluation of these Procedures.

The District shall annually evaluate these procedures to ensure they are meeting the needs of Revere LEP Parents. The Director of Student Services is responsible for conducting the annual evaluation, and will do so by June 30 of each year. This annual evaluation will review:

- The current LEP groups identified in the District;
- The District's identified FELs;

- The nature and importance of the District's programs, activities and information to LEP Parents and the availability and accessibility of such information to LEP Parents and the need for assistance District-wide and at individual schools;
- The frequency of encounters with LEP Parents;
- The availability of resources (e.g. translation and interpretation services), including technological advances and sources of additional resources;
- Whether existing language assistance is meeting the needs of LEP Parents;
- Whether District staff members are aware of and understand this plan and how it is implemented, including their role(s), if any; and
- Whether identified sources for language assistance are provided in a timely, meaningful and effective manner.

As part of this annual review, the Director of Student Services will consider whether any LEP Parent requested any service not previously provided. If so, the District will consider adding that service to its regular complement of available language supports.

In addition to the annual evaluation of the language assistance program, the District will survey LEP Parents on the quality of translator/interpreter services after each use, and will also survey LEP Parents on the quality of the overall language assistance program in May of each year. The District encourages any parent/guardian with concerns about the quality of interpretation or translation services to contact the Director of Student Services immediately so the District may address those concerns as quickly as possible.

# Injury Protocol:

If your child is involved in a reported incident that results in a physical injury during the school day, your child will be observed by a medical staff member.

If there is an injury or a suspected injury under your child's clothing, your child will be observed by a medical staff member.

The nurse will keep a log of all students who are seen.

Parents are notified and an incident report is completed and kept on file at the school.

A copy of the completed incident report is sent to Central Administration (Parents are given a copy of the incident report upon request)