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SECTION A

SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

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District Authority A

The governance of the district shall be vested in the board.

Home Rule

The board shall have authority to conduct district business without specific statutory delegation. The board may transact all school district business and adopt policies the board deems appropriate to perform its constitutional duty to maintain, develop and operate local public schools.

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District Goals and Objectives ABE

(See BK)

The board shall annually establish and review long-range goals and objectives to guide district operations. All district personnel shall direct their efforts toward achieving district goals and objectives. The superintendent shall give the board periodic reports on progress made towards achieving district goals.

The board shall participate in long-range planning through an annual meeting with the superintendent and designated staff to review progress on the implementation of board priorities, initiatives, and long-range plans. The board also shall consider and act upon objectives and major activities proposed by the superintendent to achieve district goals.

The superintendent shall develop necessary procedures to implement this policy.

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School District Grade Levels **AC**

The district will be organized on a Pre-K-5, 6-8, 9-12 plan.

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District Attendance Areas **AD**

The board shall review school attendance areas, as needed, and make changes as warranted.

The superintendent shall, as needed, prepare a written report for the board concerning changes recommended for school attendance areas for the next school year and the reasons for the recommendations. The board shall consider the recommendations following receipt of the report. The recommended changes shall be made available to district patrons. The board may schedule a public hearing to seek input on the proposed changes.

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School Census **ADA**

The board may direct the superintendent to conduct a census of the following:

- The number of potential students living in the district under the age of 5 years;
- The number of potential students residing in the district between the ages of 5 and 21.

The census shall also obtain information related to the planning of transportation services and other information the superintendent considers necessary, such as, but not limited to, birthdates of potential students in those categories.

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School Year **AE**

The board shall provide a school year consisting of not less than:

- The minimum number of statutorily required school days for students K-12, consisting of not less than 2 1/2 hours for kindergarten students and 6 hours for students in grades 1-12; or
- The minimum number of statutorily required school hours for students in grades K-12.

Virtual Schools

If the board sponsors a virtual school, it shall comply with all current regulations of the Kansas State Department of Education, the school district and applicable state laws.

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(See IKD)

The board shall establish a calendar for each school year. On or before March 31 of each year, the superintendent shall present a recommended school calendar for the next school year. District customs, community interest, legal holidays, staff recommendations and other relevant matters shall be considered. A copy of the current calendar shall be on file in the clerk's office.

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(See AE, JBD, JBE, JCDA, and JDD)

Prolonged or Shortened School Year

The board may prolong or shorten the regular academic year. The superintendent shall be responsible for preparing a plan and presenting it to the board, as necessary. The board may prolong or shorten the regularly scheduled academic year because of the following types of circumstances which are stated by way of illustration and not by way of limitation: adverse weather conditions, building maintenance problems, personnel problems, public health reasons, or budgetary problems.

Should the school year be shortened by board action, the board must take steps to ensure the school term provided includes at least the minimum number of days or hours required by Kansas law.

Additional Learning Opportunities for Students

The board may require additional learning opportunities for students not meeting minimum academic or behavioral standards as defined by the board or as outlined in board policy and/or handbook language. Students may be assigned to additional academic sessions taking place:

- before- or after-school;
- on Saturday; and/or
- during the summer.

Truancy laws, suspension and expulsion policies and law, and all appropriate portions of the student behavior code shall apply during additional academic sessions.

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School Day **AF**

Except as otherwise provided in the negotiated agreement for staff members covered thereby, the board shall establish the time of beginning and ending the school day and other time schedules.

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Closing School Buildings **AG**

(See AD)

Upon request of the board, the superintendent shall present to the board plans for efficient use of all school attendance centers. The board reserves the right to close school buildings as provided for in current law.

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New Member Orientation **BBBB**

(See BCBK)

The superintendent, board president, board vice president, and clerk shall conduct an orientation program to acquaint new board members with board policy, district operations, and procedures. The orientation shall also describe the duties and responsibilities of board members, the superintendent and the clerk. Newly elected and newly appointed board members shall be encouraged to attend workshops for new board members.

Prior to the time they officially take office, newly elected board members shall be invited to attend all board meetings, except when the board is in executive session. They shall receive copies of all agendas, reports and other communications received by current board members except information or material of a confidential nature.

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Reimbursement for Expenses **BBBF**

(See GAN)

No board member shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred for any travel unless the travel has been approved by the board. Board members who provide their own transportation shall be reimbursed for each mile actually traveled in attending board meetings and in the performance of district business. Any payments to board members must be in the form of a reimbursement for amounts previously paid by the board member, and receipts shall be provided by the board member in accordance with the provisions of GAN.

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Board Committees **BBC**

(See CF)

The board shall act at all times as a committee of the whole.

The board may establish subcommittees or subordinate groups as provided herein. Any subcommittee or other subordinate group created by the board shall be subject to the open meetings law whenever a majority of the subcommittee or subordinate group meets.

Sub-committees or subordinate groups of the board shall consist of no more than three board members. The function of each subcommittee or subordinate group shall be dictated by district needs.

No financial assistance shall be furnished to any subcommittee or subordinate group without prior board approval. Upon request, each subcommittee or subordinate group shall provide a progress report in writing to the superintendent and/or the board.

The board may dissolve any subcommittee or subordinate group at any time. No such subcommittee or subordinate group shall exist longer than one year unless reestablished or reappointed by board action.

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Attorney **BBE**

The board shall appoint an attorney to handle legal matters.

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Special Meetings **BCAC**

Special meetings may be called at any time by the president of the board or by joint action of any three board members. Written notice, stating the time and place of any special meeting and the purpose for which the meeting has been called shall, unless waived, be given to each board member at least two calendar days in advance of the special meeting. No business other than that stated in the notice may be transacted at the special meeting.

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Public Hearings **BCAE**

(See BCBI and KN)

The board may hold public hearings on matters which the board deems appropriate.

Public hearings will be held at a convenient time and a suitable place.

The board president or vice-president shall preside at public hearings and shall request every participant to state name, residence and purpose for speaking. After a hearing is called to order the board may delegate another individual to run the actual hearing.

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Agenda **BCBD**

The board shall adopt an agenda at the beginning of each meeting. The superintendent shall distribute background material concerning agenda items to all board members prior to each meeting, which then shall be referred to as the annotated agenda.

The board agenda shall be compiled by the superintendent in cooperation with the board president. Other board members may request items to be placed on the agenda. The agenda may include a period of time when the public may speak to the board.

The annotated agenda shall be sent to all board members at least three calendar days prior to any regular board meeting.

The agenda format may include:

- monthly reports to the board;
- a consent agenda containing routine business and information items;
- financial reports including monthly listing of bills ready for payment;
- important correspondence;
- bids, specifications;
- attendance center reports; and
- requests for hearings and other such information.

Other items and reports may be added to the agenda.

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(See BCBH)

The board shall be governed by laws and rules adopted by the board. Robert's Rules of Order shall not be adopted by the board.

The president (or vice president in the absence of the president) shall preside at all meetings. The president shall present each agenda item for discussion or designate the superintendent or other staff member to present the agenda item. If both president and vice president are absent, the members present shall elect a president *pro tempore* who shall serve only for that meeting or for that part of the meeting in which the president and vice president are absent.

Any board member who wishes to make a motion, second a motion, or discuss pending business shall first secure recognition of the board president.

All formal board actions shall be taken by ordinary motions unless a formal resolution is required by law.

It shall not be necessary for a motion to be before the board to discuss an agenda item which has been presented by the board president for consideration. In the ordinary course of events, the board shall discuss all matters other than routine procedural questions prior to the making of a motion so reaching of consensus may be facilitated.

The following motions shall be in order:

- To recess;
- To take action;
- To amend a motion to take action, but the amending motion shall be disposed of before any other motion to amend the main motion shall be in order;
- To defer action, either finally or to a specific time, date, and place;
- To go into executive session; and
- To adjourn, either finally or to a specific time, date, and place.

The president may call a meeting to order or, without objection from a majority of the board, call for a break or adjourn the meeting without a motion.

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Voting Method **BCBG**

The board shall take action by way of motions. No motion may be acted upon until it has been seconded by a board member. The vote on all motions shall be by "yes" and "no" and will be taken by a show of hands or other public voting method. Following each vote, the president shall announce the motion carried or failed by a vote of ___ affirmative votes to ___ negative votes. The minutes shall indicate whether a motion passed or failed. Each board member shall have the privilege of explaining any vote.

Any abstaining vote shall be counted as a "no" vote. (See KSA 72-1138)

Any member may declare a conflict of interest in a particular issue and shall leave the meeting room until discussion and voting on the matter is concluded. The minutes shall note that a particular member has declared a conflict of interest and left. The minutes shall also record the time the member left the meeting and when the member returned to the board meeting.

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(See BCBF)

Accurate minutes of each board meeting shall be taken and transcribed. The clerk shall be responsible for taking and transcribing minutes of each board meeting. The board shall designate an acting clerk if the clerk is absent. Neither the superintendent nor a board member may serve as acting clerk. Unofficial minutes shall be sent to the board as soon as possible after each meeting. The board shall review minutes of each meeting as soon as practicable, shall make any corrections or changes required to make the minutes accurately reflect board actions taken, and then approve the minutes as presented or changed.

The minutes shall clearly reflect all motions voted on by the board, including board actions taken on motions which did not pass. The minutes will not contain a summary of each statement, either written or oral, made by a board member, a guest or a member of the staff unless the board chooses to have written remarks made part of the minutes. If a request is made, the board may direct the clerk to attach a copy of the written remarks to the original minutes.

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(See BCAE and KN)

Open Forum

The president or presiding officer may ask patrons attending if they would like to speak during the open forum. Rules for the public forum will be available from the clerk prior to the board meeting and at the meeting itself. The board president may impose a five minute limit on the time a visitor may address the board. The board president may ask groups with the same interest to appoint a spokesperson to deliver the group's message. Except to ask clarifying questions, board members shall not interact with speakers at the open forum.

Patron-Requested Agenda Items

Any patron may request addition of a specific agenda item and shall notify the superintendent no later than noon on the Tuesday prior to the scheduled board meeting and state the reason(s) for the request. The superintendent or designee shall determine whether the request can be solved by staff without the patron's appearance before the board. If not, the superintendent shall consult with the board president, and the patron's request may be placed on the next regular board meeting agenda. Individuals who do not reside within the boundaries of the district may not be eligible to address the board.

Handling Complaints

The superintendent may refer complaints to the board only if a satisfactory adjustment cannot be made by a principal, the superintendent, or other appropriate staff members.

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The board may provide accommodations for members of the news media present at board meetings. The superintendent may provide copies of the board agenda to news media prior to each board meeting upon request or as required by law. At an appropriate time, the board or superintendent may explain board action.

Cameras/Recording Devices

Use of cameras, photographic lights, and recording devices at any board meeting shall be allowed subject to reasonable rules, which are designed to ensure orderly conduct. All recording devices, including microphones, shall be kept in an area designated for the media. Use of recording devices shall not interfere with or disrupt the meeting. No cameras or recording devices shall be allowed at executive sessions of the board.

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Executive Session **BCBK**

(See BBBB, BE, CN, CNA, ECA, IDAE, II, JDD, and JRB)

The board shall conduct executive sessions only as provided in the Kansas Open Meetings Act ("KOMA").

Any motion to recess for a closed or executive session shall include:

1. A statement describing the subjects to be discussed during the closed or executive meeting;
2. the justification for closing the meeting; and
3. the time and place at which the open meeting shall resume.

A subject of executive session is the matter or issue presented for discussion, and the motion must include a brief description of the subject(s) to be discussed in the executive session while still protecting important privacy interests.

Acceptable justifications for recessing into executive session include the following:

- The non-elected personnel exception under KOMA;
- The exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA;
- The exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA;
- The exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA;
- The exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA;
- The exception for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property under KOMA;
- The exception under KOMA for school security matters to ensure the security of the school, its buildings, and/or its systems is not jeopardized.

Discussion during the closed or executive session shall be limited to those subjects stated in the motion. No binding action shall be taken during a closed or executive session. The complete motion to recess into closed or executive session shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and maintained as a part of the permanent records of the board.

If necessary, the closed or executive session may be extended with approval of another motion made after the board returns to open session.

Unless the recording of an executive session is required by law, such as when conducting a student disciplinary appeal hearing therein, any recording, livestreaming, or broadcasting of executive session, using any medium, is strictly prohibited, and the board or its administration shall press criminal charges against the offender for breach of privacy and any other applicable law.

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BCBK - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sample Motions for Executive Session

A motion looks like the following. “I move we go into executive session to [fill in subject(s)] pursuant to [fill in justification], and the open meeting will resume in the board room at [fill in time].” If the board wishes to invite additional individuals, such as the superintendent, into executive session, they should also mention them in the motion.

SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED (Provide a brief description of what subject will be discussed while still protecting important privacy interest)	**JUSTIFICATION**
Example: discuss an individual employee’s performance	non-elected personnel exception under KOMA
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Example: discuss coding mechanisms PowerSchool uses to secure student data with PowerSchool representatives	the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA
Example: discuss potential litigation with our legal counsel	the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA
Example: discuss the latest proposal for increasing the base pay rate from the teachers	the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA
Example: discuss potential properties for a new middle school site	the exception for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property under KOMA
Example 1: discuss the high school crisis plan **Example 2:** discuss the exact placement of security cameras and alarms throughout the buildings	the exception under KOMA for school security matters to ensure the security of the school, its buildings and/or its systems is not jeopardized

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Developing, Adopting, Amending, and Repealing Board Policy **BDA**

(See CM, GAA, and JA)

The board shall adopt all policies, regulations, and handbooks, all of which are deemed to be board policy. Board policies, regulations, and handbooks may be amended or repealed at any board meeting by a majority vote of the board.

Drafting Policy

The superintendent shall recommend policy changes. The superintendent may involve appropriate staff members, patrons, community members, or students when revising or drafting new policy.

Attorney Involvement

Board policies or recommended changes thereto may be submitted to legal counsel to determine their legality before they are submitted to the board.

Policy Dissemination

Changes in board policy shall be disseminated as appropriate. The superintendent shall ensure appropriate dissemination of current policy and removal of obsolete policies from the board's policy system. At least one current policy manual shall be accessible in the central business office. Current board-approved policies may be posted on the district website, or other website designated by the board. Board members, district staff, patrons and others will be encouraged to use the website to access current board policy.

Historical Policy Files

The clerk shall keep an historical set of board policies which will reflect all revisions or other actions pertaining to every policy.

Public Input on Policy

Individuals or groups may submit proposed changes in board policy.

Action Allowed When No Policy Exists

In an emergency, when action must be taken but present policy does not dictate appropriate action, the superintendent shall have authority to act. Any decision shall be subject to board review at the next meeting. The superintendent should recommend any policy needs the incident may have created.

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School Board Records **BE**

(See BCBK, CN, CNA, ECA, II, and KBA)

The board shall keep records necessary to document board actions.

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Memberships **BG**

The board may maintain membership in the Kansas Association of School Boards.

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Board Self-Evaluation **BK**

(See ABE)

The board shall conduct an annual self-evaluation. Each board member shall use a self-evaluation instrument to appraise individual performance or the performance of the board as a whole. Results of these evaluations shall be discussed at least annually, and revised standards and priorities shall be developed to guide the board's development in the coming year.

The board considers the following conditions crucial to self-evaluation:

1. Board members should be involved in developing the standards and process to be used.

The standards may include, but not be limited to:

- educational leadership;
- policy development;
- board member development and performance;
- relationships with the superintendent and other staff members;
- communications with the public;
- fiscal management;
- board meeting organization and committee performance;
- relations with cooperating agencies and other governmental organizations.

2. Evaluation shall be at a scheduled time and place with all {at least 6} board members present.
3. The evaluation shall be a composite of the individual board members' opinion.
4. The evaluation shall discuss strengths as well as areas needing improvement.

The evaluation results shall be discussed in detail, and the board shall formulate a series of objectives for the coming year. These objectives shall be stated in the form of behavioral change or productivity gains.

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Goals and Objectives of School Administration **CA**

The goal of school administration is to create an environment in which all students can demonstrate continuous academic improvement. The superintendent must possess leadership qualities which motivate all staff members to improve the educational program and to attain the board's goals and objectives. The superintendent, with the board's direction, shall endeavor to mobilize and coordinate available resources to develop an educational program designed to maintain continuous academic improvement and full state accreditation in all schools.

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Administrator Ethics **CB**

An administrator's professional behavior must conform to an ethical code. The administrator acknowledges schools belong to the public, and they must provide educational opportunities to all. An administrator's actions will be viewed and appraised by the community, professional associates, and students. Therefore, the administrator subscribes to the following standards:

The Administrator:

- Makes the well-being of students the basis for decision making and action;
- Fulfills professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity;
- Supports the principle of due process as required by law;
- Obeys local, state and national laws;
- Implements all board policies, rules and regulations;
- Pursues appropriate measures to correct those laws, policies and regulations that are not consistent with sound educational goals;
- Avoids using an administrative position for personal gain;
- Accepts academic degrees or professional certificates only from duly accredited institutions;
- Seeks to improve the profession through research and continuing professional development; and
- Honors employment contracts until fulfillment or release.

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Administrative Line and Staff Relations **CD**

(See GACA and GACB)

All administrators are ultimately responsible to the board. Within the limits of policy and terms of the job description, the superintendent's administrative subordinates have full authority to administer district programs.

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Superintendent of Schools **CE**

The superintendent is the school system's administrative leader and shall have, under the board's direction, general supervision of all the schools. The superintendent is accountable to the board and is responsible for managing the schools in compliance with board policies.

The superintendent may delegate powers and duties to other school personnel. Delegating power or duties, however, shall not relieve the superintendent of responsibility for any action taken.

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Superintendent Qualifications **CEA**

The superintendent shall possess, or be eligible for, a Kansas district leadership license.

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Superintendent's Duties **CEB**

The superintendent shall be responsible to:

- serve as the district's chief administrator;
- carry out all board policies and rules;
- oversee safe and orderly schools;
- ensure student achievement for all student groups;
- build positive school/community relations;
- lead the board in developing constructive board/superintendent relations;
- oversee effective and efficient staff performance;
- practice responsible fiscal, facility and resource management; and
- model positive professional attributes.

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Superintendent Recruitment **CEC**

The superintendent search presents the board with an opportunity to recruit individuals who will implement the board's goals. The board shall establish an orderly procedure for employing a superintendent that conforms to generally accepted ethical and legal standards and minimizes misunderstanding in the community. The process should allow the board ample opportunity to evaluate the qualification of a candidate whose professional training and experience meet district needs. The board may solicit applications from qualified staff members and may list the vacancy with placement offices.

The board may select a professional search service who shall screen all applications and recommend finalists to the board for interviews. The board shall interview selected candidates. Board members may visit each finalist's district.

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Compensation and Benefits **CEE**

The board shall annually determine the superintendent's compensation and benefits. Compensation shall be based on recent performance and the superintendent's ability to carry out board policy.

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(See CG, GAN and KB)

The superintendent's use of a district motor vehicle and a district credit card shall be confined to necessary school business. The board shall annually prescribe limits and restrictions on the use of credit cards and shall monitor monthly receipts and reimbursement expenses.

All rewards points or cash back payments earned using district credit cards are district property and shall be either applied to future district credit card purchases or remitted to the district treasurer for accounting and deposit.

Expenses for district travel in personal vehicles or extended travel incurred in the performance of official duties shall be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of GAN.

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Superintendent's Professional Development Opportunities **CEG**

The superintendent shall keep updated on new educational practices and shall attend educational conferences and other learning opportunities as approved or required by the board.

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Evaluating the Superintendent **CEI**

(See CGI and GAK)

The board shall adopt an evaluation system that provides a basis for formal evaluation of the superintendent's performance. The system shall include the evaluation form used and the process necessary to complete the form.

The board shall evaluate the superintendent using the evaluation form in accordance with current legal requirements for the first four years of employment and annually for the term of the superintendent's employment.

The superintendent's evaluation shall be confidential and be made available only to the board, the superintendent and others as provided by law. The evaluation instrument shall be on file at the district office with the clerk. Any revisions in the evaluation system shall include input from the superintendent.

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Nonrenewing or Terminating the Superintendent's Contract **CEJ**

The board may nonrenew or terminate the superintendent's contract.

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Resignation **CEK**

The superintendent may submit a resignation to the board president at a regular or special meeting. The board shall consider the resignation in light of the district's needs.

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Board-Superintendent Relations **CF**

(See BBC)

The board delegates to the superintendent all administrative duties. The board reserves the ultimate decision in all matters concerning personnel policy, or expenditures of funds; and it will normally proceed in those areas only after receiving the superintendent's recommendations.

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(See CEF and GAN)

The board shall employ administrative personnel as needed.

Compensation Guides and Contracts

Administrative personnel shall be compensated for their services with a contracted salary determined by the board. Administrative contracts shall be reviewed annually. The board shall determine the terms and length of each contract. The board's attorney may develop and review administrator contracts.

Qualifications and Duties

The superintendent shall develop appropriate job descriptions for each administrative position. When adopted by the board, job descriptions shall be filed in the central office and may be published in the appropriate handbook.

Recruitment

The board delegates to the superintendent the authority to identify and recommend the appointment of individuals to fill vacant administrative positions. The superintendent shall screen all applicants and may use other staff members to assist. The superintendent shall make recommendations to the board. The district may pay preapproved expenses incurred by candidates interviewed for an administrative position.

Assignment

The board shall solicit the superintendent's recommendations in appointment, assignment, transfer, demotion, termination or non-renewal of any administrative personnel.

Orientation

The superintendent shall conduct an appropriate administrative orientation program.

Supervision

The superintendent shall be responsible for supervising all administrative personnel.

Administrative Intern Program

The board may establish, by contract with an approved administrator training institution, an administrative intern program.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement

Travel expense for administrative staff shall be provided in accordance with CEF and GAN.

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(See CEI and GAK)

Administrative personnel shall be evaluated in writing by the superintendent in accordance with legal requirements for the first four years of employment and at least annually thereafter. Administrative personnel files and evaluations shall be available only to the board, the appropriate administrator, the superintendent, and others authorized by law.

The board's procedures concerning evaluation of district administrators shall be on file with the clerk in the central office and may be published in the appropriate handbook.

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Suspension **CGK**

The superintendent shall have the authority to suspend district administrators with pay pending further board action.

The superintendent may suspend administrators with pay for any reason, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following: alleged violation of or failure to implement board policy, rule, or regulation; refusal or failure to follow a reasonable directive of the administrator's supervisor, the superintendent, or the board; the filing of a complaint against the administrator with any civil or criminal authority; the alleged commission of an offense involving moral turpitude; or other good cause.

If a suspension without pay is imposed on an administrator, the administrator is entitled to pay until the administrator has been advised of the basis for suspension and has been given an opportunity to respond.

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Use of Consultants **CJ**

(See CL, DJFA, and ID)

The superintendent may contract with professional consultants in accordance with Policy DJFA. The superintendent shall report any use of consultants to the board and provide updates as requested.

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Professional Development Opportunities **CK**

The board encourages, and may require, administrators to attend activities which will directly benefit the schools. The district may pay expenses to attend meetings approved by the superintendent.

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Administrative Teams **CL**

(See CJ, DJFA, and ID)

The board advocates the team concept of school administration.

Method of Appointment

The superintendent shall select the members of each administrative team.

Organization

The superintendent shall determine the organization of each administrative team.

Resources

Within the parameters established by board policies CJ and DJFA, the team may use outside consultants and district resources.

Financial

The superintendent may recommend an administrative team budget to the board.

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(See BDA, CGK, GAA, and JA)

Administrative employees who fail to implement board policies may, by board action, be suspended without pay, demoted, placed on probation, nonrenewed, or terminated.

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Public Records **CN**

(See BE, CNA, ECA, HAI, IDAE, II, JGGA, and JR et seq.)

The board designates the associate superintendent for business affairs as its Freedom of Information Officer. The Freedom of Information Officer shall have the authority to establish and maintain a system of records in accordance with the Kansas Open Records Act and other applicable laws. The board further assigns the director of communications to handle requests for records and to serve as the custodian of the records. The custodian shall prominently display and distribute or otherwise make available to the public a brochure concerning record access in the form prescribed by the local Freedom of Information Officer.

Types of Records

A public record means any recorded information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is made, maintained, kept by, or in the possession of the district, including those exhibited at public board meetings.

Central Office Records

Records maintained by the superintendent shall include, but may not be limited to, the following: financial, personnel, and property (both real and personal) owned by the district.

Building Records

Records maintained by the building principals shall include, but may not be limited to, the following: activity funds, student records, and personnel records. (See JR et seq.)

Public Access

All records, except those subject to exception by the Kansas Open Records Act, shall be open to inspection by the general public during regular office hours of any school or the district office. The superintendent will establish procedures for making records available on normal business days when district offices are closed. The district may charge and require advance payment of a fee for providing access to or furnishing copies of public records.

Requests for access to open records shall be made in writing to an official custodian of district records. The official custodian shall examine each request to determine whether the record requested is an open record or is subject to an exception of the Kansas Open Records Act that would allow the record to remain closed. The custodian may also refuse to provide access to a public record or to permit inspection if a request places an unreasonable burden in producing public records or if the custodian has reason to believe that repeated requests are intended to disrupt other essential functions of the district. The custodian shall either grant or deny each request.

If the custodian does not grant the request, the person requesting the record shall receive a written explanation of the reason for the denial within three days of the request, if an explanation is requested. If the requester disagrees with the explanation, the freedom of information officer shall settle the dispute.

Each request for access to a public record shall be acted upon as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the third business day following the date that the request is received. If the request is not acted on immediately,

the custodian shall inform the requester, within the three-day window, when and where the open record will be made available.

Each custodian shall file all requests and their dispositions in the appropriate office and make reports as requested by the superintendent or the board.

Copies of Records

Copies of open records shall be available upon written request, unless otherwise specified in Kansas or federal law. Requestors may only make abstracts or obtain copies of public records to which they have access under the Kansas Open Records Act. The district shall not be required to provide copies of radio or recording tapes or discs, video tapes, films, pictures, slides, graphics, illustrations, or similar audio or visual items or devices, unless such items or devices were shown or played during open session of a district board meeting. Similarly, the district shall not be required to provide such items or devices which are copyrighted by a person other than the board. Furthermore, nothing in the Kansas Open Records Act requires the district to electronically make copies available by allowing a requestor to obtain copies by inserting, connecting, or otherwise attaching an electronic device provided by the requestor to the computer or other electronic device of the district.

Advance payment of the expense of providing access to or furnishing copies of open records shall be borne by the requestor. Under no circumstances shall the documents be allowed out of their usual building location without approval of the official custodian.

The board may prescribe reasonable fees for providing access to or furnishing copies of public records, subject to the following:

- In the case of fees for copies of records, the fees shall not exceed the actual cost of furnishing the requested records, including the cost of staff time required to make the information available. Actual costs may include the cost to review and redact the requested records but shall not include incidental costs

incurred by the district that are not attributable to furnishing the requested records.

- In the case of fees for providing access to records maintained on computer facilities, the fees shall include only the cost of any computer services, including staff time required.
- If the district incurs costs for staff time to provide access to or furnish copies of public records, the district shall use in good faith the lowest-cost category of staff reasonably necessary to provide access to or furnish copies of public records. Charges for staff time shall be based on the employee's salary or hourly wage but shall not include the costs of employee benefits.
- Upon request, the district shall provide to the person requesting access to or copies of public records an itemized statement of costs incurred by the district and charged to such requester. Such itemized statement shall include, but not be limited to, the hourly rates charged for each employee involved in making the requested records available and an itemized list of any other fees charged to provide access to or furnish copies of the requested records.
- When the staff time needed to respond to a records request will exceed five hours or the estimated actual cost for staff time needed to fill the request exceeds $200, the district shall make reasonable efforts to contact the requester and engage in interactive communication about mitigating costs to fill the request. The requester is not obligated to mitigate costs.

If the district has made reasonable efforts to contact the requester in such a case and the requester has failed to respond by the end of the third business day, the records request will be deemed to be withdrawn until a subsequent contact has been made by the requester to the district.

As used in this policy, "reasonable efforts to contact the requester" means contacting the requester through the means of communication that the requester provided to be used by the district to respond to the request.

Fees received by the district for fees charged in accordance with this policy shall be remitted to the treasurer for deposit in the district's general fund.

Disposition

All district office records shall be kept for at least the minimum length of time required by law.

The clerk is designated as the official custodian of all board and district office records maintained by the district. Each building principal is designated as official custodian of all records maintained at the building level. In addition to those records required by law, the {clerk} shall be responsible for preparing and keeping other records necessary for the district's efficient operation.

District employees shall follow the guidelines found in the student records policies. (See IDAE and JR through JRD)

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(See BCBK, BE, CN, ECA, IDAE, II, JGGA, JR et seq. and KBA)

Destroying Documents

After the district receives knowledge of legal action against the district or its employees, no documents or electronic information pertaining to the subject of the action, maintained in any form, may be destroyed as long as the legal action is pending.

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* For detailed information, see Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. 34 Production of Documents, Electronically Stored Information.

The board may require reports from the superintendent or other staff members. The board delegates to the superintendent authority to request reports from any staff member.

Types of Reports

Annual

The superintendent shall submit to the board an annual report summarizing the district's operations for the preceding school year. The report shall include the accreditation status of each district school building.

Budget Reports

The superintendent shall present a monthly budget report to the board.

The budget report shall be included in the board's agenda and shall include each account, the original appropriation, the amount expended to date, the amount encumbered to date, and the remaining balance in each account.

Disseminating Reports

The board, upon request, may receive copies of reports submitted to the superintendent if there is no potential violation of any staff or students' privacy rights.

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SECTION D
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USD 261
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Goals and Objectives **DA**

The board shall adhere to strict fiscal accounting procedures as outlined in board policies and rules. The board shall make an effort to secure goods and services from responsible merchants and vendors at a price and quality that will enable the staff to fulfill the district's educational goals.

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(See DC and KBA)

A planned, systematically prepared budget is essential in the management of the district. The board delegates to the superintendent the authority to develop a budget for the board's consideration.

In planning the budget, sufficient moneys shall be allocated in a manner reasonably calculated such that all students may achieve the capacities set forth in K.S.A. 72-3218(c).

Needs Assessment

Each year, the board shall conduct an assessment of the educational needs of each attendance center in the district. Such assessment shall be published on the school district's website. Information obtained from the needs assessment shall be used by the board when approving the budget of the school district to ensure improvement in student academic performance.

The board shall annually review state assessment results and, as part of such review, shall document the following:

- The barriers that must be overcome to have all students achieve proficiency above level 2 for grade level academic expectations on such assessments;
- Any budget actions, including, but not limited to, recommendations on reallocation of resources that should be taken to address and remove such barriers; and
- The amount of time the board estimates it will take for all students to achieve proficiency above level 2 for grade level academic expectations on the state assessments if such budget actions are implemented.

The board shall also prepare a summary of the budget. The budget, the summary of the proposed budget, the needs assessment, and the state assessment documentation shall be on file at the administrative offices of the school district and available on the school district's website. Notice of the hearing on the budget shall include a statement that the budget(s), the summary of the proposed budget, the needs assessment, and state assessment documentation is on file at the administrative offices of the district and available on the school district's website.

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(See DB and KBA)

The district budget shall be prepared by the superintendent in cooperation with selected district employees and shall reflect the district's educational goals, including improvement in student academic performance as described in board policy DB and state law.

The superintendent shall follow the adopted budget.

The district shall fund the operating budget according to approved fiscal and budgetary procedures required by the State of Kansas.

Budget Forms

Budget forms used shall be those prepared and recommended by the Kansas State Department of Education. Budget summary documents shall be prepared on forms provided by the Kansas State Department of Education.

Priorities

The board will establish priorities for the district on a short-term, intermediate, and long-range basis, taking into consideration the requirements for budgeting.

Deadlines and Schedules

Deadlines and time schedules shall be established by the board, unless otherwise provided by state law.

Encumbrances

An encumbrance shall be made when a purchase is made or when an approved purchase order is processed. All encumbrances shall be charged to a specific fund. All necessary encumbrances shall be made by the superintendent.

Recommendations

Recommendations of the superintendent and professional staff concerning the district's budget allocations will be presented to the board prior to submission of the tentative draft budget.

Preliminary Adoption Procedures

The superintendent will be responsible for developing the budget cover letter. It is recommended that the letter include a restatement of the goals and objectives of the district and a list of budget priorities. An explanation of line-item expenditures will be included in the letter. Fund expenditures and line categories will also be explained in terms of how the budget meets

the goals and objectives of the district and enhances completion of priority programs. A preliminary draft of the district's budget will be submitted by the superintendent within a timeframe that allows the district to comply with all statutory deadlines.

Hearings and Reviews

The board shall conduct budget hearings according to state law. The minutes of the meeting at which the board approves its annual budget shall state a needs assessment was provided to the board in accordance with board policy DB and state law, the board evaluated such assessment, and the manner in which the board used such assessment in the approval of the district's budget.

District budgets, the summary of the proposed budget, the needs assessment, and the state assessment documentation described in board policy DB shall be on file at the administrative offices of the district and available on the district's website.

Budget Transparency

The district shall comply with the requirements of the Kansas Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Act and rules and regulations promulgated by the Kansas State Board of Education thereunder in maintaining, reporting, publishing on the district's website, and making available to the public specified budgetary records, forms, and information.

Management of District Assets/Accounts

The superintendent shall establish and maintain accurate, financial management systems to meet the district's fiscal obligations, produce useful information for financial reports, and safeguard district resources. The superintendent shall ensure the district's accounting system provides ongoing internal controls. The superintendent shall review the accounting system with the board.

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All employees, board members, consultants, vendors, contractors, and other parties maintaining a business relationship with the district shall act with due diligence in duties involving the district's fiscal resources. The superintendent shall develop internal controls that aid in the prevention and detection of fraud, financial impropriety, or irregularity.

Reporting Fraud

An employee who suspects fraud, impropriety, or irregularity shall promptly report those suspicions to the immediate supervisor and/or the superintendent. If the superintendent is the subject of the complaint, reports shall be made to the board president or the board's legal counsel. The superintendent shall generally have primary responsibility for any investigations, in coordination with legal counsel and other internal or external departments and agencies as appropriate. If the superintendent is the subject of the report of fraud, impropriety, or irregularity, the board shall retain control over the investigation or may designate its legal counsel or another investigator to act on behalf of the board in investigating the matter and reporting any findings back to the board.

Whistleblowers

The district encourages complaints, reports, or inquiries about illegal practices or violations of district policies, including illegal or improper conduct by the district, its leadership, or by others on its behalf. Reports may include, but not be limited to, financial improprieties, accounting, or audit matters, ethical violations, or other similar illegal or improper practices or policies. The district prohibits retaliation by or on behalf of the district against staff members who make good faith complaints, reports, or inquiries under this policy or for participations in a review or investigation under this policy. This protection extends to those whose allegations are made in good faith but prove to be mistaken. The district reserves the right to discipline persons who make bad faith, knowingly false, or vexatious complaints, reports, or inquiries or who otherwise abuse this policy.

Complaints, reports, or inquiries may be made under this policy on a confidential or anonymous basis. They should describe in detail the specific facts demonstrating the bases for the complaints, reports, or inquiries. They should be directed to the superintendent unless otherwise provided above. If the superintendent is implicated in the complaint, report, or inquiry, it should be directed to the board or its legal counsel. The district will conduct a prompt, review or investigation. The district may be unable to fully evaluate a vague or general complaint, report, or inquiry that is made anonymously.

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Grants and other Outside Financial Resources **DFAA**

The board encourages the superintendent to secure federal, state and private grants, or other alternative funding sources for use in curriculum development, staff development, instructional or activity programs and other areas as directed by the board.

The board shall approve all grant applications before their submission.

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Standard of Conduct for Federally Funded Contracts **DFAB**

The following standard of conduct shall be followed by board members, district employees, officers, and their agents in an effort to eliminate conflicts of interest and to govern actions while engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts on behalf of the district.

No board member, employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest concerning the contract.

For the purposes of this policy, a conflict of interest would include any instance when a board member, employee, officer, or agent; any member of his or her immediate family; his or her partner; or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein has a financial or other interest in or receives or would receive a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

Unless otherwise provided herein, no board member, employee, officer, or agent of the district may solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from vendors, contractors, or parties to subcontracts. Therefore, these individuals would be prohibited from accepting offers for free entertainment which would otherwise cost the individual, lodging, transportation, gifts, or meals. However, accepting meals offered by a sponsor and consumed by such individual at school, a school sponsored activity, or a related event and/or accepting free product samples having a retail value no greater than $100.00 will not be a violation of this policy or standard of conduct.

Employees, officers, and agents of the district found to be in violation of this policy and standard of conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or termination for employees and denial of access to district property and activities and/or the severing of the officer or agency relationship with the district, as appropriate.

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(See CN, DFAA, and DFAB)

The board shall ensure federal funds received by the district are administered in accordance with federal requirements, including but not limited to the federal Uniform Grant Guidance. This policy outlines the district's responsibilities when federal funding is considered. The board designates the associate superintendent for business affairs as the federal programs coordinator and district contact for all federal programs and funding.

The associate superintendent for business affairs shall establish and maintain a sound fiscal management system to include internal controls and federal grant management standards covering the receipt of both direct and state-administered federal grants and to track costs and expenditures of funds associated with grant awards. The superintendent, to assist in the proper administration of federal funds and implementation of this policy, may recommend additional procedures and regulations be adopted to supplement this policy.

The district's fiscal management system shall be designed with strong internal controls, a high level of transparency and accountability, and documented procedures to ensure that all fiscal management system requirements are met. Fiscal management standards and procedures shall assure that the following responsibilities are fulfilled:

- Identification – The district must identify, in its accounts, all federal awards received and expended and the federal programs under which they were received.
- Financial Reporting – Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each federal award or program must be made in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).
- Accounting Records – The district must maintain records which adequately identify the source and application of funds provided for federally-assisted activities.
- Internal Controls – Effective control and accountability must be maintained for all federal funds, real and personal property purchased therewith, and other assets acquired with federal funding. The district must adequately safeguard all such property and must assure that it is used solely for authorized purposes.
- Budget Control – Actual expenditures or outlays must be compared with budgeted amounts for each federal award. Procedures shall be developed to establish determination for allowability of costs for federal funds.

- Cash Management – The district shall maintain written procedures to implement the cash management requirements found in EDGAR.
- Allowability of Costs – The district shall ensure that allowability of all costs charged to each federal award is accurately determined and documented.

Time and Effort Reporting by Employees

All district employees paid with federal funds shall document the time they expend in work performed in support of each federal program, in accordance with law. Time and effort reporting requirements do not apply to contracted individuals.

Recordkeeping

The district shall develop and maintain a records management plan and related board policy, administrative regulations, and/or procedures for the retention, retrieval, and disposition of print and electronic records, including emails.

The district shall ensure the proper maintenance of federal fiscal records documenting:

- Amount of federal funds,
- How funds are used,
- Total cost of each project,
- Share of total cost of each project provided from other sources,
- Other records to facilitate an effective audit,
- Other records to show compliance with federal program requirements, and
- Significant project experiences and results.

All records must be retrievable and available for programmatic or financial audit.

The district shall provide the federal awarding agency, Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the pass-through entity, or any of their authorized representatives, the right of access to any documents, papers, or other district records which are pertinent to the federal award. The district shall also permit timely and reasonable access to the district's personnel for interview and discussion related to such documents.

Records shall be retained for a minimum of three (3) years from the date on which the final Financial Status Report is submitted, or as otherwise specified in federal law or in the requirements of the federal award, unless a written extension is provided by the awarding agency, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, or cognizant agency for indirect

costs. If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the standard record retention period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audits have been resolved and final action has been taken.

The district shall ensure that all personally identifiable data protected by statute or regulation is handled in accordance with the requirements of applicable law, regulations, board policy, administrative regulations, and procedures.

Subrecipient Monitoring

If the district awards subgrants, the district shall establish procedures to:

- Assess the risk of noncompliance.
- Monitor grant subrecipients to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local laws and board policy, regulations, and procedures.
- Ensure the district's records are adjusted to cure recordkeeping issues discovered through the subrecipient's audits, on-site reviews, or other monitoring.

Compliance Violations

Employees and contractors involved in federally funded programs and subrecipients shall be made aware that failure to comply with federal law, regulations, or terms and conditions of a federal award may result in the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity imposing additional conditions or terminating the award in whole or in part.

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Investment of Funds **DFE**

The investment of school district monies shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, business manager, and/or the district treasurer.

Any monies not immediately required for the purposes for which the monies were collected or received may be invested as provided by current statute.

Posting Securities

All investments of district monies shall be secured to 100% of the amount of district monies by F.D.I.C. coverage, a pledge of direct federal obligations, or direct guaranteed federal agency deposits in accordance with requirements of state law. Exceptions to the required posting of securities shall be only as provided by law and with approval of the board.

All offerings of monies for investment shall state the amount to be invested and the maturity date of each investment.

All banks and savings and loan associations (hereafter "financial institution(s)") with main or branch offices located within the district and the county or counties in which part of the district is located shall be given an opportunity to respond to requests for proposals on monies offered for investment. The depository institution shall have two business days to respond to the request for proposals with respect to savings deposits, demand deposits, time deposit, open accounts, certificates of deposit or time certificates of deposit with maturities of not more than two years. All responses shall be directed to the superintendent and shall be specified on the basis of simple interest.

Distribution of monies for investment shall be as follows:

The district treasurer or other person designated by the board shall inform each eligible financial institution of the total amount of money to be invested on a specified date and the maturity date of the investment. Each financial institution responding shall submit a single proposal of the rate of interest it would pay on all or part of the funds to be invested.

Monies shall be invested with the financial institution offering the highest interest rate in such amount as the financial institution will accept, and any remaining amounts shall be invested with the financial institution(s) offering the next highest interest rates in such amounts as it will accept until all funds offered for investment are invested. No financial institution shall be eligible to receive any funds in the same offering at a rate lower than its proposal rate.

No proposal less than the most recently determined investment rate as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675a shall be accepted unless otherwise authorized by K.S.A. 12-1675.

Any monies not otherwise invested in eligible financial institutions located in the district due to their inability, for whatever reason, to accept the funds, shall be invested in secured deposits in financial institutions which have offices located in counties in which a part of the school district is located.

Any monies not invested in financial institutions in the district or located in counties in which a part of the school district is located may be invested as authorized by Kansas law.

Monies available for reinvestment as a result of maturities may be reinvested with the financial institution holding such monies provided the financial institution agrees to pay the same or higher rate as that offered by the highest proposal at the time the requests for proposals were accepted.

In the event of identical high proposals, the allocation of monies to be invested between the financial institutions offering the high proposals shall be at the discretion of the superintendent.

The district treasurer shall record the following information: the date of each request for proposal; the name of each financial institution notified; the name of the officer notified; the proposal; the amount of monies the financial institution is willing to accept at the rate proposed.

To be eligible to receive invested funds or deposits from the district, any otherwise eligible financial institution shall have on file in the office of the district treasurer a letter requesting its inclusion in any request for proposal and providing proper assurance of compliance with requirements of applicable laws and board policy relating to maintenance of proper security and assurance of its membership in good standing consistent with current federal regulations. The superintendent shall report monthly to the board on the district's investments.

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(See KG)

Proceeds from fees for building or equipment use or rental will be credited to the general fund.

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Fundraising Activities **DFH**

Fundraising activities at school, on school property, or at school-sponsored events are prohibited except as provided in this policy.

Faculty and student participation in fundraising shall be strictly voluntary. At no time shall participation in fundraising impact a student's grade or membership, participation time or standing on a team, club, or group. Door-to-door sales are strongly discouraged. Faculty and sponsors shall not require or promote door-to-door sales.

The district will manage, restrict, or decline funds, gifts, or fundraising activities to assure that fundraising and expenditures comply with applicable district, state, and federal law and guidelines, including, but not limited to, Title IX and Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) rules and regulations.

Fundraising activities must be pre-approved by the superintendent or designee, and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Fundraising activities shall not interfere with instructional time, infringe upon or detract from the classroom activities, or the educational process as determined by the superintendent or designee.
- Online fundraising, utilizing websites such as DonorsChoose or GoFundMe, must comply with this policy, district rules and regulations concerning fundraising, and the rules governing the fundraising site.
- Approval of fundraising requests shall depend on factors including, but not limited to:
    - Compatibility with the district's educational program, mission, vision, core values, and beliefs;
    - Compatibility with any terms, conditions, and requirements of grants or other specific funding sources;
    - Compatibility with existing district technology;
    - Congruence with the district and school goals that positively impact student performance;
    - The district's instructional priorities;
    - The manner in which donations are collected and distributed;
    - Equity in funding; and
    - Other factors deemed relevant or appropriate by the district.

- If approved, the requester shall be responsible for preparing all materials and information related to the fundraising campaign and keeping district administration apprised of the campaign's status. The requestor is responsible for compliance with all state and federal laws, the rules governing the fundraising site, and other relevant district policies and procedures, as well as the following:
    - Fundraising proceeds shall not be deposited into a staff member's personal bank account or peer to peer payment network.
    - Money raised or items secured by a fundraising campaign by a person or entity acting on behalf of the school or the district will be the property of the district.
    - All items and money generated on behalf of the district are subject to the same controls and regulations as other district property and shall be deposited or inventoried accordingly. No money raised or items purchased shall be distributed to individual employees without the express written consent of the superintendent.
    - Pictures of students in conjunction with fundraising activities shall not occur unless parents of students have consented in writing to the use of the picture for this specific purpose.
    - Fundraising activities must comply with all board policies, including, but not limited to, policies governing the privacy rights of students.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit an employee from using online fundraising campaigns for personal items or reasons outside of the school or work time. In such cases, the employees shall not be acting on behalf of the district or school, identify themselves as employees of the district, or suggest the fundraising campaign is for the benefit of students, classrooms or schools of the school district.

For purposes of this section, "acting on behalf of the district or the school" means an employee holding oneself out as an employee of the district and/or seeks donations for the benefit of the district, a particular school, classroom, or student.

Personal Business Interest

Students, employees, Board of Education members, and immediate family of employees or Board of Education members are not permitted to promote personal business, commercial, or private financial interests either through direct sales or through promotion of the sale of goods or services at school, on school property, or at school-sponsored events. Such activities are not fundraising and are prohibited.

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Gifts and Bequests **DFK**

Income derived from gifts and bequests will be credited, if possible, as specified by the board.

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Equipment and Supplies Sales **DFM**

(See KK)

Excess or unusable district-owned equipment and supplies will be disposed of at the discretion of the board.

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Bonded Employees **DH**

The board shall purchase a blanket fidelity bond for school employees. The amount of the bond shall be determined by the board.

A position bond in the amount of $100,000 per incident is required for the treasurer, clerk and superintendent. A position bond may be purchased by the board for district employees as follows:

- Building principals;
- Building secretary(s); and
- Other employees as the board may direct.

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An accounting will be made annually for all district-owned personal property.

An inventory record system shall be developed by the superintendent. All inventory records shall be annually updated showing deletions and additions, the estimated value, original cost (where available), date of purchase, serial numbers (where available) and location and condition of each piece of district-owned personal property.

Each building principal shall take an annual inventory of district-owned personal property under the direction of the superintendent. Inventory forms shall be developed by the superintendent. One copy of each inventory taken in an attendance center shall be filed in that building, and one copy shall be filed in the central office with the clerk.

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Petty Cash Accounts **DJB**

The board may establish petty cash accounts by resolution. All petty cash funds will be audited annually at the same time as the general fund budget. The board shall also receive monthly reports of the expenditures from and reimbursements to each petty cash account.

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Purchasing **DJE**

The purchasing, receiving, storing and distribution of supplies, equipment and services for use in the district shall be managed efficiently and economically. School employees are not allowed to purchase personal items from vendors using district accounts.

Purchasing Authority

The board shall appoint a purchasing agent for the district.

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The board reserves the right to establish the specifications for and quality of goods or services purchased by the district.

Specifications

It is the responsibility of the originator of a purchase request to see that all specifications requested are complete.

Standardization

Whenever possible, standard lists of supplies and equipment shall be developed in all budget areas.

Quantity Purchasing

Quantity purchasing is encouraged.

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All purchases requiring competitive bids shall be made in accordance with current statutes.

The purchasing agent shall develop and maintain lists of potential suppliers. Bid lists shall be used to notify potential bidders.

Any supplier may be included in the list upon request. All bid lists shall be reviewed annually by the purchasing agent.

A copy of this policy shall be given to all bidders upon request.

All bids and supporting documentation shall be retained in the district office with the clerk for a period of three years after bids have been opened.

Bid Specifications

All bid specifications shall be written by the district's purchasing agent and shall include required characteristics and quality standards. Specifications shall include, when necessary: required performance, surety, bid, and statutory bond information; compliance with preferential bid law; financial statements; the board's right to reject any or all bids; compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations; the date, time, and place for the opening of bids; and other items as the board directs.

The board shall avoid negotiation of bid specifications after bids have been accepted and shall correct specifications if they are inadequately written and request new bids. If an error is discovered in the bid specifications, all bids shall be returned unopened, and the project shall be rebid using corrected and/or amended specifications.

Procedure

All bids must be submitted to the clerk in sealed envelopes with the name of the bidder and the date of the bid opening plainly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. All bids shall be opened publicly on the stated date and time. All bidders and other interested persons may be present when the bids are opened.

Bids may be opened by the purchasing agent or other person designated by the board, and such opening shall be witnessed by one other district employee. The bids shall then be arranged in order from low to high before they are presented to the board for action.

Responsible Bidder

All bids shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The board remains the sole judge of whether a bidder is "responsible." Criteria that may be used to judge whether the bidder is responsible by way of illustration and not limitation, are: financial standing, reputation,

experience, prior working relationship with the district, resources, facilities, judgment, and efficiency.

The board may investigate whether the bidder is responsible by using information at hand to form an intelligent judgment, such as, but not necessarily limited to, the district's architect, previous clients of the bidder, their own investigation, or an outside investigation agency.

Withdrawal of Bids

Any bid may be withdrawn and/or corrected prior to the scheduled time for opening of bids and no later than two days after the bids have been opened if a non-judgmental error has been made.

Any bid received after the publicized date and time shall not be considered by the board.

Rejection of Bids

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to ask for new bids. This reservation shall be specified in the publication or notification of bid letting.

The board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or reject any parts of a bid.

Multi-State Purchasing Pools

The board may participate in multi-state purchasing pools.

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The purchasing agent shall make purchases from local vendors when the price, availability of the product and service are competitive with outside vendors for purchases not subject to the bidding law. The board shall not grant preferential bid percentages to local contractors or businesses except as provided by statute.

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Requisitions **DJEF**

The purchasing agent shall develop a requisition form to be used by staff members requesting that certain goods be purchased for the district.

All requisitions shall be submitted to the purchasing agent by the designated deadline. After a purchase order has been issued, the number of the purchase order shall be recorded on the requisition, and the number of the requisition shall be recorded on the purchase order. After processing, the original copy of the requisition shall be filed in the office of the purchasing agent in numerical sequence.

The school or district entity shall not be used to order or purchase supplies, goods, or wares for the personal use of employees. Use of the "school entity" in this manner would include, but may not be limited to, the use of the school or district's name, letterhead, purchase order, fund, credit card, and/or check.

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(See DJEJ and DJFAB)

The purchasing agent shall develop an order form compatible with the requisition form to be used in purchasing goods and shall be authorized to sign all purchase orders.

Each purchase order shall include a specification of the item which adequately describes the characteristics and the quality standards; a quoted, firm, net, delivered price, whenever possible, and prices shown both per unit and as extended; clear delivery instructions which include time and place; a signature of the purchasing agent and budget account code number; and the appropriate address and telephone number.

All purchase orders shall be numbered in sequence; sufficient copies will be made to meet distribution requirements.

A verbal order, subject to subsequent confirmation by a written purchase order, may be issued only in cases where a bona fide emergency exists. Whenever possible, a purchase order number should be given to the supplier. A confirming requisition/purchase order shall be issued immediately thereafter and clearly marked as such.

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(See DJEG and DJFAB)

The superintendent shall recommend payment to vendors and suppliers for goods and services upon satisfactory receipt of all goods or completion of all services and for which there is a district purchase order number issued as provided for in board policy.

The board shall consider payment of bills recommended for payment at regular board meetings except as provided for in policy.

The board may designate one or more employees to pay bills in advance of any board meeting in order to avoid a penalty for late payment or to take advantage of any early payment discount.

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The superintendent is authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the district for the purchase of goods and services if the amount is less than $20,000. The board shall receive reports on any contracts.

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(See DJEG and DJEJ)

In an emergency, the superintendent shall have the authority to make expenditures necessary to prevent additional damage to district property, to keep the schools open or to reopen schools. Emergency purchases shall be ratified by the board at the next regular or special board meeting.

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Student Activity Fund Management **DK**

(See JGHB, JH and JL)

Any activity which involves the expenditure of activity funds shall be subject to prior approval of the principal.

Activity Fund Management

The building principals shall maintain an accurate record of all student activity funds in the respective attendance centers. No funds shall be expended from these accounts except in support of the student activity program. No activity account shall have a negative balance.

The board shall receive a monthly report on all activity accounts.

All student activity funds will be audited annually at the same time as the general fund budget.

All payments from student activity funds shall be made from purchase orders signed by the employee responsible for the fund.

Receipts shall be kept for all revenue deposited into the activity fund of each attendance center. All payments from the activity fund shall be by checks provided for that purpose.

Activity Fund Deposits

Activity funds from gate receipts or other sources may be deposited directly into a bank account maintained for this purpose.

Inactive Activity Funds

The board will assume control of all inactive activity funds and disburse those funds to other activity accounts or expend the funds as directed by the board.

Each student activity fund shall have an employee in charge of the fund.

The employee shall be responsible for making a monthly report to the superintendent and the board.

The monthly student activity report shall show opening and closing balances of each fund. The report shall also show the total amount of deposits and an itemized list of expenditures.

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(See EE and JS)

Unpaid Fees and Negative Account Balances

Unpaid or overdue accounts disrupt accounting practices within the district. All persons who owe overdue fees or have negative account balances with the district shall be notified of the delinquency up to three times in not less than ten-day increments by the superintendent or superintendent's designee via letter sent by U.S. First Class Mail providing that the individual owes the district fees or that a specified account has insufficient funds or a negative balance and the reason for the fees or account withdrawals.

If, within ten days after the second notice was mailed, the debt is not paid in full or arrangements have not been made with the superintendent or superintendent's designee to pay it, a third and final notice shall be sent to the debtor by mail. Postage and stationary costs may be added to the original bill.

If full payment is not received by the clerk within twenty days after mailing of the final notice, authorization for the enforcement of collection may be obtained through the local small claims court in compliance with Kansas statutes, the superintendent or superintendent's designee may turn the matter over to legal counsel to commence debt collection proceedings on behalf of the district, or the matter may be handled through the Kansas SetOff Program.

Insufficient Funds Checks

The superintendent or the superintendent's designee is authorized to retain the services of a bad check collection agency to collect funds due to the district upon receipt of insufficient funds checks.

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Haysville Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

SECTION E

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

USD 261
HAYSVILLE SCHOOLS

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Goals and Objectives **EA**

The district's business affairs shall be managed in the most economical and efficient manner possible.

The superintendent has authority to manage the district's business affairs.

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Buildings and Grounds Management **EB**

All district buildings and property shall be maintained and inspected on a regular basis.

The superintendent shall develop a comprehensive program which will ensure proper maintenance of all district-owned property.

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All district-owned property, real and personal, will be insured to cover losses from natural causes, fire, vandalism, and other casualties. Insurance shall also cover theft of district monies.

Liability Other Than for Vehicles

To the extent permitted by law, the board may insure all employees against legal action arising out of the performance of any authorized duties. The board may also purchase insurance covering loss resulting from student participation in a work-based learning program authorized by the district. The board may authorize the district to join a group-funded pool to provide insurance coverage for the district.

The district may designate one or more insurance agents of record. The superintendent may work with the insurance agent of record or group-funded pool to develop adequate insurance programs and/or proposals covering the district's employees and property.

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(See JBH)

The district shall make reasonable efforts to provide a safe environment for students and employees.

Safety Rules

The superintendent and staff shall develop necessary rules and regulations for student safety in school and at school activities.

Safety Unit

Teachers who instruct in hazardous curriculum areas will teach a unit each year or semester dedicated to safety rules inherent in the particular subject matter.

Appropriate safety signs, slogans, or other safety items shall be posted on or in the near vicinity of potentially dangerous devices or machinery.

No student will be permitted to participate in the class until satisfactory knowledge of the safety rules are demonstrated to the teacher. Teachers will conduct periodic reviews of safety rules during the school year.

Warning System

The board will seek to cooperate with local government officials, emergency preparedness authorities, and other related state agencies to maintain adequate disaster warning systems.

Safety Inspections

The superintendent, building principals, and maintenance personnel will regularly inspect each attendance center, playground and playground equipment, boilers, bleachers, and other appropriate areas to see that they are adequately maintained. Written records of these inspections shall be maintained.

If repairs are necessary, the individual conducting the investigation shall immediately inform the building principal, superintendent, or immediate supervisor in writing. Necessary steps either to repair or to remove the defect will be taken as soon as possible. Defects requiring expenditure of money in excess of $20,000.00 will be reported to the board. Any defects not immediately removed, repaired, or otherwise eliminated shall be blocked off with fences or other restraining devices.

Heating and Lighting

All furnaces, boilers, and lighting fixtures will be inspected annually to ensure safety for students, district employees, and patrons. These devices shall meet minimum state and federal standards.

The use of space heaters in district buildings is permitted so long as all heaters are: UL listed and approved; plugged directly into the wall outlet and not used with an extension cord; and have a 3-foot clearance from any combustible items that may catch fire. Combustible items include, but are not limited to, paper products, clothing, and blankets. Staff members who wish to bring their own space heater shall first get the approval of their immediate supervisor.

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Inspection

Regular inspection of district facilities for hazardous waste shall be conducted by executive director of operations. Written records of these inspections shall be maintained.

Disposal

When hazardous waste material is produced in a class, or otherwise located in the district, its disposal shall be in accordance with state and federal rules and regulations, or current law.

Rules

The superintendent shall develop written rules and procedures for notifying district administrators that hazardous waste has been discovered and/or produced and rules for reporting the proper disposal of waste. These rules and regulations shall be distributed to all staff members in classified and certified handbooks.

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(See EBBF and JBH)

If an emergency interferes with the normal conduct of school affairs, students may be dismissed from school only by the superintendent. A plan for emergency dismissal of students during the school day shall be developed by the superintendent and approved by the board. A copy shall be filed with the clerk, and procedures for dismissal shall be given to parents and students at the beginning of each school year.

School will not be dismissed early because of an emergency when the safety of students and teachers is better served by remaining at school.

During an emergency period when there is insufficient warning time, the district will keep all students under school jurisdiction and supervision. The staff shall remain on duty to supervise students during this time. Parents may come to school and pick up their children. Students shall be released according to board policy for release of students during the school day.

School-Closing Announcements

When the superintendent believes the safety of students is threatened by severe weather, health or safety concerns, or other circumstances, parents and students shall be notified of school closings or cancellations by announcements made over radio/TV station(s), social media, district website and designated school system.

Bomb Threats

If there is a bomb threat or similar emergency, the principal shall see that students are escorted to a safe place. The principal shall notify law enforcement agencies of the threat and request a thorough inspection of the buildings and grounds. Other contingencies as noted in the crisis plan shall be followed. If it is determined that no danger exists to the students' safety, and, if there is time remaining in the school day, school shall be resumed.

Planning for Emergencies

Each building principal shall develop appropriate emergency procedures which shall be included in the district's crisis plans. As appropriate, portions of the crisis plan developed shall be held in strict confidence by staff members having direct responsibility for implementing the plan.

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Emergency Drills **EBBE**

Building principals shall be responsible for scheduling and conducting emergency and safety drills as required by law and for ensuring students are instructed in the procedures to follow during the drills and in an actual emergency.

Each building principal shall develop a written plan for specific emergency drills required by law. The plan shall include specific arrangements for the evacuation of mobility impaired and other individuals who may need assistance from staff members to safely exit the building. Although plans for evacuation are essential, the state fire marshal may grant exemptions to the number or manner of drills required by law with regard to students receiving special education or related services, upon request.

Each principal shall conduct briefings with the staff concerning the emergency plan.

Each teacher shall explain relevant portions of the plan to students under their jurisdiction prior to a date established by the principal. Within one week thereafter, the building principal shall conduct a surprise drill. Other drills shall be held at times determined by the building principal.

The four fire drills and three crisis drills required by law may be scheduled at any time during the school year. However, the two tornado drills required shall be conducted in September and March. All these drills must be conducted by each school during school hours and cannot be made part of regular dismissal at the close of the school day.

Each emergency and safety drill plan shall be reviewed by the superintendent and filed with the clerk.

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Crisis Planning **EBBF**

(See EBBD)

The superintendent, in cooperation with each building principal, and the executive director of operations shall develop a plan to deal with crises in an attendance center. Each plan shall be approved by the board before it is implemented.

A copy of the plan shall be on file in each building and with the clerk.

Building principals shall train staff to implement the building plan. As necessary, students and parents will be informed about details of the plan.

Crisis plans shall be subject to regular review by the administration. If a plan is implemented, the board shall receive a report on how well the plan worked. If necessary, the report shall include recommended changes.

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(See EBBF)

The superintendent, in cooperation with identified personnel, shall develop a comprehensive cardiac emergency response plan, including policies and procedures for cardiac emergency responses for each attendance center operated by the district. The plan shall be approved by the board before it is implemented.

The cardiac emergency response plan shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Establishing a cardiac emergency response team;
- identifying and implementing the placement of automated external defibrillators;
- identifying roles and responsibilities of school district personnel, local law enforcement agencies, and local emergency medical services in implementing the cardiac emergency response plan;
- establishing procedures for responding to such emergencies, including the roles and responsibilities of school district personnel when responding to incidents involving an individual experiencing a suspected sudden cardiac arrest while attending school, at the site of any school-sponsored athletic practice or competition, or other school-sponsored activities located in this state, whether such site is located on the grounds of the school district or at another location;
- conducting routine maintenance of automated external defibrillators, including appropriate placement in accordance with the statewide standards;
- designating school district personnel for training in the use of automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation during a cardiac emergency;
- rehearsing cardiac emergency response plans, by simulation, by all athletic directors, coaches, assistant coaches, athletic trainers, school nurses, and any other school district personnel designated either prior to the beginning of each athletic season or prior to the beginning of each school year;
- establishing communication systems with local emergency medical services operating within the school district; and
- developing a cardiac emergency action plan for school sponsored events held at a location that is not on school district property.

Procedures designed for responding to cardiac emergencies shall include, but may not be limited to, the following focus areas:

- Responding to individuals experiencing a suspected sudden cardiac arrest;
- summoning emergency medical services;
- assisting emergency medical service providers; and
- documenting actions taken during such incident.

A copy of the plan shall be on file in each building and with the clerk.

Building principals and/or their designee shall train staff to implement the building plan. As necessary, students and parents will be informed about the details of the plan.

The cardiac emergency response plan shall be subject to regular review by the administration. Once the plan is implemented, the board shall receive a report on the effectiveness of the plan, and if necessary, any recommended changes.

The board shall annually review the cardiac emergency response plan. A copy of the plan shall be submitted to the secretary of health and environment. An amended copy of the plan shall be submitted upon changes to the plan made by the board.

BOE Approved KASB Recommendation: November 18, 2024

(See JCAC, JCDBB, JDD, JDDB, JDDC, JGGA, and KGD)

Security devices may be installed at district attendance centers. Other measures may be taken to prevent intrusions or disturbances from occurring in school buildings or trespassing on school grounds. The district will cooperate with law enforcement in security matters and shall, as required by law and by this policy, report felonies and misdemeanors committed at school, on school property or at school-sponsored activities.

Reporting Crimes at School to Law Enforcement

Unless reporting would violate the terms of any memorandum of understanding between the district and local law enforcement, any district employee who knows or has reason to believe any of the following has occurred at school; on school property; or at a school-sponsored activity, program, or event shall immediately report this information to local law enforcement.

Reportable events would include:

- Any act which constitutes the commission of a felony or a misdemeanor.
- Any act which involves the possession, use, or disposal of explosives, firearms, or other weapons as defined in current law.

It is recommended the building administrator also be notified.

Reporting Certain Students to Administrators and Staff

Administrative, professional, or paraprofessional employees of a school who have information that any of the following has occurred shall report the information and the identity of the student responsible to the superintendent.

Reportable events include:

- A student being expelled for conduct which endangers the safety of others.
- A student being expelled for commission of felony type offenses.
- A student being expelled for possession of a weapon.
- A student being adjudged to be a juvenile offender for an offense, which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony, except a felony theft offense involving no direct threat to human life.
- A student being tried and convicted as an adult for any felony, except theft involving no direct threat to human life.

The superintendent shall investigate the matter and, if it is confirmed, the superintendent shall provide appropriate information and the identity of the student responsible to all employees who are involved in or likely to be directly involved in teaching or providing related services to the student.

Annual Reports

The principal of each building shall prepare all reports required by law and present them to the board and the state board of education annually. Reports shall not include any personally identifiable information about students. These reports and this policy may be made available upon request to parents, patrons, students, employees, and others.

Staff Immunity

No board of education, board member, superintendent of schools, or school employee shall be liable for damages in a civil action resulting from a person's good faith acts or omission in complying with the requirements or provisions of the Kansas school safety and security act.

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Vandalism Protection

All school personnel shall report any vandalism to their immediate supervisor. School personnel are expected to lock or otherwise secure any files, records, safes or similar compartments at the close of each school day.

In the event of vandalism, the board may offer a reward according to law.

Restitution for Damages

The board shall seek restitution according to law for loss and damage sustained by the district.

The principal shall notify the superintendent of any loss of, or damage to, district property. The superintendent shall investigate the incident. The cost involved in repairing the damage and/or replacing equipment will be determined after consultation with appropriate personnel.

When a juvenile is involved, the superintendent shall contact the parents and explain their legal responsibility. The parents shall be notified in writing of the dollar amount of loss or damage. Routine procedures will be followed for any necessary follow-up to secure restitution from the responsible party.

Restitution payments shall be made by juveniles or their parents to the business office, and accounts shall be kept. Persons of legal age shall be held responsible for their own payments. If necessary, provisions may be made for installment payments.

Accounts not paid in full within the specified time may be processed for legal action.

Return of School Property

School property must be returned by students. If a student does not return district property, the superintendent may take action allowed by law.

Offering a Reward

The board may offer a reward for information leading to the discovery, arrest and conviction of persons committing acts of vandalism. The offer will conform to state law and the policy adopted by the board.

When the board decides to offer a reward, the notice to be published by the superintendent shall conform to the following:

The board of education, as authorized by K.S.A. 12-1672a, hereby offers a $_____ (up to $500.00) reward to any person who first provides information leading to the discovery, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for acts of vandalism on property, real or personal, owned by the school district or rightfully located on school district premises by its employees or students.

Persons having any knowledge are urged to contact the superintendent of schools at _____, _____, KS _____, telephone _____. The board reserves the right to determine the deserving recipients of the reward in the event of corroborating and supplementary information.

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Cleaning and Maintenance Programs **EBE**

The superintendent shall develop building and grounds cleaning and maintenance programs for board approval. After approval the plans shall be shared with the appropriate administrators and classified staff.

Sanitation

The superintendent shall develop cleaning schedules to see that all attendance centers and grounds are free from litter and refuse.

Cleaning, sanitation and routine maintenance plans shall be developed by the superintendent and may be published in the appropriate handbook(s) or job descriptions and/or employment contracts after board approval.

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The superintendent shall develop annually priority lists outlining long-range maintenance of school property, buildings and grounds.

The superintendent shall present a report to the board annually concerning the district's maintenance priorities. A cost analysis report shall be attached to the report.

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All records pertaining to district-wide maintenance costs shall be filed in the central office. When practical, a cost analysis of existing and proposed maintenance programs shall be developed by the superintendent.

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The superintendent shall keep up-to-date inventory records on all equipment and supplies.

Receiving

All packing lists will be checked against all invoices for accuracy by the superintendent or person responsible for receiving supplies.

A quantity control system is needed in order to prevent shortages or mismanagement of district-owned equipment or supplies. The system shall be kept up-to-date and be accurate enough to provide information for budget preparation each year.

Upon verification by the purchasing agent that receivables are in order, the merchandise shall be sent to the appropriate location as soon as possible. Each building principal shall be responsible for the allocation or storage of all supplies and equipment. If the items cannot be delivered to the proper destination, they will be stored in an appropriate storage area.

Back orders shall be filed with the invoice and attached to the purchase order. Periodic checks shall be made to determine whether back orders have been filled and delivered.

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(See BCBK, BE, CN, CNA, IDAE and JR et seq.)

The district shall comply with all applicable Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provisions ensuring the confidentiality of protected health information.

Staff Training Required

The district shall provide appropriate and timely professional development activities regarding HIPAA requirements.

Compliance Required

All staff shall abide by HIPAA requirements and maintain the confidentiality of protected health information. The district shall provide notice to staff and students as required by law.

BOE Approved KASB Recommendation: December 19, 2022

(See IIBG and KBA)

The copyright laws of the United States make it illegal for anyone to duplicate copyrighted materials without permission. Severe penalties are provided for unauthorized copying of all materials covered by the act unless the copying falls within the bounds of the "fair use" doctrine.

Any duplication of copyrighted materials by district employees must be done with permission of the copyright holder or within the bounds of "fair use."

The legal or insurance protection of the district shall not be extended to school employees who violate any provisions of the copyright laws.

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(See EDDA and JGG)

The district will provide transportation to students as required by law. Student transportation can be provided through any of the methods outlined by law.

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(See ED, JBCA, and JGG)

Use of buses and other school vehicles by the district shall conform to current law. School buses and other school vehicles will not be loaned, leased, or subcontracted to any person, groups of persons, or organizations except as allowed by law, subject to board approval.

Liability

All school vehicles will be adequately insured.

Safety

For the purposes of this policy, “school transportation provider” is defined to include school bus drivers, school passenger vehicle drivers, and other school employees who may transport students.

Every school transportation provider shall have a valid driver’s license. Such drivers shall have full authority and responsibility for the passengers riding in school vehicles.

Students or other persons riding in school buses or school vehicles who violate district policy or bus and/or school vehicle rules will be reported to the proper administrator. Violations of these policies and/or rules may result in disciplinary action by school officials or reports to law enforcement as appropriate.

Speed Limits

The board may set speed limits for district vehicles, which may be lower than state-allowed maximum speed limits.

Safety Inspection

The superintendent or the superintendent’s designee shall be responsible for bus and other transportation inspections.

Defects found in school vehicles shall be repaired as soon as possible. The director of transportation shall be responsible for keeping school vehicles in good operating condition.

Scheduling and Routing

Scheduling and routing shall be the responsibility of the superintendent or the superintendent’s designee.

Bus and transportation schedules and routing maps will be updated annually prior to the start of school.

Records

Every school transportation provider will keep accurate records pertaining to each assigned vehicle. The types of records shall be developed by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

Any record developed by the administration for the purpose of monitoring vehicle use will include, but may not be limited to, the following information: miles driven each trip, gas and oil usage,

purpose of the trip, destination, time of departure, and time of return. Such records will be signed by each driver at the conclusion of each trip and submitted to the person responsible for collection of these records. An annual summary report will be used in the compilation of the district's budget. A copy of the annual report may be given to the board on or before the regular board meeting in June or upon request.

Licensing of Drivers

It shall be the responsibility of all school transportation providers provide proof of a valid driver's license appropriate for the vehicle(s) to be driven for the district to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee at the beginning of each school year. If a school transportation provider's license is suspended or revoked at any time, the suspension or revocation shall be reported to the superintendent, and the employee shall immediately cease driving a school vehicle and transporting students.

School transportation providers shall be provided access to this policy annually.

Housing of School Vehicles

All school vehicles shall be housed in areas designated by the superintendent. Buses may be housed in the district's central storage area or assigned to a designated driver who may then house the bus as directed.

If district vehicles are assigned to designated employees, the employee shall be responsible for the proper care, maintenance, and housing of the vehicle at a district-owned site, while on school business, or at the employee's residence.

Transportation to Summer Athletic Events

The board authorizes the superintendent to approve the use of school buses or other school vehicles in transporting district students to summer athletic activities such as, but not limited to, camps, 7-on-7, and summer league games.

Any staff requests for such use shall be submitted to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee at least 10 days prior to the activity and shall include information concerning the time, date, and duration of trip; the purpose of the transportation; the projected number of students requiring transportation for such event; the type of bus(es) or vehicle(s) requested; which district staff member(s) will be accompanying the student(s) on such trips; and whether or not additional school transportation providers would be required to provide such transport.

The superintendent may grant or deny such requests after taking into consideration the following factors:

- the expense of providing requested transport;
- the availability of funds for such purpose;
- the availability of adequate school staff to chaperone and/or provide transportation;
- the availability of and/or the coverage of liability insurance for this purpose;
- priority of assignment and availability of necessary vehicles;
- Title IX and other fairness considerations in granting use or repeated use to a particular group of student participants; and
- other good cause as determined by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

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(See ED)

The board may allow for special uses of district buses using guidelines established in this policy. Transportation fees may be charged to offset totally or in part the cost of approved special trips. Revenues received by the board under the provisions of this policy shall not be considered a reduction of operating expenses of the school district. Groups allowed use of buses under this policy are responsible for the care and cleaning of the buses, and for the supervision of passengers. The types of groups allowed, and the restrictions placed on the activities these groups may sponsor while using district transportation, shall be approved by the board and filed with the clerk. Groups allowed use of district buses may not travel outside Kansas.

Special uses will not be approved without insurance coverage.

The board may allow the following special uses for district owned buses:

- Parents and/or other adults when traveling to or from school-related functions or activities;
- Students traveling to or from functions or activities sponsored by organizations, the membership of which is principally composed of children of school age;
- Persons engaged in field trips related to an adult education program maintained by the district;
- Governing bodies of townships, city or county who transport individuals, groups or organizations;
- Nonpublic school students when traveling to or from interschool or intraschool functions or activities;
- Community college students enrolled in the community college to or from attendance at class at the community college or to and from functions or activities of the community college.
- A four-year college or university, area vocational school, or area vocational-technical school for transportation of students to or from attendance at class at the four-year college or university, area vocational school or area vocational-technical school, or for transportation of students, alumni and other members of the public to or from functions or activities of these organizations;
- Public recreation commissions, if travel is to or from an activity related to the operation of the commission; and

- Another school district if there is a cooperative and shared-cost arrangement with that district.

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Food Services Management **EE**

(See EBBD)

A supervisor may be hired by the board to oversee the district's food service program.

Sanitation Inspections

The building principal shall inspect each lunchroom to ensure that proper sanitation procedures are being followed.

Records

The supervisor shall be responsible for keeping food service records required by state and federal laws and regulations.

The supervisor shall be under the direct supervision of the superintendent and shall have control over all aspects of the district's food service programs subject to board policy, rules and state and federal regulations.

Meal Prices

Meal prices shall be determined by the board.

Free and Reduced Price Meals

Parents or guardians of students attending schools participating in federal school meal programs must be informed of the availability of reimbursable school meals and provided with information about eligibility and the process for applying for free or reduced price meals on or before the start of school each year. Access to this policy will be provided to parents or guardians when they receive information regarding eligibility and applying for free or reduced price meals.

Unpaid Meal Charges

There will be no charge account established for students paying full or reduced price for meals provided by the district. Therefore, once the student's lunch account has been depleted below the purchase price of the student's portion of any meal or a la carte food item, the student will have insufficient funds to obtain additional school meals or a la carte food items until additional funds have been provided for this purpose.

Any student failing to keep his/her account solvent as required by the district shall not be allowed to charge further meals or to purchase food items that would result in a negative food account balance. However, such students will be allowed to purchase a meal or food item if the student pays for the meal or item when it is received. Students who have insufficient funds to purchase additional food in their account and cannot pay out of pocket for a meal will be

provided a meal.

A written low-balance reminder will be sent to the student's parent or guardian when the student's account balance falls below $5.00. In the event a student's meal account has insufficient funds to purchase additional food items, written communication with information on the free/reduced application for consideration will be sent to the parent or guardian requesting payment.

While it is not the district's policy to allow a student's lunch account to incur a negative balance, if the child qualifies for the free or reduced-price meals and a negative balance exists, the negative balance will require payment per federal guidelines. Parents or guardians may send lunches with the student from home, but the negative balance will require payment.

If payment of any negative balance is not received within ten working days, the debt will be turned over to the superintendent or superintendent's designee for collection per board policy DP. If the debt is not paid within twenty days of mailing the final notice of the negative account balance under policy DP, it shall be considered bad debt for the purposes of federal law concerning unpaid meal charges.

Balances will be maintained in Mosaic, PowerSchool, and www.MySchoolBucks.com. Payments for school meals may be made at the school or online at www.myschoolbucks.com. Students, parents, or guardians of students are encouraged to prepay meal costs.

The district will provide a copy of account balances and the meal charge policy to all households at or before the start of school each year and to families and students that transfer into the district at the time of transfer.

The terms of this policy will be communicated to all district staff responsible for enforcing any aspect of the policy. Records of how and when it is communicated to households and staff will be retained

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Data Dissemination

Data collected by the district may be disseminated with board approval in accordance with current law.

To Education Agencies

Data collected in the district may be provided to authorized state or federal government education agencies upon proper request, subject to the approval of the board or provisions of law.

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Facility planning programs shall provide for new developments in instruction, population shifts, and changes in the condition of existing facilities.

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Building Committees **FB**

Building committees may be appointed by the board to assess general or specific facility needs and to advise the board.

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(See KG)

Requests to use district buildings and/or facilities for displaying memorials, hosting funeral or memorial services, or honoring a person with its name shall be considered in accordance with the following provisions.

Memorials

As places designed primarily to support learning, school sites should not serve as the main venue for memorials for students or staff. Permanent memorials for deceased students or staff shall be limited in form to perpetual awards or scholarships for district students.

Any permanent memorials in existence before the adoption of this policy can only be removed by board action.

Funerals and Memorial Services in District Facilities

Use of school facilities for funerals or memorial services is discouraged. If requests are made to hold funeral or memorial services at district facilities, such requests will only be considered if any services are scheduled after school has dismissed for the day or on weekends.

The superintendent shall handle requests for funeral and memorial services.

Naming of Facilities

The board will consider requests from school and community groups to name an athletic or other school activity facility, building, or a portion thereof for a person provided the proposed name has special significance and/or the person has made an outstanding contribution to the school or the school system. The board shall consider naming requests after they are recommended by the superintendent.

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Capital Outlay Long Range Planning **FD**

The board directs the administration to develop long-range plans and reliable methods to project capital outlay needs. The long-range planning process may include recommendations from patrons, consultants, architects, the board attorney, the district staff and representatives from local, state and federal governmental agencies.

The superintendent shall report recommendations concerning the district's capital outlay needs to the board on or before the regular board meeting each March.

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Long Range Needs Determination **FDB**

The board and administration may periodically conduct district-wide assessments to evaluate facility use, to project future building needs, or to recommend that facilities be closed. A task force may be appointed to assist with the study.

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(See BDA, CM, and JA)

The goal of the personnel policies set forth in this policy section is to create the best possible educational climate for the students of the school district. To this end, these personnel policies are designed to prevent misunderstanding by the district's personnel of their duties, responsibilities, and privileges.

All employees shall follow all applicable board policies, rules, regulations, and supervisory directives.

All personnel handbooks shall be approved by the board and adopted, by reference, as a part of these policies and rules.

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Equal Employment Opportunity and Nondiscrimination **GAAA**

The board shall hire all employees on the basis of ability and the district's needs.

The district is an equal opportunity employer and shall not discriminate in its employment practices and policies with respect to hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of an individual's race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, or genetic information. Discrimination on any of these characteristics will not be tolerated. The district will make reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees who need them for medical or religious reasons, as required by law.

Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to Assistant Superintendent for Human Services, 1745 W. Grand, Haysville, Kansas 67060, 316-554-2200 the district compliance coordinator or to:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Gateway Tower II
400 State Ave., Suite 905
Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 551-5655
kansascityintake@eeoc.gov

or

Kansas Human Rights Commission
900 SW Jackson, Suite 568-S
Topeka, KS 66612-1258
(785) 296-3206
khrc@ks.gov

or

United States Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
One Petticoat Lane
1010 Walnut Street, Suite 320
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
(816) 268-0550
OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov

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The district is committed to maintaining a working and learning environment free from discrimination, insult, intimidation, or harassment due to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, genetic information, or disability. Except as otherwise provided in this policy and board policies GAAC, JGEC, and KNA, any incident of discrimination in any form shall promptly be reported to an employee's immediate supervisor, the building principal, or the district compliance coordinator for investigation and corrective action by the building or district compliance officer. Any employee who engages in discriminatory conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, genetic information, or religion in the admission to, access to, treatment, or employment in the district's programs and activities is prohibited. The Assistant Superintendent for Human Services, 1745 W. Grand, Haysville, Kansas 67060, 316-554-2206 has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 except discrimination on the basis of sex, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended.

Complaints regarding alleged discrimination on the basis of sex, as prohibited by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other federal and state laws regulating such discrimination and discriminatory harassment, shall be handled in accordance with the procedures outlined in board policies GAAC and JGEC and shall be directed to the Title IX Coordinator at Assistant Superintendent for Human Services, 1745 W. Grand, Haysville, Kansas 67060, 316-554-2200. More information may be obtained on discrimination on the basis of sex by contacting the Title IX Coordinator.

Complaints alleging discrimination in child nutrition programs offered by the district shall be handled in accordance with the procedures outlined in board policy KNA, and more information may be obtained on procedures for such complaint by contacting the district compliance coordinator.

Complaints of discrimination should be addressed to an employee's supervisor or to the building principal or the compliance coordinator. Complaints against the superintendent should be addressed to the board of education.

Unless otherwise provided herein, complaints of discrimination will be resolved using the district's discrimination complaint procedures in policy KN.

The district prohibits retaliation or discrimination against any person for opposing discrimination, including harassment; for participating in the complaint process; or making a complaint, testifying, assisting, or participating in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing.

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The “Title IX Coordinator” is the individual designated at the district level who has responsibility to coordinate compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, and the Kansas Act Against Discrimination. The Title IX Coordinator’s responsibilities include, but are not limited to: developing materials and ensuring professional development occurs for staff involved in Title IX compliance, creating systems to centralize records, gathering relevant data, contacting the complainant (and/or parents or guardians, if applicable) once the district has actual knowledge of alleged sexual harassment, coordinating the implementation of supportive measures, signing a formal complaint to initiate a grievance process, and ensuring any remedies are implemented.

The Title IX Coordinator, any investigator, decision-maker, or any person who facilitates an informal resolution process shall not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against the complainant or respondent. These individuals shall receive training on the definition of sexual harassment; the scope of the education program and activities; how to conduct an investigation, including appeals and informal resolution processes; and how to serve impartially, including avoiding prejudgment of the facts, conflicts of interest, and bias. Decision-makers shall receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant’s sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant. Investigators shall receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence in order for them to create investigative reports that fairly summarize relevant evidence.

Any employee who witnesses an act of sexual harassment or receives a complaint of harassment from another employee or a student shall report the complaint to their immediate supervisor, building administrator, or Title IX Coordinator. Employees who fail to report complaints or incidents of sexual harassment to appropriate district officials may face disciplinary action. District officials who fail to investigate and take appropriate corrective action in response to complaints of sexual harassment may also face disciplinary action.

Complaints received will be investigated to determine whether, under the totality of the circumstances, the alleged behavior constitutes sexual harassment under the definition outlined above. Unacceptable conduct may or may not constitute sexual harassment, depending on the nature of the conduct and its severity, pervasiveness, and persistence. Behaviors which are unacceptable but do not constitute harassment may also result in employee discipline.

If discrimination or harassment has occurred, the district will take prompt, remedial action to stop it and prevent its reoccurrence.

The Title IX Coordinator shall promptly respond in a meaningful way to any reports of sexual discrimination including sexual harassment of which the district has actual knowledge as follows:

- Contact the complainant within 10 business days and discuss the availability of supportive measures, with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and consider the complainant's wishes as to supportive measures; and
- Inform the complainant of the right to a formal complaint investigation consistent with Title IX and the informal resolution process.

Supportive Measures

The district will treat the complainant and respondent equitably by offering supportive measures. These non-disciplinary and non-punitive measures will be offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without cost to the complainant or the respondent. Supportive measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party. "Supportive Measures" shall include, but not be limited to, measures designed to protect the safety of all parties, to protect the district's educational environment, or to deter sexual harassment. These measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring, and other similar measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

The Formal Complaint

No investigation of alleged sexual harassment may occur until after a formal complaint has been filed.

A formal complaint is a document filed by the complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment and requesting an investigation. The procedures for filing a formal complaint are as follows:

- At the time of filing a formal complaint, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the education program or activity of the district concerning which the formal complaint is filed.

- A formal complaint should be filed in writing and contain the name and address of the person filing the complaint. The complaint should briefly describe the alleged violation. Filing of the complaint with the Title IX Coordinator may be done in person, by mail, or by email. If an individual does not wish to file a written complaint, and the matter has not been adequately resolved, the Title IX Coordinator may initiate the complaint. Forms for filing written complaints are available in each school building office and the central office.
- A complaint should be filed as soon as possible after the conduct occurs, but not later than 180 calendar days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation, unless the conduct forming the basis for the complaint is ongoing.
- An investigation shall follow the filing of the complaint. If the complaint is against the superintendent, the board shall appoint an investigating officer. In other instances, the investigation shall be conducted by a qualified individual designated by the Title IX Coordinator or another individual appointed by the board. The investigation shall be thorough. All interested persons, including the complainant and the respondent, will be afforded an opportunity to submit written or oral evidence relevant to the complaint.

Formal Complaint Notice Requirements

Upon filing of a formal complaint, the district shall provide written notice to the known parties including:

- Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment including sufficient details to prepare a response before any initial interview including:
  - the identities of the parties involved, if known;
  - the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment; and
  - the date and location of the alleged incident, if known.
- The district's investigation procedures, including any informal resolution process;
- A statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility will be made by the decision-maker at the conclusion of the investigation;
- Notice to the parties they may have an advisor of their choice and may inspect and review any evidence; and

- Notice to the parties of any provision in the district's code of conduct or policy that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information.

If, in the course of an investigation, the investigator decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the notice initially provided, notice of the additional allegations shall be provided to known parties.

Formal Complaint Investigation Procedures

To ensure a complete and thorough investigation and to protect the parties, the investigator shall:

- Ensure that the preponderance of the evidence burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rests on the district and not the parties;
- Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses and evidence;
- Not restrict either party's ability to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;
- Allow the parties to be accompanied with an advisor of the party's choice;
- Provide written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of any interview, meeting, or hearing at which a party is expected to participate;
- Provide the parties equal access to review all the evidence collected which is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint, including the investigative report, and the opportunity to respond to that evidence before a determination is made;
- Be impartial and objectively evaluate all relevant evidence without relying on sex stereotypes;
- Not have conflicts of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondent;
- Not make credibility determinations based on the individual's status as complainant, respondent, or witness.

Formal Complaint Investigation Report

The investigator shall prepare an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and share the report with the parties and their advisors for review and response.

Before completing the investigative report, the investigator must send each party and their advisors the investigative report for review and allow the parties 10 days to submit a written response for the investigator's consideration.

Decision-Maker's Determination

Upon receiving the investigator's report, the decision-maker must make a determination regarding responsibility and afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that the parties want asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions.

The decision-maker must issue a written determination regarding responsibility based on a preponderance of the evidence. The decision-maker's written determination shall:

- Identify the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment;
- Describe the procedural steps taken, including any notifications to the parties, site visits, methods used to gather evidence, and interviews;
- Include the findings of fact supporting the determination;
- Address any district policies and/or conduct rules which apply to the facts;

A statement of, and rational for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility; and

- The procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and/or respondent to appeal the determination.

The written determination may, but is not required to, recommend disciplinary sanctions and any remedies designed to preserve access to the educational program or activity that may be provided by the district to the complainant.

A copy of the written determination shall be provided to both parties simultaneously.

The range of disciplinary sanctions and remedies may include, but may not be limited to, supportive measures, short term suspension, long term suspension, expulsion for students, and/or termination for employees. Complainants and respondents shall be treated equitably by providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for the effective implementation of any remedies. If the investigation results in a recommendation that a student be suspended or expelled, procedures outlined in board policy and state law governing student suspension and expulsion will be followed.

If the investigation results in a recommendation that an employee be suspended with or without pay or terminated, procedures outlined in board policy, the negotiated agreement (as applicable), and/or state law will be followed.

Records relating to complaints filed and their resolution shall be maintained by the Title IX Coordinator for seven years.

The decision becomes final on the date the parties receive the results of an appeal, if any appeal is filed, or on the date the opportunity for an appeal expires.

Appeals

The complainant or respondent may appeal the decision-maker's determination regarding responsibility or a dismissal of a formal complaint, on the following base:

- Procedural irregularity that affected the outcomes;
- New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time that could affect the outcome; and/or
- The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, or decision-maker had a conflict of interest or bias against either party that affected the outcome.

The request to appeal shall be made in writing to the Title IX Coordinator within 10 days after the date of the written determination. Appeals shall be a review of the record by an attorney, an independent hearing officer appointed by the board, or the board. The appeal decision-maker may not be the Title IX Coordinator, the Investigator, or the decision-maker from the original determination.

The appeal decision-maker will issue a written decision within 30 days after the appeal is filed. The appeal decision-maker will describe the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result.

The appeal decision-maker shall:

- Review the evidence gathered by the investigator, the investigator's report, and the original decision-maker's determination;
- Notify both parties in writing of the filing of an appeal and give them an opportunity to submit further evidence in writing;
- Not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainant or respondent and receive the required training;
- Issue a written decision and the rationale for the decision within 30 days after the appeal is filed;
- Describe the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result in the decision; and
- Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties and to the Title IX Coordinator.

Informal Resolution Process

At any time during the formal complaint process and prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the district may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and determination of responsibility.

The informal resolution process may be facilitated by a trained educational professional, consultant, or other individual selected by the Title IX Coordinator under the following conditions:

- The parties are provided a written notice disclosing the allegations, the requirements of the informal resolution process, information on when it may preclude the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations;
- At any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the investigation of the formal complaint and be informed of any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process;
- The parties voluntarily and in writing consent to the informal resolution process; and
- The informal resolution process cannot be used to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

If the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the parties, the facilitator shall document the nature of the complaint and the proposed resolution, have both parties sign the documentation and receive a copy, and forward it to the Title IX Coordinator. Within 20 days after the complaint is resolved in this manner, the Title IX Coordinator shall contact the complainant to determine if the resolution of the matter remains acceptable. If the matter is not resolved, or if the individual does not believe the resolution remains acceptable within 20 days after the informal resolution document is executed, the individual or the Title IX Coordinator may proceed with the formal complaint process.

If discrimination or harassment has occurred, the district will take prompt, remedial action to prevent its reoccurrence. The district prohibits retaliation or discrimination against any person for opposing discrimination, including harassment; for participating in the complaint process; or making a complaint, testifying, assisting, or participating in any investigation, proceeding, or appeal.

Use of this complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of any other remedies including the right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

Initiation of a complaint of sexual harassment in good faith will not adversely affect the job security or status of an employee, nor will it affect his or her compensation. Any act of retaliation or discrimination against any person who has filed a complaint or testified, assisted, or participated in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing involving sex discrimination including sexual harassment is prohibited. Any person who retaliates is subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

To the extent possible while still following the above procedures, confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigation and resolution of a complaint. The desire for confidentiality must be balanced with the district's obligation to conduct a thorough investigation, to provide supportive measures to both parties, to take appropriate corrective action, and to provide due process to the complainant and the respondent.

False or malicious complaints of sexual harassment may result in corrective or disciplinary action against the complainant.

A summary of this policy and the complaint procedures including how to report or file a formal complaint of sex discrimination or sexual harassment shall be posted in each district facility, shall be published in employee handbooks, and on the district's website as directed by the Title IX Coordinator. Notification of the policy may include posting information notices, publishing in local newspapers, publishing in newspapers and magazines operated by the school, or distributing memoranda or other written communications to students and employees. In addition, the district is required to include a statement of nondiscriminatory policy in any bulletins, announcements, publications, catalogs, application forms, or other recruitment materials that are made available to participants, students, applicants, or employees.

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Racial and Disability Harassment: Employees **GAACA**

(See GAF, JGECA and KN)

The board of education is committed to providing a positive and productive working and learning environment, free from discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national origin, or disability. Racial and disability harassment will not be tolerated in the school district. Racial or disability harassment of employees or students of the district in any district education program or activity is strictly prohibited.

Racial harassment is unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin under Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Kansas Acts Against Discrimination. Disability harassment is unlawful discrimination on the basis of disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. All forms of racial and disability harassment are prohibited at school, on school property, and at all school-sponsored activities, programs or events.

It shall be a violation for any employee to discourage a student or another employee from filing a complaint, or to fail to investigate or refer for investigation, any complaint lodged under the provisions of this policy.

Violations of this policy by any employee shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Harassment prohibited by this policy includes racially or disability-motivated conduct which:

- Affords an employee different treatment, solely on the basis of race, color, national origin, or disability, in a manner which interferes with or limits the ability of the employee to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or programs of the school;
- Is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent so as to have the purpose or effect of creating a hostile working environment;
- Is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent so as to have the purpose or effect of interfering with an individual's work performance or employment opportunities.

Racial or disability harassment may result from verbal or physical conduct or written or graphic material.

The district encourages all victims of racial or disability harassment and persons with knowledge of such harassment to report the harassment immediately. Complaints of racial or disability harassment will be promptly investigated and resolved.

Employees who believe they have been subjected to racial or disability harassment should discuss the problem with their immediate supervisor. If an employee's immediate supervisor is the alleged harasser, the employee should discuss the problem with the building principal or the district compliance coordinator. Employees who do not believe the matter is appropriately resolved through this meeting may file a formal complaint under the district's discrimination complaint procedure in policy KN.

Complaints received will be investigated to determine whether, under the totality of the circumstances, the alleged behavior constitutes racial or disability harassment under the definition outlined above. Unacceptable conduct may or may not constitute racial or disability harassment, depending on the nature of the conduct and its severity, pervasiveness and persistence. Behaviors which are unacceptable but do not constitute harassment may also result in employee discipline.

If discrimination or harassment has occurred, the district will take prompt, remedial action to prevent its reoccurrence.

Any employee who witnesses an act of racial or disability harassment or receives a complaint of harassment from another employee or a student shall report the complaint to the building principal. Employees who fail to report complaints or incidents of racial or disability harassment to appropriate school officials may face disciplinary action. School administrators who fail to investigate and take appropriate corrective action in response to complaints of racial or disability harassment may also face disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Initiation of a complaint of racial or disability harassment in good faith will not adversely affect the job security or status of an employee, nor will it affect his or her compensation. Any act of retaliation or discrimination against any person who has filed a complaint or testified, assisted, or participated in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing involving a racial or disability harassment complaint is prohibited. Any person who retaliates is subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment.

To the extent possible, confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigation of a complaint. The desire for confidentiality must be balanced with the district's obligation to conduct a thorough investigation, to take appropriate corrective action or to provide due process to the accused.

False or malicious complaints of racial or disability harassment may result in corrective or disciplinary action against the complainant.

A summary of this policy shall be posted in each district facility and shall be published in employee handbooks and on the district's website as directed by the district compliance coordinator. Notification of the policy shall be included in the school newsletter or published in the local newspaper annually.

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Employee Whistleblower **GAACB**

(See DE)

No disciplinary action shall be taken against a district employee because the employee:

- Discussed the operations of the district or other matters of public concern, including matters relating to public health, safety, and welfare either specifically or generally, with any member of the board or any auditing agency;
- reported a violation of state or federal law or any policies and regulations adopted pursuant to such laws to any person, agency, or organization;
- failed to give notice to the employee's supervisor or the board prior to making any report as described in the above paragraph; or
- disclosed malfeasance or other misappropriation of money held by the district to any person, agency, or organization.

The above shall not be construed to:

- Prohibit a supervisor or the board from requiring that an employee inform their supervisor or the district compliance coordinator regarding governing body or auditing agency requests for information submitted to the district or the substance of testimony made, or to be made, by the employee to members of the board or the auditing agency on behalf of the district;
- permit an employee to leave the employee's assigned work areas during normal work hours without following applicable rules and regulations and policies pertaining to employee leave unless the employee is requested by a member of the board to appear before the board or by an auditing agency to appear at a meeting with officials of the auditing agency;
- authorize an employee to represent the employee's personal opinions as the opinion of the district; or
- prohibit disciplinary action of an employee who discloses information that:
    - the employee knows to be false or that the employee discloses with reckless disregard for the truth or falsity of such information;
    - the employee knows to be exempt from required disclosure under the open records act;
    - is confidential or privileged under state or federal law or court rule; or
    - is disclosed due to a corrupt motive rather than a good faith concern for a wrongful activity.

Copies of this policy shall be prominently posted in each school and district building in a location where it can reasonably be expected to come to the attention of all employees of the district.

As used in this policy, auditing agency means:

- The legislative post auditor;
- any employee of the division of post audit;
- any firm performing audit services pursuant to a contract with the post auditor;
- any state agency or federal agency or authority performing auditing or other oversight activities under authority of any provision of law authorizing such activities; or
- the inspector general established in state law.

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(See JCAC and JGEC)

Any district employee who has reason to know or suspect a child has been injured as a result of physical, mental, or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse, shall promptly report the matter to the local Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) office or to the local law enforcement agency if the DCF office is not open. Employees may file a report of suspected abuse anonymously to either DCF by phoning 1-800-922-5330 or to local law enforcement officials. The Code for Care of Children also provides civil immunity from prosecution if the report is made in good faith.

The employee making the report will not contact the child's family or any other persons to determine the cause of the suspected abuse or neglect.

DCF or Law Enforcement Access to Students on School Premises

The building principal shall allow a student to be interviewed by DCF or law enforcement representatives on school premises to investigate suspected child abuse and shall act as appropriate to facilitate the agency's access to the child and to protect the student's interests during the process. State law grants the investigating agency the authority to determine whether a school employee may be present while the interview is being conducted, taking into account the child's best interests. If asked to sit in on the interview by the agency representative conducting it, the building principal or designee thereof shall oblige such request in order to provide comfort to the child throughout the process and to facilitate the investigation.

Cooperation Between School and Agencies

Principals shall work with DCF and law enforcement agencies to develop a plan of cooperation for investigating reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. To the extent that safety is not compromised, law enforcement officers investigating complaints of suspected child abuse or neglect on school property shall not be in uniform.

Reporting Procedure

The employee shall promptly report to the local DCF office or law enforcement if DCF is closed. It is recommended the building administrator also be notified after the report is made.

If the building principal has been notified, the principal shall immediately notify the superintendent that the initial report to DCF has been made. If appropriate, the principal may confer with the school's social worker, guidance counselor or psychologist. At no time shall the principal or any other staff member prevent or interfere with the making of a suspected child abuse report.

If available, the following information shall be given by the person making the initial report: name, address, and age of the student; name and address of the parents or guardians; nature and extent of

injuries or description of neglect or abuse; and any other information that might help establish the cause of the child's condition.

Any personal interview or physical inspection of the child by any school employee shall be conducted in an appropriate manner with an adult witness present.

State law provides that anyone making a report in good faith and without malice shall be immune from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

Mobile Crisis Helpline

Crisis support for Kansas families and children to resolve an emotional, psychiatric, or behavioral health crisis is available through the Department of Children and Families Mobile Crisis Helpline, 1-833-441-2240, including:

- Problem solving to resolve behavioral health crisis;
- Referral to community resources or recommendation to engage in stabilization services:
- In-person support via mobile crisis response; and
- Contacting mobile crisis response unit to assist in emergency situations.

Services are available to all Kansans 20 years or younger including anyone in foster care or formerly in foster care.

Annual Training

Annual training for all school employees on child abuse and neglect reporting requirements shall be provided, and documentation of the training shall be maintained.

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Bullying by Staff **GAAE**

(See EBC, GAAB, JDD, JDDC, and KGC)

The board of education prohibits bullying in any form by any student, staff member, or parent towards a student or a staff member on or while using school property, in a school vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or event. For the purposes of this policy, the term "bullying" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Kansas law.

The administration shall propose, and the board shall review and approve a plan to address bullying as prohibited herein. The plan shall include provisions for the training and education of staff members.

Staff members who bully others in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or termination. If appropriate, staff members who violate the bullying prohibition shall be reported to local law enforcement.

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The board of education is committed to limiting the use of Emergency Safety Intervention ("ESI"), such as seclusion and restraint, with all students. Seclusion and restraint shall be used only when a student's conduct necessitates the use of an emergency safety intervention as defined below. The board of education encourages all employees to utilize other behavioral management tools, including prevention techniques, de-escalation techniques, and positive behavioral intervention strategies.

This policy shall be made available on the district website with links to the policy available on any individual school pages. In addition, this policy shall be included in at least one of the following: each school's code of conduct, school safety plan, or student handbook. Notice of the online availability of this policy shall be provided to parents during enrollment each year.

Definitions

"Campus police officer" means a school security officer designated by the board of education of any school district pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6146, and amendments thereto.

"Chemical Restraint" means the use of medication to control a student's violent physical behavior or restrict a student's freedom of movement.

"Emergency Safety Intervention" is the use of seclusion or physical restraint, but does not include physical escort or the use of time-out.

"Incident" means each occurrence of the use of an emergency safety intervention.

"Law enforcement officer" and "police officer" mean a full-time or part-time salaried officer or employee of the state, a county, or a city, whose duties include the prevention or detection of crime and the enforcement of criminal or traffic law of this state or any Kansas municipality. This term includes a campus police officer.

"Legitimate law enforcement purpose" means a goal within the lawful authority of an officer that is to be achieved through methods or conduct condoned by the officer's appointing authority.

"Mechanical Restraint" means any device or object used to limit a student's movement.

"Parent" means:

1. a natural parent;
2. an adoptive parent;
3. a person acting as a parent as defined in K.S.A. 72-3122(d)(2), and amendments thereto;
4. a legal guardian;
5. an education advocate for a student with an exceptionality;
6. a foster parent, unless the student is a child with an exceptionality; or

7. a student who has reached the age of majority or is an emancipated minor.

"Physical Escort" means the temporary touching or holding the hand, wrist, arm, shoulder, or back of a student who is acting out for the purpose of inducing the student to walk to a safe location.

"Physical Restraint" means bodily force used to substantially limit a student's movement, except that consensual, solicited, or unintentional contact and contact to provide comfort, assistance, or instruction shall not be deemed to be physical restraint.

"School resource officer" means a law enforcement officer or police officer employed by a local law enforcement agency who is assigned to a district through an agreement between the local law enforcement agency and the district.

"School security officer" means a person who is employed by a board of education of any school district for the purpose of aiding and supplementing state and local law enforcement agencies in which the school district is located, but is not a law enforcement officer or police officer.

"Seclusion" means placement of a student in a location where all of the following conditions are met:

1. the student is placed in an enclosed area by school personnel;
2. the student is purposefully isolated from adults and peers; and
3. the student is prevented from leaving, or reasonably believes that he or she will be prevented from leaving the enclosed area.

"Time-out" means a behavioral intervention in which a student is temporarily removed from a learning activity without being secluded.

<u>Prohibited Types of Restraint</u>

All staff members are prohibited from engaging in the following actions with all students:

- Using face-down (prone) physical restraint;
- Using face-up (supine) physical restraint;
- Using physical restraint that obstructs the student's airway;
- Using physical restraint that impacts a student's primary mode of communication;
- Using chemical restraint, except as prescribed treatments for a student's medical or psychiatric condition by a person appropriately licensed to issue such treatments; and

- Use of mechanical restraint, except:
  - Protective or stabilizing devices required by law or used in accordance with an order from a person appropriately licensed to issue the order for the device;
  - Any device used by a certified law enforcement officer to carry out law enforcement duties; or
  - Seatbelts and other safety equipment when used to secure students during transportation.

Use of Emergency Safety Interventions

ESI shall be used only when a student presents a reasonable and immediate danger of physical harm to such student or others with the present ability to effect such physical harm. Less restrictive alternatives to ESI, such as positive behavior interventions support, shall be deemed inappropriate or ineffective under the circumstances by the school employee witnessing the student's behavior prior to the use of any ESI. The use of ESI shall cease as soon as the immediate danger of physical harm ceases to exist. Violent action that is destructive of property may necessitate the use of an ESI. Use of an ESI for purposes of discipline, punishment, or for the convenience of a school employee shall not meet the standard of immediate danger of physical harm.

ESI Restrictions

A student shall not be subjected to ESI if the student is known to have a medical condition that could put the student in mental or physical danger as a result of ESI. The existence of such medical condition must be indicated in a written statement from the student's licensed health care provider, a copy of which has been provided to the school and placed in the student's file.

Such written statement shall include an explanation of the student's diagnosis, a list of any reasons why ESI would put the student in mental or physical danger, and any suggested alternatives to ESI. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a student may be subjected to ESI, if not subjecting the student to ESI would result in significant physical harm to the student or others.

Use of Seclusion

When a student is placed in seclusion, a school employee shall be able to see and hear the student at all times.

All seclusion rooms equipped with a locking door shall be designed to ensure that the lock automatically disengages when the school employee viewing the student walks away from the seclusion room, or in case of emergency, such as fire or severe weather.

A seclusion room shall be a safe place with proportional and similar characteristics as other rooms where students frequent. Such room shall be free of any condition that could be a danger to the student, well-ventilated, and sufficiently lighted.

Training

All staff members shall be trained regarding the use of positive behavioral intervention strategies, de-escalation techniques, and prevention techniques. Such training shall be consistent with nationally recognized training programs on ESI. The intensity of the training provided will depend upon the employee's position. Administrators, licensed staff members, and other staff deemed most likely to need to restrain a student will be provided more intense training than staff who do not work directly with students in the classroom. District and building administration shall make the determination of the intensity of training required by each position.

Each school building shall maintain written or electronic documentation regarding the training that was provided and a list of participants, which shall be made available for inspection by the state board of education upon request.

Notification and Documentation

The principal or designee shall notify the parent the same day as an incident. The same-day notification requirement of this subsection shall be deemed satisfied if the school attempts at least two methods of contacting the parent. A parent may designate a preferred method of contact to receive the same-day notification. Also, a parent may agree, in writing, to receive only one same-day notification from the school for multiple incidents occurring on the same day.

Documentation of the ESI used shall be completed and provided to the student's parents no later than the school day following the day of the incident. Such written documentation shall include:

(A) The events leading up to the incident;

(B) student behaviors that necessitated the ESI;

(C) steps taken to transition the student back into the educational setting;

(D) the date and time the incident occurred, the type of ESI used, the duration of the ESI, and the school personnel who used or supervised the ESI;

(E) space or an additional form for parents to provide feedback or comments to the school regarding the incident;

(F) a statement that invites and strongly encourages parents to schedule a meeting to discuss the incident and how to prevent future incidents; and

(G) email and phone information for the parent to contact the school to schedule the ESI meeting. Schools may group incidents together when documenting the items in subparagraphs (A), (B) and (C) if the triggering issue necessitating the ESIs is the same.

The parent shall be provided the following information after the first and each subsequent incident during each school year:

1. a copy of this policy which indicates when ESI can be used;
2. a flyer on the parent's rights;
3. information on the parent's right to file a complaint through the local dispute resolution process (which is set forth in this policy) and the complaint process of the state board of education; and
4. information that will assist the parent in navigating the complaint process, including contact information for Families Together and the Disability Rights Center of Kansas.

Upon the first occurrence of an incident of ESI, the foregoing information shall be provided in printed form or, upon the parent's written request, by email. Upon the occurrence of a second or subsequent incident, the parent shall be provided with a full and direct website address containing such information.

Law Enforcement, School Resource, and Campus Security Officers

Campus police officers and school resource officers shall be exempt from the requirements of this policy when engaged in an activity that has a legitimate law enforcement purpose. School security officers shall not be exempt from the requirements of this policy.

If a school is aware that a law enforcement officer or school resource officer has used seclusion, physical restraint, or mechanical restraint on a student, the school shall notify the parent the same day using the parent's preferred method of contact. A school shall not be required to provide written documentation to a parent, as set forth above, regarding law enforcement use of an emergency safety intervention, or report to the state department of education any law enforcement use of an emergency safety intervention. For purposes of this subsection, mechanical restraint includes, but is not limited to, the use of handcuffs.

Documentation of ESI Incidents

Except as specified above with regard to law enforcement or school resource officer use of emergency safety interventions, each building shall maintain documentation any time ESI is used with a student. The documentation shall include all of the following:

- Date and time of the ESI,
- Type of ESI,
- Length of time the ESI was used,
- School personnel who participated in or supervised the ESI,

- Whether the student had an individualized education program at the time of the incident,
- Whether the student had a section 504 plan at the time of the incident, and
- Whether the student had a behavior intervention plan at the time of the incident.

All such documentation shall be provided to the building principal, who shall be responsible for providing copies of such documentation to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee on at least a biannual basis. At least once per school year, each building principal or designee shall review the documentation of ESI incidents with appropriate staff members to consider the appropriateness of the use of ESI in those instances.

Reporting Data

District administration shall report ESI data to the state department of education as required.

Parent Right to Meeting on ESI Use

After each incident, a parent may request a meeting with the school to discuss and debrief the incident. A parent may request such meeting verbally, in writing, or by electronic means. A school shall hold a meeting requested under this subsection within 10 school days of the parent's request. The focus of any such meeting shall be to discuss proactive ways to prevent the need for emergency safety interventions and to reduce incidents in the future.

For a student with an IEP or a Section 504 plan, such student's IEP team or Section 504 plan team shall discuss the incident and consider the need to conduct a functional behavioral assessment, develop a behavior intervention plan, or amend the behavior intervention plan if already in existence.

For a student with a section 504 plan, such student's section 504 plan team shall discuss and consider the need for a special education evaluation. For students who have an individualized education program and are placed in a private school by a parent, a meeting called under this subsection shall include the parent and the private school, who shall consider whether the parent should request an individualized education program team meeting. If the parent requests an individualized education program team meeting, the private school shall help facilitate such meeting.

For a student without an IEP or Section 504 plan, the school staff and the parent shall discuss the incident and consider the appropriateness of a referral for a special education evaluation, the need for a functional behavioral assessment, or the need for a behavior intervention plan. Any such meeting shall include the student's parent, a school administrator for the school the student attends, one of the student's teachers, a school employee involved in the incident, and any other school employees designated by the school administrator as appropriate for such meeting.

The student who is the subject of such meetings shall be invited to attend the meeting at the discretion of the parent. The time for calling such a meeting may be extended beyond the 10-day limit if the parent of the student is unable to attend within that time period. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the development and implementation of a functional behavior assessment or a behavior intervention plan for any student if such student would benefit from such measures.

Local Dispute Resolution Process

If a parent believes that an emergency safety intervention has been used on the parent's child in violation of state law or board policy, the parent may file a complaint as specified below.

The board of education encourages parents to attempt to resolve issues relating to the use of ESI informally with the building principal and/or the superintendent before filing a formal complaint with the board. Once an informal complaint is received, the administrator handling such complaint shall investigate such matter, as deemed appropriate by the administrator. In the event that the complaint is resolved informally, the administrator must provide a written report of the informal resolution to the superintendent and the parents and retain a copy of the report at the school. The superintendent will share the informal resolution with the board of education and provide a copy to the state department of education.

If the issues are not resolved informally with the building principal and/or the superintendent, the parents may submit a formal written complaint to the board of education by providing a copy of the complaint to the clerk of the board and the superintendent within thirty (30) days after the parent is informed of the incident.

Upon receipt of a formal written complaint, the board president shall assign an investigator to review the complaint and report findings to the board as a whole. Such investigator may be a board member, a school administrator selected by the board, or a board attorney. Such investigator shall be informed of the obligation to maintain confidentiality of student records and shall report

the findings of fact and recommended corrective action, if any, to the board in executive session.

Any such investigation must be completed within thirty (30) days of receipt of the formal written complaint by the board clerk and superintendent. On or before the 30th day after receipt of the written complaint, the board shall adopt written findings of fact and, if necessary, appropriate corrective action. A copy of the written findings of fact and any corrective action adopted by the board shall only be provided to the parents, the school, and the state department of education and shall be mailed to the parents and the state department within 30 days of the board's receipt of the formal complaint.

If desired, a parent may file a complaint under the state board of education administrative review process within thirty (30) days from the date a final decision is issued pursuant to the local dispute resolution process.

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(See CD and GACB)

New employment positions shall be authorized by the board. The superintendent shall prepare for board approval a comprehensive list of all new positions, together with their qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, for board consideration.

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(See CD and GACA)

The superintendent shall develop a job description for each category of employee. After board approval of any new or revised job descriptions, they will be deemed in effect, shall be filed with the clerk, and may be published in handbooks.

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Recruitment

The board delegates recruiting authority to the superintendent. In carrying out this responsibility, the superintendent may involve administrators and other employees.

Hiring

The board shall approve the hiring of all employees. No staff member's employment is official until the contract or other document is signed by the candidate and approved by the board.

Hiring Sequence

- Conditional offer of employment is extended to the candidate in writing subject to revocation or, if provisional employment has already begun, termination of employment based upon unsatisfactory results of any reference and/or background checks performed;
- Written acceptance by the candidate is received;
- Contract or other appropriate document sent to the candidate and candidate's acceptance signified by a signed document returned to the superintendent; and
- Approval of the contract or other documents by the board.

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The superintendent shall make reasonable efforts to determine whether a candidate for employment is related to or residing with a board member or an administrator of the district. If a candidate is related to or residing with a board member or administrator, the superintendent will make this fact known to the board.

Except in an emergency or in the case the individual is deemed to be the most qualified candidate for the position by the board, the board will not employ anyone who is the father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of any board member or who resides in the household of any board member.

This provision shall not apply to any person who has been regularly employed by the board prior to the adoption of this policy or to any person who has been regularly employed by the board prior to the election or appointment of a new board member to whom the person is related.

Supervision Limitations

No employee shall directly supervise or be responsible for any portion of the evaluation of his or her father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law or an individual residing with the employee.

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Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9) **GACD**

(See GAK)

All district employees, at the time of employment, shall provide verification of identity and employment status to the superintendent.

The superintendent shall maintain a file on all of the district's employees hired after November 6, 1986, proving that each employee has verified their identity, employment status, U.S. citizenship, or legal alien status.

For additional information see:

http://www.uscis.gov/files/nativedocuments/m-274.pdf

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The board reserves the right to assign, reassign, or transfer all employees, unless otherwise provided in the negotiated agreement.

The board may delegate its authority to assign, reassign, or transfer any or all employees to the superintendent.

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Employee Development Opportunities **GAD**

Except as may be specified in the negotiated agreement concerning staff members covered thereby, all plans for self-improvement involving expenditure of district funds or which require time away from the employee's assigned responsibilities shall be approved in advance by the board.

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Complaints **GAE**

Any employee may file a complaint with their supervisor concerning a school rule, regulation, policy or decision that affects the employee. The complaint shall be in writing, filed within ten (10) days following the event complained of, and shall specify the basis of the complaint. The supervisor shall meet with the employee and provide a written response within ten (10) days. If the employee disagrees with the decision, the employee may appeal to the superintendent. The superintendent's decision shall be final. Employees covered by the negotiated agreement shall follow procedures outlined in that document.

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Staff-Student Relations **GAF**

(See GAAC, GAACA JGEC, JGECA and KN)

Staff members shall maintain professional relationships with students which are conducive to an effective educational environment. Staff members shall not have any interaction of a romantic and/or sexual nature with any student at any time regardless of the student's age or consent.

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Conflict of Interest **GAG**

District employees are prohibited from engaging in any activity which may conflict with or detract from the effective performance of their duties. No employee will attempt, during the school day or on school property, to sell or endeavor to influence any student or school employee to buy any product, article, instrument, service, or other items which may directly or indirectly benefit the school employee. No school employee will enter into a contract for remuneration with the district other than a contract for employment unless the contract is awarded on the basis of competitive bidding.

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Participation in Community Activities **GAH**

Prior permission must be obtained from the superintendent for participation in any non-school community activity which takes place during duty hours.

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Holding Public Office

Staff members elected or appointed to a public office which restricts the employee's ability to complete contractual obligations may be required to take unpaid leave for a period of time determined by the board or may be terminated.

Staff members holding a public office, which in the judgment of the board is less than full-time, shall request unpaid leave from the superintendent at least one week in advance.

An employee who must be absent from school to carry out the duties of a public office must take a leave of absence without pay for the duration of the public office.

Political Activity in the Schools

Staff members shall not use school time, school property, or school equipment for the purpose of furthering the interests of any political party, the campaign of any political candidate, or the advocacy of any political issue.

For the purposes of this policy, "advocacy of any political issue" shall not be deemed to include providing information on educational matters to elected officials.

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(See KDC)

All solicitations of and by staff members during duty hours are prohibited without prior approval of the appropriate supervisor.

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(See JL and KH)

The giving of gifts between students and staff members is discouraged. Unless approved by the principal, staff members shall not give gifts to any student or class of students when the gifts arise out of a school situation, class or school-sponsored activity.

Gifts to Staff Members

Staff members are prohibited from receiving gifts from vendors, salesmen or other such representatives. Premiums resulting from sales projects sponsored by the school shall become the property of the school.

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(See CEI, CGI, GACD, GBI, and GCI)

Personnel files required by the district shall be confidential and in the custody of the records custodian and/or the superintendent. Employees have the right to inspect their files upon proper notice under the supervision of an appropriate supervisor. All records and files maintained by the district should be screened periodically by the custodian of records.

All personnel files and evaluation documents, including those stored by electronic means, shall be adequately secured.

Requests for References

Unless otherwise provided by law, a request by a third party for release of any personnel record shall require the written consent of the employee, and shall be submitted to the records custodian who shall respond to the request as the law allows.

Upon receipt of a written request district officials may provide information regarding past and present employees to prospective employers in compliance with current law. Information that may be provided will include:

- employment date(s);
- job description and duties while in the district's employ;
- last salary or wage;
- wage history;
- whether the employee was voluntarily or involuntarily released from service and the reasons for the separation;
- written employee evaluations which were conducted prior to the employee's separation from the employer and to which an employee shall be given a copy upon request.

Immunity Provided

Unless otherwise provided by law, an employer who responds in writing to a written request concerning a current or former employee from a prospective employer of that employee shall be absolutely immune from civil liability for disclosure of the information noted earlier in this policy to which an employee may have access.

Prohibition on Aiding and Abetting Sexual Abuse

Pursuant to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, the board prohibits the board, individual board members, and any individual or entity who is a district employee, contractor, or

agent from assisting a district employee, contractor, or agent in obtaining a new job if the board, individual, or entity knows, or has probable cause to believe, that such school employee, contractor, or agent engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law. For the purposes of this policy, it shall not be deemed assisting in obtaining a new job if the aforementioned individuals or entities participate in the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files in accordance with law and this policy,

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Salary Deductions (FLSA) **GAL**

(See GAOF)

The district shall comply with the salary basis requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The board prohibits all managers from making any improper deductions from the salaries of exempt employees. Employees shall be made aware of this policy.

If an employee believes that an improper deduction has been made to his or her salary, the employee should immediately report this information to his or her direct supervisor, or to the associate superintendent for business affairs.

Reports of improper deductions shall be promptly investigated. If it is determined that an improper deduction has occurred, the employee shall be promptly reimbursed for any improper deduction made.

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Personal Appearance **GAM**

Appropriate dress and personal appearance is essential for all district employees.

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Travel Expenses **GAN**

(See BBBF, CEF, CG, GBRC and GCA)

The board shall provide reimbursement for expenses incurred in travel related to the duties of the district's employees when approved in advance by the superintendent. Mode of travel will be based on, but not limited to, the availability of transportation, distance and number of persons traveling together. A first-class air fare will be reimbursed only when coach space is not available.

Claims for reimbursement may be made up to, but should not exceed, the following amounts: The daily in-state allowance is $50 per day. The daily out of-state allowance for meals during out-of-state conferences shall be $60.00 per day. In addition, tips up to 25 percent of the meal cost are allowable for satisfactory service. The district will not reimburse any claims for alcoholic beverages.

Requests for reimbursement shall have the following attached: receipts for transportation, parking, hotels or motels, meals and other expenses for which receipts are ordinarily available. For the authorized use of a personal car, including approved travel between buildings, staff members shall be reimbursed at a mileage rate established by the board.

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(See CEF and GAN)

Non-administrative staff use of a district credit card, if authorized by the staff member's immediate supervisor, shall be confined to necessary school business and shall be subject to any guidelines for such use established by the board or district administration. Unless otherwise specified in guidelines established pursuant to this policy, staff members shall retain any receipt(s) for district credit card expenditure(s) and shall provide them to the staff member's immediate supervisor as soon as practicable following the expenditure.

The superintendent may designate administrative and other staff members to whom a district credit card will be issued. The board shall annually prescribe limits and restrictions on the use of district credit cards and shall monitor monthly receipts and reimbursement expenses. In no case will credit card expenditures in excess of $2,000.00 in one month be authorized for any non-administrative staff member without the prior approval of the superintendent.

All rewards points or cash back payments earned using district credit cards are district property and shall be either applied to future district credit card purchases or remitted to the district treasurer for accounting and deposit. Accountings of district credit card use shall be provided to the board for review on a monthly basis, and a record of district credit card usage shall be maintained. Expenses for district travel in personal vehicles or extended travel incurred in the performance of official duties shall be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of GAN.

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(See JGFB and GAAF)

Each employee is responsible for maintaining proper control in the school. Unless otherwise specified in board policy, an employee may use reasonable force necessary to ward off an attack, to protect a student or another person, or to quell a disturbance which threatens physical injury to others.

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(See LDD)

Maintaining a drug-free workplace is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for the students of the district. Unless otherwise specified in this policy. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited at school, on or in school district property; and at school sponsored activities, programs, and events. Possession and/or use of a controlled substance by an employee for the purposes of this policy shall only be permitted if such substance was obtained directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order issued thereto, from a person licensed by the state to dispense, prescribe, or administer controlled substances and any use is in accordance with label directions.

As a condition of employment in the district, employees shall abide by the terms of this policy.

Employees shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, and/or use controlled substances in the workplace.

Any employee who is convicted under a criminal drug statute for a violation occurring at the workplace must notify the superintendent of the conviction within five days after the conviction. The superintendent shall then ensure that notice of such conviction is given to any granting agency within 10 days of receiving notice thereof.

Within 30 days after the notice of conviction is received, the school district will take appropriate action with the employee. Such action may include, suspension, placement on probationary status, or other disciplinary action including termination. Alternatively, or in addition to any action short of termination, the employee may be required to participate satisfactorily in an approved drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program as a condition of continued employment. The employee shall bear the cost of participation in such program. Each employee in the district shall be given a copy of this policy.

This policy is intended to implement the requirements of the federal regulations promulgated under the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988. It is not intended to supplant or otherwise diminish disciplinary actions which may be taken under board policies or the negotiated agreement.

Maintaining a drug-free workplace is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for the students of the district. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the district.

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(See JDDA and LDD)

The possession, use, sale, distribution, or being under the influence of controlled substances and/or alcohol by school employees at school; on, in, or while utilizing school property; or at school sponsored activities, programs, or events is prohibited.

Employee Conduct

As a condition of continued employment in the district, all employees shall abide by the terms of this policy. Employees shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use, and/or be under the influence of illicit drugs, controlled substances, and/or alcoholic beverages at school; on, in, or while utilizing school property; or at school sponsored activities, programs, or events.

Possession, use, and/or being under the influence of a controlled substance by an employee for the purposes of this policy shall only be permitted if such substance was:

1. Obtained directly from, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, issued to such employee from a person licensed by the state to dispense, prescribe, or administer controlled substances; and
2. Used, if at all, in accordance with label directions.

Compliance with the terms of this policy is mandatory. Employees who are found violating the terms of this policy will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officers. Additionally, an employee who violates the terms of this policy may be subject to any or all of the following sanctions:

1. Short term suspension with pay;
2. Short term suspension without pay;
3. Long term suspension without pay;
4. Required participation in a drug and alcohol education, treatment, counseling, or rehabilitation program;
5. Termination or nonrenewal of employment relationship.

Prior to applying sanctions under this policy, employees will be afforded any due process rights to which they are entitled under their contracts or the provisions of Kansas law. Nothing in this policy is intended to diminish the right of the district to take any other disciplinary action. This policy is not intended to change any right, duty, or responsibilities in the current negotiated agreement.

If it is agreed that an employee shall enter into and complete a drug education or rehabilitation program, the cost of such program will be borne by the employee. A list of area drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs, along with names and addresses of contact persons for the programs, is on file with the board clerk.

Employees are responsible for contacting the directors of the programs to determine the cost and length of the program and for enrolling in the programs. If participation in such a program is required as a condition of continued employment, copies of any documentation related to enrollment in and attendance in such program shall be made available to the board and/or administration upon request.

A copy of this policy shall be provided to all employees.

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(See JCDAA and KMA)

The use, possession, or promotion of any tobacco product by staff members is prohibited at all times in any district facility; in school vehicles; at school-sponsored activities, programs, or events; and on school owned or operated property.

The following definitions apply to this policy.

"Tobacco product" means any product that is made from or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery system (hereafter "ENDS"), cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus. Tobacco product also means any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, charging devices, cartridges, and any substance used in ENDS, whether or not they contain nicotine. This definition does not include FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies including transdermal nicotine patches, nicotine gum, and nicotine lozenges prescribed to the employee by a medical practitioner or obtained over the counter and used in accordance with label requirements.

"Electronic nicotine delivery system" or "(ENDS)" means any device that delivers a vaporized solution (including nicotine, THC, or any other substance) by means of cartridges or other chemical delivery systems. Such definition shall include, but may not be limited to, any electronic cigarette, vape pen, hookah pen, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or personal vaporizer. ENDS are not FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy devices.

"Promotion" includes, but is not limited to, product advertising via branded gear, bags, clothing, any personal articles, signs, structures, vehicles, flyers, or any other materials.

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Drug and Alcohol Testing **GAOD**

All district employees performing job functions which require the employee to maintain a commercial driver's license shall be tested for alcohol and drugs as required by current federal law. Board approved rules and regulations necessary to implement the testing program shall be on file with the clerk.

Each new employee who is required to undergo alcohol and drug testing shall be given a copy of the appropriate district regulations.

Each new employee shall be informed that compliance with the required elements of the testing program is a condition of employment as a driver in the district. All employees shall be informed of this policy on an annual basis.

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(See KFD)

The district will participate in workers compensation as required by current statute. The combined workers compensation benefits and salary received under allowed paid leave shall not exceed one full day's pay.

All employees of the district shall be covered by workers compensation. Workers compensation coverage is provided for all employees regardless of assignment, length of assignment, and/or hours worked per day. Benefits are for personal injury from accident or industrial diseases arising out of and in the course of employment in the district.

An injured employee must notify the designated employer's workers compensation coordinator or, if the coordinator is unavailable, his or her supervisor within 20 days of the injury or within 20 days of repetitive trauma in order to be eligible for benefits.

The workers compensation plan will provide coverage for medical expenses and wages to the extent required by statute to those employees who qualify; however, the amount of workers compensation benefits and paid leave benefits shall not exceed a regular daily rate of pay. An employee using paid leave in combination with workers compensation will be charged for one full or partial day of paid leave, as provided for in the applicable leave policy or the negotiated agreement, for each day of absence until the employee's paid leave is exhausted.

Any employee who is off work and receiving workers compensation benefits shall be required to provide the designated workers compensation coordinator with a written doctor's release before the employee is allowed to return to work. In addition, should the employee be released to return to work

by a doctor and fail to do so, all benefits under paid leave shall terminate, and those benefits under workers compensation shall be restricted as provided by current statute.

Whenever an employee is absent from work and is receiving workers compensation benefits due to a work-related injury or is receiving district paid disability insurance, the employee may use available paid leave to supplement the workers compensation or district paid disability insurance payments. Workers compensation benefits and FMLA benefits provided in a board approved plan shall run concurrently if both are applicable.

In no event shall the employee be entitled to a combination of workers compensation benefits, district paid disability insurance, and salary in excess of his/her full salary. Available paid leave may be used for this purpose until 1) available paid leave benefits are exhausted; 2)

the employee returns to work; 3) the employee is released by the medical provider and a position is offered by the employer, but the employee declines to return to work; or 4) employment is terminated. Paid leave shall be calculated on a prorata amount equal to the percentage of salary paid by the district.

Testing

The board, through its designated workers compensation coordinator, may require employees who claim or are involved in an accident in the course of employment to submit to a post-injury chemical test. This includes instances where the district administration or workers compensation coordinator has actual knowledge of an accident whether the employee has or has not requested medical treatment. If an employee refuses to submit to an employer requested post-injury chemical test, the employee forfeits all related workers compensation benefits as provided in K.S.A. 44-501(b)(1)(E). Chemical test collection, labeling, and performance shall meet the requirements found in K.S.A. 44-501(b)(3).

Choice of Physician

The board shall have the right to choose a designated health care provider to provide medical assistance to any employee who suffers an injury while performing their job. However, if the injured employee chooses to go to a medical provider other than the designated provider, the recovery for such expenses shall be limited to $500.00.

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(See GAL)

Salary deductions shall be made if permitted by board policy, the negotiated agreement, or as required or authorized by law. The district shall comply with the salary basis requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA.)

The superintendent shall develop forms to provide information needed to make approved salary deductions. All requests for salary deductions shall be submitted to the superintendent during enrollment periods established by the board.

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Whenever an employee has been diagnosed by a physician as having a communicable disease as defined in current regulation, the employee shall report the diagnosis and nature of the disease to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee so that a proper reporting may be made to the county or joint board of health as required by current law.

An employee afflicted with a communicable disease dangerous to the public health may be excluded from district owned or operated property for the duration of the contagiousness in order to give maximum health protection to other school employees and to students.

The employee shall be allowed to return to duty upon recovery from the illness, when the employee is no longer contagious as authorized by the employee's physician or local health officer, or after the expiration of any period of isolation or quarantine.

The board reserves the right to require a written statement from the employee's physician or local health officer indicating that the employee is free from all symptoms of the communicable disease.

If a school employee has been diagnosed as having a communicable disease and the superintendent has been notified by the employee, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall determine whether a release shall be obtained from the employee's physician or local health officer before the employee returns to duty.

Decisions regarding the type of employment setting for an employee with a communicable disease shall be made by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee based upon consideration of the physical condition of the employee and the following factors:

- the nature of the risk;
- the duration of the risk;
- the severity of the risk; and
- the probability that the disease will be transmitted or cause harm to the employee or to others who will share the same setting.

No information regarding employees with communicable diseases shall be released by school personnel without the employee's consent except as allowed by state or federal law.

Additional Certifications of Health

If at any time the board has reason to believe that an employee is suffering from an illness detrimental to the health of pupils, the board reserves the right to require such employee to provide the board with a new certificate of health in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the school's students.

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Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan **GARA**

The board shall adopt an exposure control plan. The plan shall be accessible to all employees and shall be reviewed and updated at least annually. All staff shall receive the training and equipment necessary to implement the plan.

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Eligible district employees shall be provided family and medical leave as provided by a plan approved by the board. The plan for providing leave under this policy shall be filed with the clerk of the board and made available to all staff at the beginning of each school year.

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Pregnant and Parenting Employees **GARIA**

(See GAAA and GAAB)

The board prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. Pregnant and nursing employees will be provided accommodations as required by law.

Reasonable Accommodations for Pregnancy-Related Limitations

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified applicants and employees with known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. An accommodation is not reasonable if it would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the school system. No adverse action will be taken against an applicant or employee for requesting or using a reasonable accommodation.

Break Time to Express Milk

Qualified employees will be provided reasonable break times to express breast milk each time the employee has need to express milk. The principal or the site supervisor will designate a place, other than a bathroom, that the employee may use to express milk. Any designated place must be functional as a space for expressing milk, shielded from view, and free from intrusion from others.

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Uninformed Service Leave **GARID**

Employees are entitled to military leave under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. The Act applies to military service that began on or after December 12, 1994 or military service that began before December 12, 1994 if the employee was a reservist or National Guard member who provided notice to the employer before leaving work.

Reemployment rights extend to persons who have been absent from work because of "service in the uniformed services." The uniformed services consist of the following military branches:

- Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard.
- Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force Reserve or Coast Guard Reserve.
- Army National Guard or Air National Guard.
- Commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.
- Any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or emergency.

"Service" in the uniformed services means duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service, including:

- Active duty.
- Active duty for training.
- Initial active duty for training.
- Inactive duty training.
- Full-time National Guard duty.
- Absence from work for an examination to determine a person's fitness for any of the above types of duty.

The employee may be absent for up to five (5) years for military duty and retain reemployment rights. There are, however, exceptions which can exceed the five (5) year limit. Reemployment protection does not depend on the timing, frequency, duration or nature of an individual's service. The law enhances protections for disabled veterans including a requirement to provide reasonable accommodations and up to two (2) years to return to work if convalescing from injuries received during service or training.

The returning employee is entitled to be reemployed in the job that they would have attained had they not been absent for military service, with the same seniority, status and pay, as well as other rights and benefits determined by law. If necessary, the employer must provide training or retraining that enables the employee to refresh or upgrade their skills so they can qualify for reemployment. While the individual is performing military service, he or she is

deemed to be on a furlough or leave of absence and is entitled to the non-seniority rights accorded other individuals on non-military leaves of absence. Individuals performing military duty of more than 30 days may elect to continue employer sponsored health care for up to 18 months at a cost of up to 102 percent of the full premium. For military service of less than 31 days, health care coverage is provided as if the individual had never left. All pensions which are a reward for length of service are protected.

Individuals must provide advance written or verbal notice to their employers for all military duty. Notice may be provided by the employee or by the branch of the military in which the individual will be serving.

Notice is not required if military necessity prevents the giving of notice; or, if the giving of notice is otherwise impossible or unreasonable.

Accrued vacation or annual leave may be used (but is not required) while performing military duty. The individual's timeframe for returning to work is based upon the time spent on military duty.

TIME SPENT ON MILITARY DUTY	RETURN TO WORK OR APPLICATION FOR REEMPLOYMENT
Less than 31 days:	Must return at the beginning of the next regularly scheduled work period on the first full day after release from service, taking into account safe travel home plus an eight (8) hour rest period.
More than 30 but less than 181 days:	Must submit an application for reemployment within 14 days of release from service.
More than 180 days:	Must submit an application for reemployment within 90 days of release from service.

The individual's separation from service must be under honorable conditions in order for the person to be entitled to reemployment rights. Documentation showing eligibility for reemployment can be required. The employer has the right to request that an individual who is absent for a period of service of 31 days or more provide documentation showing:

- the application for reemployment is timely;
- the five-year service limitation has not been exceeded; and
- separation from service was under honorable conditions.

If documentation is not readily available or does not exist, the individual must be reemployed.

However, if after reemploying the individual, documentation becomes available that shows one or more reemployment requirements were not met, the employer may terminate the individual, effective immediately. The termination does not operate retroactively.

Questions should be directed to Veterans' Employment and Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor.

Kansas law also requires reemployment if an individual is called to active duty by the state.

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(See IIBG and IIBGC)

The board encourages district employees to use technology, including communication devices, to improve efficiency and safety. The district expects all employees to use communication devices in a responsible manner that does not interfere with the employee's job duties. Employees who violate district policies and procedures governing the use of communication devices may be disciplined, up to and including termination, and may be prohibited from possessing or using communication devices while at work. Communication devices may not be used in any manner that would violate the district's policy on student-staff relations.

Definitions

"Communication device" is defined to include all portable devices that send or receive calls or text messages, allow the retrieval of email, or provide access to the Internet. Communication devices shall include, but may not be limited to cell phones, smart phones, iPads, and tablets.

"Use/Using" for the purposes of this policy mean answering or talking on the phone; sending or responding to a text, e-mail, or other communication; opening and viewing pictures or digital recordings; opening and listening to music or audio communications; accessing social media websites; playing games on such device; continuously checking a communication device; or any activity with a communication device that interferes with the employee's job duties or appropriate supervision of students.

General Use

The district prohibits employees from using any communication device that interrupts or disrupts the performance of duties by the employee or otherwise interferes with district operations, as determined by the employee's supervisor. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the communication device used is owned by the employee or provided by the district. Employees are responsible for keeping communication devices secure and, if possible, password protected.

Supervision of students and the provision of academic instruction are priorities in the district, and employees who are responsible for supervising and/or providing academic instruction to students must concentrate on these tasks at all times. Employees shall not use communication devices when they are responsible for supervising students or when their doing so interrupts or interferes with classroom instruction unless any of the following conditions occurs:

- The device is being used to instruct the students being supervised at the time;
- The use is necessary to the performance of an employment-related duty;

- The employee has received specific and direct permission from a supervisor to do so; or
- There is an emergency.

Even when these conditions exist, the employee is responsible for obtaining assistance in adequately supervising students during the approved use so that students are supervised at all times.

Use in Vehicles

Regardless of other provisions of this policy, unless there is an emergency, employees shall not use communication devices when:

- Driving district-provided vehicles;
- Operating a vehicle in which a student is being transported when the transportation is provided as part of the employee's job; or
- Supervising students who are entering or exiting a vehicle, crossing thoroughfares, or are otherwise attempting to safely reach their destinations.

Even in emergency situations, employees should first take all possible safety precautions before using communication devices. Employees are subject to local, state, and federal laws governing use of cell phones while driving and will be solely responsible for all traffic violation liabilities resulting from their use of a phone while driving.

Use of District-Provided Communication Devices

The district may provide communication devices and service to some employees to assist them in carrying out their employment-related duties on and off district property. Use of a district-provided communication device is a privilege. The superintendent or designee has sole discretion as to which employees will be provided communication devices and may recall any previously issued communication device. Employees do not have any expectation of privacy in district-provided communication devices or any information stored on them, and such devices may be confiscated and searched at any time.

Employees are expected to exercise reasonable care to protect district-provided communication devices from damage or theft and must report any such incidents immediately. The district may require employees to reimburse the district for any damage or theft that was the result of the employee's negligence. Users of district-provided communication devices must abide by any use limitations included in the district's service contract.

Personal Use of District-Provided Communication Devices

Personal use of district-provided communication devices is permissible as long as the use does not exceed the limits of the applicable plan. An employee whose use exceeds plan limitations will be required to reimburse the district for all expenses beyond those covered by the

plan and may have privileges suspended or revoked unless the employee can show that all use was for employment-related duties and the device was not used for personal reasons. The amount of personal use of a communication device or service paid for under E-Rate can be no greater than the cost allocation submitted in the request for the E-Rate discount.

Staff Bring Your Own Device Policy

Use of employees' personal communication devices during work hours shall be restricted to classroom or work-related activities. Such personal communication devices may only be used by the staff member and are not for student use. The security of personal computing devices is solely the responsibility of the staff member. Any loss resulting from damage or theft of personal communication devices in the school setting is not the responsibility of the district.

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Supervision **GBH**

The superintendent and other administrators designated by the superintendent have the right to supervise licensed staff. The responsibility for the immediate supervision of licensed staff rests with each building principal.

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(See GAK)

The board shall adopt an approved evaluation instrument. The instrument shall govern evaluation of teachers, shall be filed with the clerk and may be published in teacher handbooks.

Availability of Evaluation Documents

Completed evaluation documents shall be available to the employee, the superintendent, assistant superintendent, other administrators under whose supervision the teacher works, and others authorized by law.

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation criteria shall be established by the board.

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Suspension **GBK**

The superintendent shall have the authority to suspend licensed employees with pay pending further board action.

The superintendent may suspend licensed employees with pay for any reason, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following: alleged violation of board policy, rule or regulation; refusal or failure to follow a reasonable directive of an administrator; the filing of a complaint against the employee with any civil or criminal authority; the alleged commission of an offense involving moral turpitude; or other good cause.

If a suspension without pay is imposed on an employee, the employee is entitled to pay until the employee has been advised of the basis for suspension and has been given an opportunity to respond.

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Nonrenewal and Termination **GBN**

Nonrenewal or termination shall be in accordance with Kansas law and the negotiated agreement, as applicable.

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Resignation **GBO**

The board shall consider any licensed employee's resignation which is submitted to the board in writing. The board may accept resignations from employees under contract when the resignation will be in the best interests of the district. Also see the negotiated agreement.

A licensed employee who has signed a contract and accepted a teaching position in the district for the coming year or who has not resigned by the continuing contract notice deadline shall not be released from that contract to accept another position until a suitable replacement has been employed.

If the licensed employee terminates employment in the district without complying with board policy, the board may petition the State Board of Education to have the teacher's license suspended.

Exit Interviews

Exit interviews may be conducted after an employee resigns.

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Reduction of Teaching Staff **GBQA**

If the board decides that the size of the teaching staff must be reduced, guidelines in the following rule or the negotiated agreement, if applicable, shall be followed. Insofar as possible reduction of staff shall be accomplished by attrition due to resignations and retirement.

The following steps will be utilized by the district's administrative staff to reduce the teaching staff:

The number of teaching positions to be reduced shall be in accordance with the educational goals established by the board. The number of teachers needed to implement the district's educational program will then be determined by the administrative staff based on those educational goals in determining which teachers will be nonrenewed due to reduction in force.

The educational goals and needs of the district, individual certifications, qualifications, training, skills, evaluations, and interests shall be considered.

If all of the teachers in the area identified for reduction have similar certifications, qualifications, training, skills, evaluations and interests, the teacher(s) who best meets the needs of the district, considering the factors outlined above and any other relevant factors, will be retained.

Any certified employee who has not been reemployed as a result of reduction of the teaching staff shall be considered for reemployment if a vacancy exists for which the teacher would qualify. Certified employees who may be eligible for reemployment are required to notify the district of their current address. The superintendent will recommend to the board reinstatement of any teacher he/she deems qualified and able to serve the best interests of the district. The board shall not be required to consider reinstatement of any teacher after a period of one year from the date of nonrenewal.

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(See JGFB)

Licensed personnel must be at their assigned area during each duty day. Any teacher who finds it necessary to leave while supervising students shall first secure approval from the principal. Building and playground assignments shall be made by the principal.

Work Schedules

The minimum length of the school day for licensed and professional staff shall be defined in the negotiated agreement. Work schedules for other employees shall be defined by the superintendent consistent with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and the provisions of this policy.

Attendance Required

Regular attendance is required of all employees subject to leave provisions in district policy or the negotiated agreement, as appropriate. Excessive absences or tardiness, unauthorized leave or unexcused absences may result in disciplinary action including termination of employment.

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(See GAN and GBRH)

There shall be a program of professional development for employees, which meets minimum statutory and State Board of Education requirements. The program shall promote:

- continuous professional development;
- improving academic achievement for all students;
- diversification in academic foundations or subject knowledge; and
- improved job effectiveness and enhanced skills.

When appropriate, the superintendent shall consult with the staff about professional development activities.

All appropriate employees shall attend professional development sessions unless excused by the superintendent. Professional development programs may use all or a portion of the workday.

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Staff meetings for licensed personnel shall be called by the administration.

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The board may establish other educational assignments that may extend beyond the school day or time class is in session. Compensation for such assignments, if any, will be as specified in the negotiated agreement.

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Student and Parent Conferences **GBRF**

Teachers shall be available for student and/or parent conferences at mutually convenient times. The principal may schedule individual or building-wide parent-teacher conferences as necessary.

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Non-School Employment **GBRG**

The board reserves the right of exclusive access to the professional services of licensed employees in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Licensed employees shall not engage in outside employment which interferes with their duties.

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Consulting **GBRGA**

Licensed employees may request to be excused from regular duty by the board to serve as paid or unpaid consultants to other districts, government agencies or private industry. If the employee takes paid leave to perform consulting services, any fee and/or honorarium paid to the employee shall be returned to the district.

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Tutoring for Pay **GBRGB**

Teachers shall not receive pay for tutoring or private instruction at school unless approved in advance by the board.

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(See GBRC)

Licensed employees will be provided with paid and unpaid leave in accordance with applicable law and the negotiated agreement. The board reserves the right to grant additional leave.

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Disability Leave **GBRIBA**

The board may grant leave of absence for disability with or without pay.

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Substitute Teaching **GBRJ**

Qualified substitute teachers shall be secured for the district.

The superintendent or the superintendent's designee may meet with potential substitutes before the start of each school year.

The principals shall compile a list of available substitute teachers, and each principal shall have a current list.

Principals or other designated employees shall be responsible for obtaining substitute teachers from the list and employing them as needed.

The board shall establish the rate of pay for substitute teachers annually.

Candidates will be given information regarding expectations in performance of their job duties.

Substitutes are encouraged to prepare, in advance, for the subjects in which they are most likely to substitute in case lesson plans are not available.

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(See IA and IKB)

An educator in the performance of assigned duties shall:

- meet and continuously maintain applicable certification or licensure requirements as defined by state and/or federal law for position held;
- actively support and pursue the district's educational mission;
- recognize the basic dignity of all individuals;
- maintain professional integrity;
- avoid accepting anything of substantial value offered by another which is known to be or which may appear to influence judgment or the performance of duties;
- accurately represent professional qualifications; and
- be responsible to present any subject matter in a fair and accurate manner.

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(See GAN)

Classified employees shall be paid according to pay rates established by the board. Payment shall be made at the established pay date following the end of each pay period.

Work Assignments

Subject to board approval, the superintendent shall develop time schedules for all classified employees. Work assignments for classified employees shall be made by the superintendent.

Attendance Required

Regular attendance is required of all employees subject to leave provisions in district policy, employee handbooks or other documents approved by the board. Excessive absences or tardiness, unauthorized leave or unexcused absences may result in disciplinary action including termination of employment.

Workweek For the purposes of Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) compliance, the workweek will be 12:00 a.m. Sunday until 11:59 p.m. Saturday.

Classification of Employees

For purposes of compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), the superintendent shall ensure that all job positions are classified as exempt or nonexempt and that employees are made aware of such classifications.

Overtime

No non-exempt employee shall work more than 40 hours per week without the prior written permission of the appropriate supervisor. Principals and supervisors shall monitor employees' work to ensure that the overtime provisions of this policy and the Fair Labor Standards Act are followed. All employees shall be compensated for overtime worked, at a rate of one and a half times their normal rate of pay for any hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

Nonexempt employees whose workweek is less than 40 hours will be paid at the regular rate of pay for time worked up to 40 hours. Overtime pay will be provided only if an employee works more than 40 hours in a workweek.

Compensation for Out-of-Town/Overnight Trips

When classified personnel are required to be out of town on district business, they shall be compensated in the following manner:

Regular or overtime pay (or compensatory time) as appropriate for time away from (name of town) MINUS:

1. Eight hours for sleep when overnight;
2. Reasonable time for meals (normally one hour per meal); and
3. Time used exclusively for pleasure or personal business.

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(See GAK)

All classified employees shall be evaluated twice during their first year of employment and at least once a year during subsequent years. Evaluation documents will be on file with the clerk of the board.

Classified employees shall be evaluated by the supervisor to whom they are assigned. Classified employees shall be evaluated on their personal qualities, their commitment to duty and work skills related to their job description. A copy of the completed evaluation will be given to the employee after it is signed by the employee and the evaluator and will be placed in the employee's personnel file.

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Evaluation of Coaches and Sponsors **GCIA**

All employees contracted to coach or sponsor an activity shall be evaluated annually. Evaluation documents will be on file with the clerk of the board.

Coaches and sponsors shall be evaluated by the supervisor to whom they are assigned. Evaluations shall be based on the employee's personal qualities, their commitment to duty, their work skills, and other appropriate issues related to the activity sponsor/coach job description. A copy of the completed evaluation shall be given to the employee after it is signed by the employee and the evaluator and will be placed in the employee's personnel file.

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Suspension **GCK**

The superintendent shall have the authority to suspend classified employees with or without pay. If a suspension without pay is imposed on a classified employee, the employee is entitled to pay until the employee has been advised of the basis for suspension and has been given an opportunity to respond.

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Non-School Employment **GCRF**

Classified employees shall not be excused during their regularly assigned time schedule to perform outside employment. Classified employees shall not engage in outside employment which interferes with their duties.

BOE Approved: July 7, 2003

(See GBRH)

Paid Leave

Full-time employees will be credited with paid leave in accordance with handbook language approved by the board.

Unpaid Leave

The board may grant a period of unpaid leave as determined by the board. The period of leave and reason for unpaid leave shall be determined by the board unless otherwise prescribed by law. The board shall not be required to pay any salary or benefits during periods of unpaid leave except as may be required by law.

Jury Leave

Any employee called to jury duty will be granted paid leave and such leave will not be deducted from the employee's credited paid leave.

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Vacations **GCRH**

Full-time classified employees may be granted a paid vacation each year.

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Paid Holidays **GCRI**

Paid holiday leave may be granted to classified employees.

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The board shall negotiate with its professional employees as provided by law.

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Professional negotiations are for the purpose of determining the terms and conditions of employment as defined by law.

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Scope of Negotiations **HAC**

Negotiations shall cover only topics that are mandatorily negotiable under current law. The board reserves the right to negotiate any topic the board deems in the best interest of the district.

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Board Negotiating Representatives **HAE**

The board shall select as its representative(s) those person(s) the board feels will best represent the interests of the district.

Each year the board shall designate its representative(s) for the purpose of negotiating during the current school year. The superintendent and the board president shall make recommendations to the board regarding who shall be the chief negotiator for the board and other members of the negotiating team.

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Superintendent's Role **HAF**

The superintendent shall not be the chief negotiator for the board. The superintendent shall only act in an advisory capacity.

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Use of School Facilities **HAHBA**

School facilities shall be made available for negotiating sessions without cost to the teachers' organization. If the representatives of the teachers wish to negotiate in facilities not furnished by the board, none of the costs of any other facilities shall be paid for by the board.

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Use of School Equipment **HAHBB**

The board may make school equipment available for negotiating sessions.

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(See CN)

The time, place, duration, notification, agenda and rules of order shall be as agreed by the board team and teachers' team.

Distribution of Information

Board distribution of information concerning negotiating sessions shall be discretionary with the board.

Research Assistance

Upon request, the board shall furnish to the association any information which is public record. Information not currently available in the form requested by the association, at the discretion of the board, may be supplied if the association reimburses the board for any additional expenses. (See CN)

Minutes and Records

One member of the board's team shall be designated to keep reasonably detailed minutes and records of all negotiating sessions. Following each session, a person shall transcribe the minutes and notes and distribute the minutes to the board.

Reporting to the Staff and Board

The board shall, through the superintendent, be fully advised as to the status of the negotiating sessions. The board shall be furnished copies of the minutes and records of each session. The board shall, through the superintendent, report to the staff information as the board deems advisable.

Reporting to the Media and Public

The board reserves the right to release to the media and public information regarding negotiations. Before any school board news release or statement on negotiations to the press and public is made, the release shall be prepared by the chief negotiator and the superintendent and approved by the president of the board. If the president of the board is unavailable, the vice-president of the board shall make the determination, and if he is also unavailable, the superintendent shall make the determination. No other person is authorized to release to the public or press, on behalf of the board, any information in regard to negotiations.

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All tentative agreements shall be reported to the board.

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Ratification Procedures **HAK**

The board will not engage in piecemeal ratification of agreements. The board will not take action on the total "package of agreements" until after the teachers' association has acted upon the same package of agreements. If after the completion of impasse procedures, the board and teachers' association have not reached agreement, the board shall take action to conclude the matter as provided by law.

All tentative or preliminary agreements shall be placed in one package and presented to the board for its consideration.

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Announcement of Agreement **HAL**

The board may announce its ratification of the agreement.

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Slowdowns **HAN**

The board opposes work slowdowns by its teachers.

If any district teachers engage in a practice commonly known as a "slowdown," the board shall immediately direct the superintendent and other administrators to investigate the situation and report back to the board instances in which a teacher is not performing in accordance with the terms of the contract. The board shall take whatever action may be deemed appropriate, including termination of the teacher.

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Haysville Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

SECTION I
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

USD 261
HAYSVILLE SCHOOLS

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(See GBU and IKB)

District Mission Statement: The relentless pursuit of excellence.

Both academic and non-academic programs comprise the educational program. The educational program shall be performance-oriented and research-based.

All students shall have an equal opportunity to pursue and acquire knowledge and to master the educational program's objectives.

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School Site Councils **IB**

(See KA)

A site council shall be established in each district building. Each council shall be responsible for providing advice and counsel for evaluating state, school district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in recommending methods that may be employed at the school site to meet these goals and objectives. Discussions may include allocations of the school budget and administrative and management functions.

The membership of each council shall include, at a minimum, the building principal, and representatives of: teachers and other school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community, and community leaders.

The principal shall recommend site council members for superintendent approval.

Each site council shall establish meeting schedules. Each council may make recommendations and proposals to the board.

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(See ID, IDAA, IDAB, IDAC and IJ)

The academic program shall assist students to grow intellectually, to master the curriculum objectives, and to prepare for further education or training. The board shall consider the district's basic educational program each year. And, when approved, the program shall constitute the district's basic curriculum.

Curricular Offerings

An outline of each curricular offering and the learning objectives to be mastered shall be developed. When approved by the board, they shall become a part of these policies and rules by reference.

Educational Goals and Objectives

District educational goals and curriculum objectives for the basic educational program shall be on file in the district office, and available for inspection upon request.

Additional Educational Programs

Additional educational programs shall be in one of the following categories:

Special Programs (IDAA), Support Programs (IDAB) and Exceptional Programs (IDAC).

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(See IDAE)

The board supports the use of pilot projects before any new instructional technique is implemented on a district-wide basis.

Pilot project means any research or experimentation program or project designed to explore or develop new, unproven teaching methods or techniques. All instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, audio/visual materials

or any other supplementary instructional material to be used in connection with a pilot project shall be available for inspection by parents or guardians of students engaged in the program or project.

Pilot Project Evaluation

Before any pilot project proposal is submitted to the board for approval, an evaluation format shall be developed and included with the pilot

project.

Student Surveys

Except as provided in board policy IDAE with regard to surveys about a student's or the student's parents' or guardians' personal beliefs or practices on issues such as sex, family life, morality, or religion, any instrument designed to survey students, either by district staff or by an outside agency or individual, shall be made available for inspection by parents or guardians before the survey is administered.

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(GRBC, ICA, IDAE, II, and IJ)

Use of current research findings to improve instruction is required as a part of the district's school improvement efforts. Staff development programs will be designed to help teachers learn research-based instructional skills and to apply them in daily instruction.

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(See CJ, CL, IC and IJ)

All licensed staff shall cooperatively develop an integrated, comprehensive, performance-oriented preK-12 Instructional Program, which will be composed of the specific courses and programs offered that allow students to meet the goals and objectives set forth in the educational program. The instructional program is to include district instructional goals and learning objectives and be based on valid educational research and current Kansas State Board of Education requirements. After board of education approval, district instructional goals and learning objectives shall be used by the staff as the basis for developing and implementing specific curricula. The superintendent may develop a schedule for periodic curriculum reviews.

Modification

Additions, deletions, or alterations to the Instructional Program shall be approved by the board.

Personnel

Outside resources and district personnel may be used in curriculum development.

Financial Resources

The board encourages the superintendent to secure federal, state and private grants, or other alternative funding sources for use in curriculum development. The licensed staff is encouraged to use available commercial, public domain and community resources to assist in developing the instructional program and extending it beyond the traditional classroom setting.

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(See AEB, IC, and JJ)

In addition to the educational program, the district shall provide programs to meet special needs. These programs shall be outlined in the appropriate handbooks or other documents following board review and approval.

Partnerships/Work-Study Program

The board may approve partnership/work-study programs with business and/or educational institutions for the purpose of improving and/or expanding the quality of curricular offerings and may approve opportunities for partnership organizations to assist with specified programs.

A periodic review of the partnership's goals and objectives shall be conducted.

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(See IC and LDD)

Support program information approved by the board shall be filed with the clerk and made available to staff as needed.

Drug Education

All students shall be made aware of the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use. Students shall be instructed on effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol. Students shall be informed that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is both wrong and harmful.

The board's comprehensive drug and alcohol abuse and prevention program shall be included as part of the district's curriculum. The curriculum at each grade level shall be age-appropriate and developmentally based.

A student who voluntarily seeks assistance, advice or counseling from school personnel regarding drugs or drug abuse shall not be disciplined by school authorities because the student sought assistance.

Student Mental Health

The superintendent may develop and implement a student mental health awareness program. The superintendent shall identify community or area mental health agencies able to provide assistance.

Dropout Prevention

The programs to prevent students from dropping out of school, or to encourage dropouts to return to school shall be: Haysville High School, Summer Credit Recovery, After School Tutoring (in person/online), Credit Recovery Classes, Alt. Middle School, Virtual School Program, Counselors and Social Worker intervention, Extracurricular Activities, LINK Crew.

The staff shall incorporate the philosophy and goals of this policy into the schools' programs.

At-Risk Students

The superintendent shall be responsible for developing a program for identifying and working with at-risk students.

Guidance

The guidance program shall be organized to serve all students.

Counselor(s) shall provide guidance services consistent with district philosophy, job descriptions and board policies.

Homebound Instruction

If a child is unable to attend school because of lengthy illness or injury, homebound instruction may be provided if:

The parent makes the request for homebound instruction; and

The Superintendent or principal, the student's IEP team or a section 504 team recommends homebound placement based on information indicating homebound instruction is medically necessary.

The principal shall be responsible for obtaining a teacher for the student. When appropriate, the director of special education is responsible for filing the necessary papers with the Division of Student Support Services, State Board of Education.

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(See IC)

In addition to the basic programs approved by the board, the district shall provide programs to meet exceptional needs. Program information approved by the board shall be filed with the clerk and made available to staff as needed.

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In accordance with the provisions of Federal and state law, it is the policy of this district to provide a free appropriate public education for every exceptional child (as defined by K.S.A. 72-3404) who is a resident of this district or attends a private or parochial school located in this district. Special education services are provided for such children, including individual educational programs offered in the least restrictive environment.

Child Find, Identification, and Eligibility

The district shall coordinate and maintain a system which schedules and structures available services for pupils who are referred to determine eligibility for special education services in accordance with procedural processes established in Federal and state law.

Actions and Due Process for Students

Parental involvement and cooperation is important to the success of these educational programs. In order to encourage the involvement and cooperation of parents in special education services and to safeguard the rights of exceptional children to a free appropriate public education, the board utilizes and refers parents to the "Procedural Safeguards in Parent Rights in Special Education" published by the Kansas State Department of Education.

In the provision of special education and related services, the district will implement all Federal and Kansas statutes, rules, and regulations.

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Section 504 Accommodations for Students **IDACB**

In accordance with the provisions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the district is committed to providing students with disabilities the opportunity to participate in and benefit from its programs and activities. Accordingly, the district will make reasonable modifications to its programs and activities to accommodate otherwise qualified students with disabilities, unless such modifications would impose an undue burden on the operation of the particular program or activity or would fundamentally alter the nature or purpose of the program or activity. No district board member, employee, or contractor shall retaliate against any person because of his or her exercise of rights under Section 504.

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Title I Programs **IDAD**

The board shall ensure the district's Title I programs operate in accordance with federal laws and conditions. The superintendent is responsible for administering the district's Title I program; assessing the educational needs of all students, particularly the needs of educationally disadvantaged children; developing appropriate communication channels between all parties; to the extent practicable, providing full opportunities for the participation of parents/guardians with limited English proficiency, parents/guardians with disabilities, and parents/guardians of migrant children, including providing information and school reports required under federal law in a format and language such parents/guardians can understand; developing in-service training for parents and staff; and developing appropriate evaluation procedures.

Annual Parent Meeting

The board shall designate at least one meeting date each school year to provide parents of Title I students an opportunity to meet with school personnel in order to participate in the design and implementation of the Title I program.

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(See BCBK, ICA, ICAA, II, and JR et seq.)

The superintendent, the board and staff shall protect the right of privacy of students and their families in connection with any surveys or physical examinations conducted, assisted, or authorized by the board or administration. The district shall annually provide parents notice of their rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment and the Student Data Privacy Act, at the beginning of each school year, and at any other time the school district policies in the area are substantially changed.

Student Data Restrictions

Any student data submitted to and maintained by a statewide longitudinal student data system shall only be disclosed in accordance with the Student Data Privacy Act. Disclosure of all other student data or student record information maintained is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA").

Annual written notice presented to parents and legal guardians of district students shall: 1) require parent or guardian's signature; and 2) shall state student data submitted to and maintained by a statewide longitudinal data system only be disclosed as follows.

Student data may be disclosed to:

- The authorized personnel of an educational agency or the state board of regents who require disclosures to perform assigned duties; and
- The student and the parent or legal guardian of the student provided the data pertains solely to the student.

Student data may be disclosed to authorized personnel of any state agency, or to a service provider of a state agency, educational agency, or school performing instruction, assessment, or longitudinal reporting, provided a data-sharing agreement between the educational agency and other state agency or service provider provides the following:

- purpose, scope, and duration of the data-sharing agreement;
- recipient of student data use such information solely for the purposes specified in agreement;
- recipient shall comply with data access, use, and security restrictions specifically described in agreement; and
- student data shall be destroyed when no longer necessary for purposes of the data-sharing agreement or upon expiration of the agreement, whichever occurs first.

*A service provider engaged to perform a function of instruction may be allowed to retain student transcripts as required by applicable laws and rules and regulations. Destruction shall comply with the NISTSP800-88 standards of data destruction.

Unless an adult student or parent or guardian of a minor student provides written consent to disclose personally identifiable student data, student data may only be disclosed to a governmental entity not specified above or any public or private audit and evaluation or research organization if the data is aggregate data. "Aggregate data" means data collected or reported at the group, cohort, or institutional level and which contains no personally identifiable student data.

The district may disclose:

- Student directory information when necessary and the student's parent or legal guardian has consented in writing;
- directory information to an enhancement vendor providing photography services, class ring services, yearbook publishing services, memorabilia services, or similar services;
- any information requiring disclosure pursuant to state statutes;
- student data pursuant to any lawful subpoena or court order directing such disclosure; and
- student data to a public or private postsecondary educational institution for purposes of application or admission of a student to such postsecondary educational institution with the student's written consent.

Student Data Security Breach

If there is a security breach or unauthorized disclosure of student data or personally identifiable information of any student submitted to or maintained on a statewide student longitudinal data system, each affected student or the parent or legal guardian of the student, if a minor, shall be immediately notified, and an investigation into the causes and consequences of the breach or unauthorized disclosure will be conducted.

Biometric Data

The district shall not collect biometric data from a student or use any device or mechanism to assess a student's physiological or emotional state, unless the adult student or the parent or legal guardian of the minor student consents in writing. "Biometric data" includes measurable biological or behavioral characteristics that can be used for automated recognition of an individual, such as fingerprints, retina and iris patterns, voiceprints, DNA sequence, facial characteristics, and handwriting.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the collection of audio voice recordings, facial expression information, and student handwriting for:

- provision of counseling or psychological services,
- conducting student threat assessments,

- completing student disciplinary investigations or hearings, or
- conducting child abuse investigations.

Select Student Surveys

No nonacademic test, questionnaire, survey, or examination containing any questions about the personal and private attitudes, values, beliefs, or practices of the student or the student's parents, guardians, family members, associates, friends, or peers that is administered during the school day shall be administered to any kindergarten through 12th grade student unless:

- the parent or guardian is notified in writing not more than four months in advance of the administration of such test, questionnaire, survey, or examination that such is to be administered; and
- the parent or guardian of the student gives consent through a written or electronic signature or, in the event of an immediate need, gives verbal consent for the student to participate.

Advance notification to a parent or guardian must include:

- A copy of the test, questionnaire, survey, or examination that is to be administered;
- Information on how the parent or guardian may provide written consent to authorize the student to take such test, questionnaire, survey, or examination;
- The name of the company or entity that produces or provides the test, questionnaire, survey, or examination to the school; and
- Whether the school will receive or maintain the resulting data and an explanation of how the school intends to use and maintain such data.

For written consent to be accepted, timely notice in compliance with the requirements of this policy must be provided, and the parent or guardian must have had an opportunity to review the information contained in the notice. Written consent must be provided separately for each individual test, questionnaire, survey, or examination that is to be administered. Prior to administering any such test, questionnaire, survey, or examination, a copy of it must be posted and maintained on the district's website.

A student has the right to refuse to take any test, questionnaire, survey, or examination as described herein at any time, regardless of receipt of parent or guardian consent to participate. Prior to administering any such test, questionnaire, survey, or examination, each student shall be informed that such student has the right to refuse to take it and that the student will not suffer any adverse consequences based on refusal to participate.

No personally identifiable student data shall be collected through any such test, questionnaire, survey, or examination.

Except as otherwise provided in this policy, the provisions of this subsection shall apply to any test, questionnaire, survey, or examination as described herein that is administered or proposed to be administered to any student by any employee of a school district, including, but not limited to, any administrator, teacher, counselor, social worker, psychologist, or nurse.

If, however, any district employee becomes aware that a student may be at risk of suicide by a credible report from the student, the student's peers, or another school district employee, the school personnel who are designated to administer a suicide risk assessment or screening tool may administer such risk assessment or screening tool in accordance with the provisions of this subsection to determine whether the student could be at risk for suicide. Such designated school personnel may include, but is not limited to, any administrator, teacher, counselor, social worker, psychologist, or nurse. Prior to the administration of any such risk assessment or screening tool, the designated staff member shall verbally notify the parent or guardian before the administration of such risk assessment or screening tool and obtain the consent of the parent or guardian.

If the designated staff member is unable to verbally notify the parent or guardian of the student and obtain consent after reasonable attempts to do so, the designated staff member may administer the risk assessment or screening tool without such consent. If a risk assessment or screening tool is administered without the parent or guardian's consent, as soon as contact with the parent or guardian is made, the designated staff member shall notify the parent or guardian of the administration of such assessment or screening tool and provide to the parent or guardian all information obtained from the risk assessment or screening tool administered to the student.

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(See JBE and JQ)

With parental permission, eligible students who can complete graduation requirements as prescribed by the board are eligible to be released from school during the regular school day to attend classes at a Regent's university, community college, technical college, vocational educational school or Washburn University.

Concurrent Enrollment

A student enrolled in grades 10, 11 or 12, or a gifted child in grades 9 through 12 who has demonstrated the ability to benefit from participation in the regular curricula of eligible postsecondary education institutions, may apply to the principal for permission to enroll at an eligible postsecondary education institution.

The district may enter into an agreement with the college for the purpose of allowing these students to receive dual credit.

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Any district elementary or middle school that includes any of the grades six through nine may conduct athletic practice during the school day only at times when one or more elective academic courses or a study period is offered to students.

District high school/s shall not conduct athletic practice during the school day, and practice shall not be counted for credit or as a part of the school term.

District schools shall neither offer credit for athletic practice nor count athletic practice as a physical education course.

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Each building principal shall organize the instructional program in a manner compatible with these policies.

Class Size

Class size shall be determined by: class enrollment, teacher availability, budget and facility limitations.

Scheduling for Instruction

Class schedules shall be developed to meet district instructional goals and learning objectives.

Pre-enrollment

The administration shall develop and coordinate pre-enrollment activities each spring.

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The board may consider a petition for creation of a charter school if the petition meets all requirements of current law and regulations.

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(See IKD and KN)

All textbooks, instructional materials and the selection criteria for district media center materials shall be subject to board approval.

Textbooks and instructional materials shall support the district's instructional program. Media center materials shall support and supplement the curriculum, promote wise use of leisure time, develop literary discrimination and appreciation, and encourage students to become productive citizens.

Selection Criteria: Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Textbooks and instructional materials shall provide:

- An effective education for all students;
- factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
- practice for students to develop abilities in critical thinking, communication, mathematics, and science skill;
- information which helps students develop an appreciation of American cultural, ethnic and racial diversity, and balanced views concerning international, national, state, and local issues and problems; and
- sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individuals and groups.

The superintendent shall develop selection procedures which meet the above criteria, which shall include a review of available material by appropriate staff members.

Selection Criteria: Media Center Materials

Materials shall be chosen for accuracy, artistic quality, format, and authoritativeness.

Materials shall be chosen on various reading levels presenting different points of view, including current issues.

Books and other media materials shall be evaluated before purchase, either through direct examination or by using reputable, unbiased, professionally prepared selection tools.

The media center(s) shall obtain, process, and circulate materials and equipment and provide references and other services to students and faculty. Media specialists shall work toward providing resources so that students have an opportunity to achieve high levels of performance.

Collection Development

The media collection shall be developed systematically, be well balanced in coverage of subjects, and include various types of materials and diverse content in multiple formats.

The collection shall reflect, enhance, and complement the broad interests represented in the curriculum. The collection should be large enough to allow materials to be placed in classrooms for extended periods of time.

Challenges of Materials

Any student, parent, or legal guardian of a student currently enrolled in the district having a complaint about textbooks, media center, or other instructional materials shall meet with the teacher, media specialist, or principal. If the concern is addressed to a teacher or media specialist, they shall report the matter to the principal. If the matter cannot be resolved, the principal shall notify the superintendent and ask the complainant to complete a request for review form which is available through building principals or at the district office. After receiving the completed form, the superintendent shall review and consider the request.

If the issue outlined in the request is not resolved after review by the superintendent, the requestor may seek review by the board.

In determining whether to forward a challenge to a review committee, the board shall consider the following factors:

- The basis of the challenge;
- whether the material has been previously challenged and reviewed pursuant to this process; and
- whether it is necessary to submit it for additional review.

If the board chooses not to submit the challenge to the review committee, the superintendent will notify the requestor of the board's decision. If the board chooses to submit the challenge to a review committee, it shall forward all appropriate written materials necessary to the review committee.

Composition of Review Committee

When a review committee is established to handle requests for review concerning textbooks, media center, or instructional materials, the review committee shall be composed of:

The building principal, library media specialist, two subject area specialists, two community members, and one student. If the request for review proposes that the material is inappropriate for minors, the student representative may be left off the committee. The superintendent shall be responsible for appointing review committee members, unless otherwise determined by the board on a case-by-case basis.

Purview of Review Committee

The review committee shall examine and evaluate the material as a whole; consider the district's policy, procedures, and philosophy for selection of textbook, instruction materials, and media center materials; weigh strengths and weaknesses; and form opinions based upon the selection criteria.

Written Report

Within 30 days of receiving access to the challenged materials, the review committee shall review the material and prepare a written report containing conclusions and recommendations for the board of education.

If the board receives simultaneous challenges of multiple material or if circumstances render the 30-day timeline impracticable, the board may extend the committee's deadline to complete its review.

No reviews will be conducted during summer break or when school is not in session for one week or longer. The timeline for any review shall be tolled during such breaks.

Board Review and Action

The board shall review the recommendation of the review committee within 30 days of receipt thereof and may accept the review committee's recommendation, reject the review committee's recommendation, or make its own determination regarding the challenged book or material.

The decision of the board is final.

Removing Challenged Materials

Challenged materials may be removed from use during the review period at the discretion of the superintendent.

Impact of Simultaneous or Repeated Requests

If more than one request for review is received simultaneously, or, if one or more requests for review is received while another review is pending, timelines established in this policy may be extended by the superintendent or the board to allow the requests to be processed in turn. When more than one request for review is received for the same book or material, such requests may be consolidated to reduce redundancy in review at any stage of this process.

If a book or material has been reviewed by a review committee, it will not be eligible for an additional review for at least one year from the date the board took action on the previous challenge of the material.

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(See IKB)

With administrative approval, outside speakers may be invited to meet with groups of students as part of the educational process.

Speakers shall be informed of this policy and any rules when they are invited to make a presentation.

Outside speakers should be selected so that various points of view are presented.

The teacher/sponsor or any member of the school administration may interrupt or suspend any proceedings if the speaker is not abiding by these rules.

With prior board approval an honorarium may be paid to outside speakers.

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(See KFD)

The use of community resources is encouraged where legitimate educational objectives may be advanced.

The licensed staff shall maintain a list of suitable community resources which may be used for field trips and other excursions.

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USD Approved Field Trips

Field trips may be approved by the principal when reasonable educational objectives can be established.

Advance requests for field trips including transportation and other resource needs shall be submitted by the teacher to the principal. Each building principal shall develop a form to notify parents of a forthcoming field trip. The form shall include the nature of the trip, departure time, expected return time, name of sponsor(s) and mode of travel. The form shall also include a space where a parent may ask that a child be excused and the reasons for the excuse.

Non-Sanctioned Field Trips

Non-sanctioned field trips organized by employees acting as independent contractors/agents involving students on a volunteer, self-supporting basis are not approved by the board and are not considered a part of the curriculum. Total responsibility for privately planned field trips or tours rests with the individual(s) and agency sponsoring them. The district assumes no legal or financial responsibilities for non-sanctioned field trips.

Every attempt should be made to schedule non-board approved trips during weekends and/or vacation periods. If travel arrangements necessitate that some school days are missed, normal procedures for staff and students' absences must be followed.

If recruitment of students is sought through the schools(s), the request for recruitment shall be made in accordance with those of private citizens. Recruitment efforts may not occur during class time or the employee's workday.

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Grading System **IHA**

The district shall have board-approved methods for assessing and reporting the quality of student academic progress. Information shall be published in appropriate handbooks.

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Homework shall not be used as a means to discipline students. Homework shall be assigned as needed to reinforce lessons introduced in the classroom.

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(See JBD and JDD)

Within time limits established by the administration, all teachers shall supply make-up work assignments when requested. The time limits shall be included in the staff and student handbooks each year.

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Graduation Requirements **IHF**

(See JFCA)

The board may adopt graduation requirements exceeding the minimums set forth by state regulation. Unless otherwise provided herein, in order to qualify for graduation, students must earn 25 academic credits meeting state and district requirements. This credit requirement shall apply beginning with those students who will enter the ninth grade in the school year following the effective date of the additional requirement.

Exceptions may be granted by the board to waive local graduation requirements that are in excess of the state minimum requirements for students on a case-by-case basis.

The board shall award a student a diploma if the student is at least 17 years old; is enrolled or resides in the district; was in custody of the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), the Secretary for DCF, or a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state at any time on or after the student's 14th birthday; and has achieved at least the minimum high school graduation requirements adopted by the state board of education.

Other situations which may warrant waiver of graduation requirements in excess of the minimum requirements adopted by the state board include, but may not be limited to, the following circumstances:

- If such student is an adult learner whose four-year cohorts have graduated; or
- if such student is attending an alternative school or program and has experienced high mobility, teen pregnancy, long-term illness, or other hardship conditions.

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(See BCBK, BE, CN, CNA, IDAE, IF, IJ, and KBA)

The district educational testing program shall consist of multiple assessments. These assessments shall include, as a minimum, individual teacher subject matter tests, district group achievement tests, and state required tests.

Test Integrity

The board requires all licensed staff members to protect the integrity of the student assessment process. Honest administration of the test and accurate reporting of student achievement to the board, the community and the state of Kansas is necessary to maintain accountability measures. All students and staff are required to maintain a high level of integrity in the administration and completion of student assessments.

Reporting Test Results

The superintendent shall report annually in writing to the board the results of the district's academic achievement testing program. State required test results shall be disaggregated as required by current regulation and shall be reported annually to the board, district patrons and the State Board of Education.

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A student may earn credits towards high school graduation by demonstrating mastery of the course outcomes through a performance instrument. The standards for designing and passing the performance instrument shall be set sufficiently high to ensure credits earned by such means shall be equivalent to those offered in the framework of the Carnegie unit.

A written request to "test out" of a class must be submitted prior to the beginning of each semester/year. A student may not request to "test out" of a class in which he or she is currently enrolled or has been enrolled.

The request is to be evaluated within 30 school days by a review committee composed of: a building administrator, a school counselor, a faculty member appointed by the principal, and the students' parent(s) or guardian(s).

If the request is approved, the course instructor will have 30 school days to design a performance instrument that reflects mastery of all course outcomes. Commercially available instruments may be used if they cover all course objectives. A performance instrument shall be approved by the principal. The principal, in consultation with the instructor, will determine the setting and the timelines for the administration of the instrument, as well as the criteria for successful completion of those tasks.

The student has 10 school days in which those designated tasks developed by the teacher and approved by the administration must be performed.

Credit for such classes shall be awarded only on a pass/fail basis. Students will be allowed only one opportunity to "test out" of any particular

class. It will not be the responsibility of the school or the instructor to provide instructional and/or review time for the student. However, the outcomes, as noted in the district curriculum guide, and class syllabus will be made available.

Graduation Credit Through Integrated Coursework

The board may allow graduation credit for integrated academic or career and technical education course work. The teacher awarding academic credit shall be fully licensed and may work collaboratively with another instructor to develop a course plan for instruction. The teacher shall monitor the student's progress and level of achievement. The plan will be reviewed periodically to maintain rigor and relevance.

Credit Through Alternative Educational Opportunities

Students enrolled in grades six through twelve may earn course credits through alternative educational opportunities with sponsoring entities. For the purposes of this policy, terms have the following meanings.

- "Alternative educational opportunity" means instruction that primarily occurs outside the classroom with a sponsoring entity.

- "Sponsoring entity" means a business, not-for-profit organization, nonprofit organization, trade association, parent of a student, teacher, or administrator that partners with a school district to provide an alternative educational opportunity to students.

Eligibility Requirements for Sponsoring Entities

The board may accept a proposal from a sponsoring entity if the alternative educational opportunity provided by the sponsoring entity provides an additional learning opportunity for students through a work-based, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, internship, industry certification, or community program; and either the proposal is approved by the state board of education as an alternative educational opportunity, or it complies with the requirements of this policy regarding such opportunities.

Requirements for the Provision of Alternative Educational Opportunities

Each approved alternative educational opportunity with a sponsoring entity shall be managed and directed by a licensed teacher employed by the school district. The teacher may work collaboratively with the principal, the sponsoring entity, or another teacher to develop a course plan for instruction with learning outcomes identified. The teacher shall monitor the student's progress and level of achievement based on this plan. The plan will be reviewed periodically and adjusted as needed to promote a quality learning experience. The principal shall provide a report annually, or as requested, to the superintendent evaluating the additional educational opportunity provided to participating students and making recommendations to the superintendent on continuation, termination, or modification of the opportunity.

Processes for Submitting a Proposal for an Additional Educational Opportunity

Sponsoring entities wishing to partner with the district to provide additional educational opportunities to students, shall submit a proposal to the superintendent outlining the contact information and credentials of the person(s) that would be working directly with the student participants in this experience; educational goals for the partnership; any time, place, manner, and number of participant restrictions regarding how the learning opportunity would be provided; proposed learning outcomes for participating students; and any details regarding prerequisite coursework, certification, or experience a candidate for this experience should possess prior to entering the program.

Criteria for Evaluating Such Proposals

Prior to making a recommendation to the board on whether the district should partner with or continue to partner with a sponsoring entity, the superintendent shall review the proposed alternative educational opportunity in comparison with the board approved curriculum and goals, consulting other staff members as necessary in that process. Before recommending action to continue such partnership from year-to-year, the superintendent may seek and shall

review any available reports on the opportunity provided by the principal in accordance with this policy.

The board should consider the recommendation of the superintendent in determining whether to partner with or continue partnership with a sponsoring entity. In order for the board to partner with a sponsoring entity and to maintain such partnership, the sponsoring entity must first meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in this policy.

Additional considerations weighing into the decision to partner with a sponsoring entity may include, but may not be limited to: whether the learning experience meets the curricular, rigor, and relevance needs of the student and/or the district; qualifications, experience, reputation, and responsibility of the sponsoring entity and/or individuals that would be working directly with students; related costs for the district, regarding the provision of transportation, equipment, human resources to monitor the experience, etc.; space and time constraints if the experience will be provided in district facilities; student and staff safety; the need for and/or availability of insurance coverage, as applicable; effect on other district course offerings and activities; and student interest. As the welfare of students is of paramount importance to the board, the district reserves the right to complete background checks on any individuals working directly with students on behalf of the sponsoring entity and to base decisions on entering or exiting such a partnership, in whole or in part, on the results thereof.

Determining the Course Credit that May Be Earned Through These Opportunities

The superintendent may develop procedures for review of the experience and the award of credit in accordance with board approved curriculum. The superintendent may award credit for the experience as deemed appropriate for district elective offerings based on meeting local standards for those offerings. In order for any alternative educational experience to be approved for credit in a state-required course, such experience must meet all applicable statutory, regulatory, and Kansas State Board of Education approved standards for award of such credit.

State Reporting Requirements

The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall make reports to the Kansas State Department of Education as required thereby. Such reports will include information regarding the alternative educational opportunities offered at each school, the names of sponsoring entities, the number of students participating in such opportunities, and credits earned.

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Use of Artificial Intelligence **IIBE**

(See CN, GAAB, GAAC, GAACA, IIBF, IIBG, JGEC, JGECA, and KN)

Artificial intelligence (AI) technologies can provide valuable opportunities to enhance instruction, improve operational efficiency, and support student learning. The use of such technologies shall be used responsibly, ethically, and in compliance with applicable law and district policy.

The responsible use of AI in the district's educational and operational activities ensures transparency and accountability and protects the privacy and integrity of students and staff.

Definitions

Artificial Intelligence (AI): Any system or software capable of generating, analyzing, or interpreting content or data in a manner that simulates human reasoning, including but not limited to generative text, image, audio, or video applications.

Generative AI: AI tools that produce new content based on prompts, including but not limited to written, visual, auditory, or coded outputs.

Approved Use of AI

The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall establish and maintain a list of approved AI tools permitted to be used throughout the district. Approved AI tools shall comply with all applicable and relevant laws including, but not limited to, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Kansas Student Data Privacy Act, district policies, and the district's cybersecurity standards and requirements. Approved classroom and administrative uses of AI shall be consistent with district instructional goals, operational needs, and policies, including those regarding acceptable use, bullying, and harassment. No approved AI application used shall collect, store, or transmit personally identifiable information without appropriate authorization and vendor safeguards.

While utilizing approved AI tools, staff and students shall comply with the following:

1. Demonstrate honesty, integrity, and responsibility in completing academic work, including only submitting and presenting work that represents the individual's own learning and understanding.
2. Use AI only to the extent that it supports learning without undermining the authenticity of an individual's efforts or the validity of the educational process.

3. Understand that AI technologies are only meant to supplement, not replace, human instruction, supervision, or judgment.
4. Use approved AI tools in a manner consistent with board policy, including Policy IIBF (Acceptable Use Guidelines), the Student Code of Conduct, and employee conduct requirements.
5. Properly cite or disclose the use of AI-generated content used in assignments, teaching materials, or official communications in accordance with this policy or risk disciplinary action or loss of credit for plagiarism.
6. Only use AI for idea generation, editing, or skill development when expressly permitted by the teacher or administration.

Prohibited Uses

No staff member or student shall use AI in violation of board policy or applicable law, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Violate academic integrity by generating or submitting work without appropriate authorization or citation.
2. Use AI to generate or substantially complete assignments, essays, or assessments without explicit authorization.
3. Use AI to fabricate sources, falsify data, or impersonate another individual.
4. Submit AI-generated work as a student's own or fail to cite or disclose the use of AI or AI-generated work.
5. Produce, alter, or distribute synthetic or manipulated content that misrepresents or harms individuals, commonly referred to as deepfakes.
6. Produce, alter or distribute synthetic or manipulated content that violates school rules; individual rights, such as privacy, safety, reputation; or applicable law.
7. Access or disclose confidential or personally identifiable information in violation of law or district policy.
8. Circumvent district security systems or established procedures.
9. Use AI tools in violation of instructions or directives from teachers or administrators, board policy, or applicable law.

Violations of this policy shall be addressed in accordance with district disciplinary procedures and/or applicable law.

Training and Communication

The district shall provide ongoing professional learning for staff and guidance for students on the ethical, safe, and effective use of AI. Information about approved AI tools and acceptable practices shall be included in relevant staff and student handbooks.

Oversight and Review

The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall review this policy, the AI tool list, and any related administrative procedures annually to ensure continued compliance with law and alignment with board goals.

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Acceptable Use Guidelines **IIBF**

(See IIBG, IIBGA, IIBGC)

Purpose

The district provides computer network and internet access for its students and employees. This service allows employees and students to share information, learn new concepts, research diverse subjects, and create and maintain school-based websites. The district has adopted the following Acceptable Use Guidelines to govern the conduct of those who elect to access the computer network or district Internet.

Acceptable Use Guidelines

Users shall adhere to the following guidelines of acceptable use:

- All use of the Internet will be in support of educational activities.
- Users will report misuse and breaches of network security.
- Users shall not access, delete, copy, modify, nor forge other users' e-mails, files, or data.
- Users shall not use other users' passwords nor disclose their password to others.
- Users shall not pursue unauthorized access, disruptive activities, nor other actions commonly referred to as "hacking," internally or externally to the district.
- Users shall not disclose confidential information about themselves or others.
- User shall not utilize unlicensed software.
- Users shall not access or permit access to pornography, obscene depictions, or other materials harmful to minors.
- Students shall not disable or attempt to disable Internet filtering software.

Prohibitions

Although the district reserves the right to determine what use of the district network is appropriate, the following actions are specifically prohibited:

- Transferring copyrighted materials to or from any district network without the express consent of the owner of the copyright.
- Use of the network for creation, dissemination, or viewing of defamatory, factually inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, or other material prohibited by law or district policy.
- Dissemination of personnel or student information via the network when such information is protected by law, including the Family and Educational Rights Act or Student Data Privacy Act.
- Utilization of the network to disseminate non-work-related material.
- Utilization of the network as a means for advertising or solicitation.

Monitoring

The school district reserves the right to monitor, without prior notice, any and all usage of the computer network and district Internet access, including, but not by way of limitation, e-mail transmissions and receptions. Any information gathered during monitoring may be copied, reviewed, and stored. All such information files shall be and remain the property of the school district, and no user shall have any expectation of privacy regarding his/her use of the computer network or the district Internet.

Internet Safety

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Kansas Children's Internet Protection Act, the school district will implement filtering and or blocking software to restrict access to Internet sites containing child pornography, obscene depictions, or other materials harmful to minors. The school district, however, cannot and does not guarantee the effectiveness of filtering software. Any student who connects to such a site must immediately disconnect from the site and notify a teacher. An employee who accidentally connects to such a site must immediately disconnect from the site and notify a supervisor. If a user sees another user is accessing inappropriate sites, he or she should notify a teacher or supervisor immediately. The school district administration reserves the right to prohibit access to any network or Internet it deems inappropriate or harmful. The school district shall instruct students regarding appropriate online behavior including cyberbullying.

Penalties for Improper Use

Access to the network and Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the restriction or cancellation of the access. The school district has the right to make the determination of what constitutes inappropriate use and use as an educational tool. Inappropriate use may lead to any disciplinary and/or legal action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion of district students and suspension and/or termination of employees. Law enforcement shall be notified of inappropriate use which may constitute a violation of Federal or state law, and such use may result in criminal prosecution.

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(See ECH, JCDA and KBA)

Use of District Computers and Devices/Privacy Rights

District issued computer systems and electronic devices (including, but not limited to, Smartboards, iPads, iTouches, iPhones, eReaders, and eBooks) are for educational and professional use only. All information created by staff or stored thereon shall be considered district property and shall be subject to unannounced monitoring by district administrators. Unauthorized access to and/or unauthorized use of the district server or security system (including, but not limited to, surveillance footage) is also prohibited. The district retains the right to discipline any student, up to and including expulsion, and any employee, up to and including termination, for violation of this policy.

Copyright

Software acquired by staff, using either district or personal funds, and installed on district computers or electronic devices must comply with copyright laws. Proof of purchase (copy or original) for software must be filed in the district office.

Installation

No software, including freeware and shareware, or other applications may be installed on any district computer or electronic device until cleared by the network administrator. The administrator will verify the compatibility of the software or application with existing software, hardware, and applications and prescribe installation and de-installation procedures. Program files must have the superintendent's approval to be installed on any district server or computer.

Hardware

Staff shall not install unapproved hardware on district computers or make changes to software settings that support district hardware.

Audits

The administration may conduct periodic audits of software and applications installed on district equipment to verify legitimate use.

E-mail Privacy Rights

Employees and/or students shall have no expectation of privacy when using district e-mail or other official communication systems. Any e-mail or computer application or information in district computers, computer systems, or electronic devices is subject to monitoring by the administration.

Ownership of Employee Computer and Device Materials

Computer materials, devices, software, or applications created as part of any assigned district responsibility or classroom activity undertaken on school time shall be the property of the board.

Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Computers and/or Equipment

Students and staff members shall be responsible for reimbursing the district for replacement of or repair to district issued computers or electronic devices which are lost, stolen, or damaged while in the students' or staff members' possession.

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Children's Internet Protection Act **IIBGA**

The district shall implement and enforce an internet safety plan meeting the requirements of both the federal and the Kansas Children's Internet Protection Acts (CIPA). The superintendent shall develop a plan to implement the Children's Internet Protection Acts.

Such plan shall include technology protection measures and such other measures as deemed appropriate to address the following issues:

1. Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
2. The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
3. Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online;
4. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and
5. Measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials that may be harmful to them.

For the purposes of this policy, "minor" shall be defined to mean any student who is under 18 years of age. The board charges the superintendent to develop the CIPA implementing plan so that all of the protections provided by this policy and the corresponding plan may be afforded to all district students, regardless of their age.

If the district is providing public access to any computer, the CIPA plan shall also implement and enforce technology protection measures to ensure no minor has access to visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors, or obscene. This plan shall be on file with the board clerk and in each school office with Internet access, and copies shall be made available upon request. The superintendent shall ensure compliance with CIPA by completing Federal Communication Commission forms as required.

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Application

Students may apply for permission to enroll in an online course for credit. Applications for the next academic year shall be submitted to the principal no later than July 31. The student and the student's parents shall be informed of the administrator's decision in writing no later than August 1.

Students may not enroll in an online course as an alternative to any course offered by the high school, except as an attempt to earn credit for a class already attempted but failed by the student.

Guidelines

The following guidelines shall be used by the administration:

1. Only administration approved courses shall be posted on student transcripts.
2. Approval of any course shall be based upon the course content and rigor, its length and scope, its method of assessing knowledge acquired by the student, the qualifications of the instructor, and other appropriate factors.
3. Enrollment in an online course will be allowed only if an appropriately certified staff member is available and willing to supervise the student's participation in the course.
4. Suspended or expelled students may also apply for permission to enroll in online course work.

Other Regulations or Guidelines

Approval of online coursework shall be based on the requirements of Kansas law, Kansas State Department of Education regulations, and board credit requirements and/or guidelines in effect at the time the student request is made.

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(See GAF, GBU, IIBG, IIBGA, KGA)

Employees are encouraged to use district electronic mail and other district technology resources to promote student learning and communication with parents of students and education-related entities. If those resources are used, they shall be used for purposes directly related to work-related activities. Technology-based materials, activities, and communication tools shall be appropriate for and within the range of the knowledge, understanding, age, and maturity of students with whom they are used.

District employees, including, but not limited to, classroom teachers and extracurricular activity coaches and sponsors, may set up blogs and other social networking accounts using district technological resources and following district policy and guidelines to promote communications with students, parents, and the community concerning school-related activities and for the purpose of supplementing classroom instruction. Social networking sites and other online communication options offering instructional benefits may be used for the purpose of supplementing classroom instruction and to promote communications with students and parents concerning school-related activities.

In order for district employees and activity sponsors to utilize a social networking site for instructional, administrative, or other work-related communication purposes, they shall comply with the following:

1. They shall request prior permission from the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.
2. If permission is granted, staff members will set up the site following any district guidelines developed by the superintendent and approved by the board. If the expenditure of district funds is required to complete the set-up or maintenance of the site, the requesting staff member shall present an itemized summary of such costs to the superintendent. Superintendent approval shall be required prior to the expenditure of district funds for such purpose.
3. Guidelines shall specify whether access to the site must be given to school/district administrators and technology staff.
4. If written parental consent is not otherwise granted through acceptable use policy forms provided by the district, staff shall notify parents of the site and obtain written permission for students to become "friends" of the site prior to the students being granted access. This permission shall be kept on file at the school as determined by the principal.

5. Once the site has been created, the sponsoring staff member is responsible for the following:
    a. Monitoring and managing the site to promote safe and acceptable use and compliance with district policies; and
    b. Observing confidentiality restrictions concerning release of personally identifiable student information under state and federal law.

Staff members are discouraged from creating personal social networking accounts to which they invite current or future students to be friends. Employees taking such action do so at their own risk. All employees shall be subject to disciplinary action if their conduct relating to use of technology or online resources violates this policy or other applicable board policy, statutory, or regulatory provisions governing employee conduct or the protection of student record information; or if it impairs the staff member's job performance or effectiveness in the work setting. District staff shall endeavor to protect the health, safety, and emotional well-being of students and confidentiality of student record information both in the school setting and in their online actions. Conduct in violation of this policy, including, but not limited to, conduct relating to the use of technology, social networking, or online resources, may form the basis for disciplinary action up to and including termination from employment.

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(See IC, ICAA, ID, and II)

The superintendent may develop guidelines to evaluate the instructional program. This evaluation may be part of the district's school improvement efforts.

The superintendent may establish special curriculum committees to study the district's instructional program on a regular schedule. The superintendent may require reports from these committees which may include the committee's recommendations for improvement, modification, or elimination of any part of the instructional program. The superintendent may submit a comprehensive report from the committees to the board.

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(See ID)

The board supports the goal of providing district students with sufficient knowledge of economic systems to make informed, financial choices. In furtherance of this goal, the board directs the superintendent to develop and implement a plan to incorporate outcome-based personal financial literacy education into the district's instructional program.

The superintendent shall document district efforts to provide financial literacy education opportunities for district students and shall provide, upon request, feedback or information to the Kansas State Department of Education on such efforts.

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Controversial Issues **IKB**

(See GAHB, GBU, IA, IFBH, IKD, and IKDA)

When a controversial subject arises in the classroom, teachers may use the opportunity to teach about the controversy but shall take care to ensure that curricular content delivery remains the focus of the conversation.

Teachers shall ensure that various positions concerning any controversial subject are presented and that students have the opportunity to freely discuss the topic. Teachers are discouraged from expressing personal viewpoints during these discussions which would violate any board policy or Kansas law, such as engaging in prohibited political acts using district time or property.

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Opt-Out Procedure and Form

Parents or guardians (or a student over eighteen years of age) who do not want the student involved in all or some portion of the district's Human Sexuality education class shall be provided a written copy of the goals and objectives for the student's appropriate Human Sexuality class. Following review of the curriculum goals on file at the board of education office, the parent or guardian must complete the district opt-out form and state the portion(s) of the curriculum in which the student is not to be involved.

Opt-Out Form

Parents or guardians (or students eighteen years of age or older) may obtain the opt-out request form from the principal, completing and signing the form and returning the form to the principal. The signed form will be kept on file in the principal's office.

The building principal shall receive a copy of the signed form so the named student shall be excused from all or a portion of the Human Sexuality class. Arrangements shall also be made for class reassignment of the student during the opt-out period.

Annual Request Required

Opt-out requests shall be required annually and are valid only for the school year in which they are submitted.

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IKCA – HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Human Sexuality Education

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____, request that my child be removed from those portions of the Human Sexuality instruction noted below:

I have had the opportunity to review the curriculum goals and objectives or have had the opportunity to have them explained to me by a school official.

_____ _____

Date Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Religion in Curricular or School Sponsored Activities **IKD**

(See AEA, IF, IKDA and KN)

No religious belief or non-belief shall be promoted or disparaged by the district or its employees. Students and staff should be tolerant of each other's religious views. Students and staff members may be excused from participating in practices contrary to their religious beliefs, and staff members are responsible for ensuring proper notice and opportunity for opt-out is given in accordance with board policy IKDA, as applicable.

Teaching About Religion

Teachers may teach about religion, religious literature and history but are prohibited from promoting, expounding upon, criticizing or ridiculing a religion. Religious texts may be used to teach about religion, but the use of religious texts is prohibited if used to promote a particular religious doctrine.

Religion in the Curriculum and School Activities

In compliance with this policy, religious themes may be presented in the curriculum and as part of school activities. Music, art, literature and drama having a religious theme or basis are permitted as part of the curriculum or as part of a school activity if they are presented in a balanced and objective manner and are a traditional part of the cultural and religious tradition of a particular holiday or field of study. The emphasis on religious themes in the arts, literature and history should be only as extensive as necessary for a balanced and thorough study of these areas. These studies should never foster any particular religious tenets or demean any religious beliefs or non-beliefs.

Religious Symbols in the Classroom

Temporary display of religious symbols is permitted as part of the curriculum. The temporary use of religious symbols such as a cross, menorah, crescent, Star of David, creche, symbols of Native American religions or other symbols that are a part of a religious holiday are permitted as a teaching aid if they are displayed as an example of a holiday's cultural and religious heritage.

Religious Holidays

Holidays which have a religious and a secular basis may be observed. School vacations shall have secular designations, e.g., Winter Vacation, Spring Break.

Graduation and Other Ceremonies

School ceremonies shall be secular in nature. While recognizing the significance of tradition, the board requires that graduation exercises and dedication ceremonies be secular in nature.

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Religious Objections to Activities **IKDA**

(See IF and IKD)

The board recognizes parents have the fundamental right to direct the religious upbringing of their children. Furthermore, Kansas law supports the ability of a parent or person acting as a parent to request their child not be required to participate in a school activity which is contrary to the religious teachings of their child. To assist district staff in consistently accommodating these rights, the board adopts the following policy.

For the purposes of this policy, terms shall have the following meanings.

“Activity” shall be deemed to include, but may not be limited to, any academic assignment, curricular lecture, presentation or planned classroom discussion; classroom project; subject-specific instruction; direct exposure to assigned reading material (whether read to or by the class or assigned to the student for independent consumption); or assembly. This term shall not be interpreted to apply to an entire course of study, except when a course of study is an elective course not required for graduation and alternative courses are available for the student’s enrollment and participation at the time of objection.

Parents or persons acting as parents shall be notified in advance and given the opportunity to opt their child out of any activity addressing topics that are known to be or are reasonably ascertainable to be contrary to the religious beliefs of the parents, persons acting as parents, or students themselves.

A parent or person acting as a parent (or a student eighteen years of age or older) may request that the student be excused from participating in activities for religious reasons. The parent, person acting as a parent, or adult student must complete the district opt-out form for religious objections, stating the specific activity, the portion of the curriculum in which the activity exists, and the reasons for the request. The request may be granted, or denied, or partially granted and partially denied.

A parent or person acting as a parent seeking to remove their child from activities contrary to the child's religious teachings must complete the district's Activity Participation Opt-Out Form regarding religious objections which is available in the school office. Parents and persons acting as parents desiring to opt their children out of activities due to religious reasons must return the completed and signed form to the principal. The form must be submitted within a reasonable amount of time prior to the scheduled activity in order to allow time for the principal to consider the request. The completed form shall be kept on file in the school office, and the principal shall receive a copy.

The principal shall review the request and determine whether the request should be granted or denied. The principal shall notify the parents or persons acting as parents of the decision within a reasonable amount of time after the request is submitted. If the parents are dissatisfied with the principal's decision, they may appeal in writing to the superintendent.

If the opt-out request is granted. The school may provide an appropriate alternative assignment or academic activity aligned with the same learning goals without penalty to the student.

Opt-out requests must be submitted annually and are valid only for the school year in which they are submitted.

Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to allow a parent, person acting as a parent, or adult student to opt a student out of entire courses which have been deemed required graduation requirements by the board or by the state of Kansas, except as otherwise provided by law. Parents and persons acting as parents of middle or high school students are encouraged to assist students in monitoring available course offerings and their descriptions near enrollment periods in order to make appropriate course selections in line with state required graduation requirements while still accommodating the child’s sincerely held religious beliefs.

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IKDA - RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO ACTIVITIES

Sample Only: Retype, remove from policy book and maintain in the school.

Activity Participation Opt-Out Form

I,_____ (parent/guardian) request that my child, _____, be excused from participating in certain activities for religious reasons.

From what activity do you wish your child to be excused?

_____

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_____

Identify where in the curriculum the activity exists. (Please identify the grade level, class, building.)

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_____

For what reason do you wish your child to be excused? (Please state the particular religious objection to this activity, including the religious teaching you believe this activity violates.)

_____

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_____

I understand that I am requesting the school to excuse my child from certain activities and that my request is subject to review and determination by the school. I further understand that if my request is granted, the school may provide an appropriate alternative assignment or academic activity aligned with the same learning goals without penalty to the student.

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Administrator Signature

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Date Received

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Each building principal may schedule assemblies as needed.

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Each teacher shall develop, maintain and follow lesson plans which conform to the approved curriculum, the district's educational goals and the expected student learning outcomes. Principals shall establish methods to regularly review teacher lesson plans.

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Animals and Plants in the School **ING**

Service Animal

Administrative Procedure for Service Animal:
State and Federal law allow an individual with a disability to be accompanied by a service animal that is
individually trained to perform work or tasks for the benefit of an individual. The animal may accompany the individual to all school functions, whether in or outside the classroom.

Service animals are permitted on district property, including district transportation, in accordance with law. The district will make modifications, as necessary, to allow for the presence of service animals.

All service animals must be under the control of their handlers. Service animals must have a tether unless the handler is unable to use one or unless the use of a tether would interfere with the service animals safe, effective performance. Animals that are not tethered must be under the control of the handler through some other means, such as voice commands or hand signals.

The district will not allow service animals to remain on district property if they are not housebroken or are out of control. If a service animal is properly excluded from district property, the individual with a disability served by the animal will be given the opportunity to participate in the program, service, or activity without having the service animal on district property.

District officials may verify that an animal qualifies as a service animal by asking whether the animal is required because of a disability and what work or tasks the animal has been trained to perform. Except as otherwise specified in this policy, district officials will not inquire about the nature or extent of the individual's disability or require the individual to provide documentation that the animal is a service animal.

Employees and students may use service animals pursuant to the *"Service Animal"* section of this policy. However, the district may make additional inquiries about the nature and extent of the employee's or student's disability as permitted by law.

The handler will be primarily responsible for the care and control of any service animal used as an accommodation.

General Information:

1. Animals with venom that is harmful to humans will not be allowed on district property.

2. An animal will not be allowed on district property without proof of current vaccinations.

3. Animals are prohibited from being on district property if anyone has been ticketed or charged for the behavior of the animal.

4. Animals will never be maintained in or near an area where outside air is brought into district buildings.

Definitions:

Service Animal - *Federal law defines a service animal as any dog…that is individually trained to perform tasks or work for the benefit of a student with a disability (28 C.F.R. §§35.104 and 35.136). Federal law also explains that other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals.*

Disability - *Under Federal law, disability includes a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. The "work or tasks performed" must be directly related to the student's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to assisting a student who is blind or has low vision with navigation and other tasks; alerting a student who is deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds; providing non-violent protection or rescue work; pulling a wheelchair; assisting a student during a seizure; alerting a student to the presence of allergens; retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone; providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to a student with mobility disabilities; and helping a student with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors or performing other duties.*

Handler *is an individual who has and maintains control over the service animal. This individual may be the student using the service animal. Control of the service animal means using a harness, leash, or other tether, unless the handler is unable because of a disability to use one of these devices or their use would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks. If or when these devices are not used, control of the service animal must be accomplished through voice control, signals, or other effective means.*

Applicable Person(s)	Responsibilities
Parent/Guardian	● Informs the School District of the need for a service animal to accompany their disabled child to school. ● Cooperates with the district to successfully incorporate the service animal into the educational environment.

Applicable Person(s)	Responsibilities
District Coordinator for Animals	● Discusses this procedure with the building administrator, other appropriate administrative and special education staff, and the Board Attorney. ○ The Board Attorney will be a necessary participant in the district's efforts to manage the issues presented by service animals being used in school facilities. ● Contacts the district's insurance carrier(s) to assess appropriate coverage for issues involving service animals, including a handler. ● Informs all building administrators and special education coordinators that any *disabled student* has the right to be accompanied by a service animal *"that is individually trained to perform tasks or work for the benefit of a student"* at any school facility or function. ○ Schools must modify their policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a service animal by a student with a disability (28 C.F.R. §35.136). ● Discusses *USD 261 Animals and Plants in the School Policy*, with building principals and instructs them to: (1) inform their individual building staff of these guidelines when service animals are present in their individual buildings, and (2) use this exhibit as an internal district document to ensure legitimate safety interests of staff and students. This document may not be used as an agreement between the district and its students and their parents/guardians as a condition of the student using a service animal.
IEP and/or 504 Team	● For a student who is not already identified as disabled, follows the district's evaluation procedures for determining whether a student is a student with a disability within the meaning of IDEA or Section 504. ● If a student does not qualify as a student with a disability, consult the District Coordinator for Animals before excluding the service animal from the school. This will ensure that there are not special circumstances that require the school to allow access despite a student's non-disabled status. ● For a student with an IEP or Section 504 plan, or who qualifies for one, determines: 1. Whether the service animal is a required *related service* to ensure the provision of a *"free appropriate public education"* (FAPE), and/or 2. Whether the service animal is an appropriate *reasonable accommodation* for the student's disability. ● Permits the use of the service animal if the answer to either of the above questions is yes (i.e., determines that the service animal will perform tasks for the benefit of a student with a disability).

Applicable Person(s)	Responsibilities
	● Informs the parent/guardian that the student's service animal may accompany the student to school, and explain that the service animal must be under the control of its handler at all times, and must be housebroken (28 C.F.R. 35.136). ● If the school excludes the service animal: 1. Notifies the parent/guardian in writing of the reasons for the exclusion and the right to appeal. Provides any required procedural safeguard notices. See Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (34 C.F.R. Parts 104 and 300). 2. Gives the student with a disability the opportunity to participate in all of the school's services, programs, or activities without having the service animal at the school facility.
Building Administrator	**When notice of the need for a service animal in a school facility is provided:** ● Balances student's need for the service animal and the legitimate safety interests of other students and staff by ensuring the service animal will meet the guidelines listed in *USD 261 Animals and Plants in the School Policy*. ● Takes appropriate steps to inform the student's parent/guardian of any unmet guidelines and what actions must be taken to meet these guidelines and avoid exclusion of the service animal. ● Discusses *USD 261 Animals and Plants in the School Policy* with building staff, and requests to be immediately informed if the animal's behavior does not conform to these guidelines. ● Ensures that the district conducts a criminal background check on any handler(s). ○ The ADA regulation, 28 C.F.R. §§35.130(f) and 35.136(h), and the Kansas White Cane Law, K.S.A. 39-1101 through K.S.A. 39-1113, both prohibit charging a disabled individual a deposit or a surcharge as a condition to allowing a service animal to accompany the disabled individual. ● Creates a plan with the student's parent/guardian and the handler for: 1. Integrating the animal into the classroom and school environment (assemblies, cafeteria, library, etc.). 2. Meeting the service animal's basic needs during the school day.

Applicable Person(s)	Responsibilities
	Any plan depends on the individual student's service animal arrangement, any management issues, and the schedules within each individual building. The school staff is not required to provide care or assistance except in special circumstances (see 28 C.F.R. §35.136(e)). Consider addressing: where the animal will relieve itself, who disposes of the waste, where the animal drinks water, and who provides it, etc. **Note**: While the school is not required to provide staff to take the animal outside, it may need to provide a staff member to accompany a student outside if the student is the animal's handler (see 28 C.F.R. §35.130(b)(7)). ● Checks with the school nurse regarding any known allergies among students attending the school. ● Manages identified students' competing educational interests by: 1. Consulting the District Coordinator for Animals. 2. Minimizing contact between any allergic students and the service animal. 3. Creating a method to monitor identified competing educational interests between students based upon the individual facts of the situation. 4. Responding to future unidentified competing educational interests and managing them immediately. 5. Modifying any other conditions as the individual facts of the situation require. *See The U.S. Department of Education's "Reasonable Accommodation Handbook," Section C10, provides information about balancing competing interests in the context of a service animal's presence in the work environment. It is available at: www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/acshbom3.pdf.* *The U.S. Dept. of Justice's "Commonly Asked Questions about Service Animals in Places of Business," available at: www.ada.gov/qasrvc.htm.* ● Facilitates the dissemination of accurate information about the presence of the service animal at school while respecting privacy rights. ● Considers creating a joint communication from the building administrator and the parent/guardian of the student using a service animal. The communication should inform other students and their parents/guardians about the placement of a service animal in their educational setting.

Applicable Person(s)	Responsibilities
	○ Providing a joint communication allows the school to exchange the information needed to balance competing educational interests without violating Federal or State laws that govern student records. *See Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and its implementing rules at 34 C.F.R. Part 99. FERPA prohibits schools from disclosing personally identifiable information from students' education records without the consent of a parent or eligible student, unless an exception applies.* *See policy JRB.* ● Prepares a list of answers to anticipated questions. ● Educates students, staff, and the community about the rights of students to use service animals in the school and the consequences for mistreatment of animals. *See Kansas White Cane Law (K.S.A. 39-1103 makes it unlawful to deny or interfere with the exercise of the rights of a disabled person under the act).* ● Contacts the student's parent/guardian if, at any time, the animal fails to meet the guidelines listed in *USD 261 Animals and Plants in the School Policy*. **When a service animal arrives at school without notice**: ● Keeps the animal with the student if the service animal is obviously: 1. Able to perform tasks or work for the benefit of a student with a disability. 2. Able to stay under the control of its handler and, if not, the handler can take effective action to control it. 3. Housebroken. ● Informs staff that the animal may not be taken away from the student. ● Informs the parent/guardian of this procedure and requests their cooperation with the district to successfully incorporate the service animal into the educational environment. ● Excludes the animal and contacts the student's parent/guardian if the animal does not obviously meet the conditions in *USD 261 Animals and Plants in the School Policy*. ● Contacts animal control if the building administrator or designee believes the animal is not properly vaccinated, may be dangerous, or is sick.

Questions Regarding Service Animals:
Please direct any questions to the District Coordinator for Animals: Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Student Services, at 316-554-2206.

Therapy Animal

Definition of Roles:

Therapy Animal *is a domesticated animal, typically a dog, that has been trained to interact with many people other than its handler, as part of the handler's occupation or profession, to provide support for social and emotional health or well-being. Additionally, therapy animals are trained to behave safely around a diverse range of people. The Therapy Animals that are permitted in the Haysville School District are "**professional therapy dogs**" and "**professional therapy rabbits**."*

Professional Therapy Dog *is one that has been selected, trained, and tested to provide specific physical or therapeutic functions, under the direction and control of a qualified handler who works with the dog as a team, and as a part of the handler's occupation or profession. Such dogs, with their handlers, perform such functions in institutional settings, community based group settings, or when providing services to specific persons who have disabilities. "Professional therapy dog" does not include dogs, certified or not, which are used by volunteers for pet visitation therapy (legal definition from K.S.A. 39-1113.*

Professional Therapy Rabbit *is one that has been selected, trained, and tested to provide specific physical or therapeutic functions, under the direction and control of a qualified handler who works with the rabbit as a team, and as a part of the handler's occupation or profession. Such rabbits, with their handlers, perform such functions in institutional settings, community based group settings, or when providing services to specific persons who have disabilities. "Professional therapy rabbit" does not include rabbits, certified or not, which are used by volunteers for pet visitation therapy.*

Handler *is a certificated/licensed staff member within USD 261 who has been trained and tested as part of a therapy animal team. The handler is responsible for the following:*

- *care for the animal needs*
- *carry a one (1) million dollar liability insurance to cover the animal*
- *ensure the animal is current on all vaccinations*
- *provide building administrator and District Coordinator for Animals with all therapy certification records*
- *train staff and students on the role of the therapy animal*
- *groom and clean up after the animal (inside and outside of the facility)*
- *maintain control of the animal while on district property*
- *report any incidents to the building administrator in a timely manner*

Therapy Animal Team *consists of the handler and the therapy animal.*

Building Administrator *is the first step of the approval of application, and maintenance of therapy certification and medical records. All concerns regarding the therapy animal team shall be addressed by the building administrator. The building administrator may remove the animal from service at any time.*

District Coordinator for Animals *is the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Student Services. The District Coordinator for Animals establishes and reviews policies, procedures, and guidelines. The District Coordinator for Animals is the second and final step of the approval of application, and maintenance of therapy certification and medical records.*

Therapy Animal Committee *are staff members within USD 261 which provide feedback on policies, procedures, guidelines, and practices, establish new procedures, and review procedures as needed.*

Bite *is defined as the animal's teeth having broken the skin or caused a bruise or mark.*

Clarification of Rights:
Many people are under the mistaken impression that therapy animals and their handlers have the same rights of access as people with disabilities who use service animals.

Service animals are vitally important to those people with disabilities who have one. A therapy animal performs its tasks by permission or invitation. Most facilities, as with USD 261, require paperwork for a therapy animal to begin performing jobs within their facility.

Minimum Requirements for Therapy Animal:
Dogs and Rabbits are the only professional therapy animals that may be employed by a staff member and serve in a USD 261 facility.

1. An annual application must be submitted and approved prior to the professional therapy animal working in the building.
    - ➔ The application must first be submitted and approved by the building administrator.
    - ➔ Upon approval from the building administrator, the application must be submitted to the District Coordinator for Animals, which is the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Student Services.

2. The professional therapy animal and handler must have completed all required therapy certification as outlined by USD 261.

3. The professional therapy animal must be current on all vaccinations, which are as follows. The handler must provide the building administrator with an annual vaccination record prior to the professional therapy animal working in a USD 261 facility.

Required list of vaccinations for Therapy Dog:

- Rabies
- Distemper / Parvovirus / 5 or 7 Way Parvo
- Bordetella (Kennel Cough)
- Heartworm Prevention
- Comprehensive DeWormer/Fecal Check
- External Parasite Check (fleas, ticks, mites, etc.)
- Preventative Parasite for Flea & Tick Control

Required list of vaccinations for Therapy Rabbit:

- Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) / Type 2 (RHDV2)
- External Parasite Check (fleas, ticks, mites, etc.)
- Preventative Parasite for Flea & Tick Control

**Please Note: Titer tests will not be accepted for any type of vaccination.*

Costs Associated with Therapy Animal:
The handler is responsible for all costs (e.g. one (1) million dollar liability insurance policy, vaccinations, medical procedures, food, training, grooming, harness, leash, bed, crate, food bowls, etc.) associated with ownership of the animal.

Requirements of a Therapy Animal:

1. Therapy Animal:
   - ➔ Must be at least one year old
   - ➔ May not be a puppy in training
   - ➔ Must be potty trained
   - ➔ Needs to reside with the animal handler a minimum of six (6) months before initiating work within the district
   - ➔ Must have a calm, friendly, and non-aggressive temperament
   - ➔ Must be well-socialized and comfortable around children, large groups, and noise
   - ➔ Zero Bite Policy – any therapy animal that bites a person or an animal will not be allowed back on any USD 261 premises
   - ➔ Always needs to wear a leash and must be under control of the handler
   - ➔ Handler must always be in control of the leash while in the hallways and commons areas
   - ➔ Injured or sick animals (within the last 24 hours) will not be brought to school
   - ➔ Should be clean and well groomed, including teeth and nails
   - ➔ Females in heat are not allowed at school

Requirements and Responsibilities of the Handler:

1. The professional therapy animal must arrive and leave with the handler each day, be collared and/or harnessed and leashed (on a 6 foot or shorter leash), and under the control of the handler at all times while working in the building. The animal must be on a short leash or in a stroller while moving through the halls and common areas of the building. Retractable leashes and choke chains as well as pinch, prong, decorative spiked, or electronic collars are not allowed.

2. Animals are prohibited from being on district property if anyone has been ticketed or charged for the behavior of the animal.

3. The professional therapy animal must be groomed and bathed, teeth brushed, nails trimmed, and ears cleaned regularly, as well as brushed daily.

4. All care duties such as walking, feeding, watering, and waste cleanup and disposal are the responsibility of the handler and may not be delegated or reassigned to another staff member or student. Waste must be cleaned up and disposed of immediately.

5. When treats are given, this should be done only by the handler.

6. A crate is to have a secure latch in use for when the animal handler is not present with the animal. If the handler is out of the room, the classroom/office door is to be locked.

7. Professional therapy animal vaccination records and therapy animal certification must be on file with the building administrator and the District Coordinator for Animals, while the animal is working on school property.

8. All costs related to the therapy animal are the responsibility of the handler. No funds from USD 261 will be utilized for purchasing, licensing, upkeep or maintenance of a therapy animal.

9. Liability Insurance of a one (1) million dollar policy will be carried by the handler and provided to the building administrator and District Coordinator for Animals yearly, prior to the animal being brought on school property.

10. The handler or therapy animal organization agrees to hold the school harmless from any claims or damages resulting from the therapy animal's presence.

11. The handler shall be responsible for any property damage caused by the therapy animal.

12. Professional therapy animal is allowed to work in the same USD 261 facility in which the handler is assigned, and the building administrator has approved the animal to work. The professional therapy animal shall not attend meetings or other school functions outside of the handlers assigned building, unless pre-approved by that district or building administrator.

13. Handler and building administrator shall provide annual training for staff and students on how to appropriately interact with the professional therapy animal. Students will be taught proper etiquette when interacting with therapy animals, such as not approaching without permission and not engaging in rough play.

14. Handlers should evaluate their animal's health and attitude before each working day. If an animal is injured, it should stay home. If an animal has been sick in the last 24 hours, it should stay home.

15. Handlers should be aware of the signs of stress.

    **Note: When these behaviors become noticeable and/or on-going, the handler must assess the animal, notify the building administrator, and determine if it is necessary to remove the animal from working with students, staff, and/or removed from the school premises. The building administrator may make the final decision regarding if it is necessary to remove the animal from working with students, staff, and/or removed from the school premises.*

16. In the event of an emergency involving the therapy animal, such as an illness or injury, the handler must remove the animal from the school premises immediately and notify the building administrator.

17. Building administrator and handler shall meet annually to discuss the advantages of having a professional therapy animal in the school setting, concerns about the therapy animal that have been expressed to the building administrator, future training needs, and any other information deemed appropriate to the therapy animal's role in a school setting.

18. All therapy animal applications are to be updated along with copies of the required records on an annual basis. All records are to be submitted to the building administrator and District Coordinator for Animals.

19. If a therapy animal handler has more than one therapy animal, he/she must complete an application process for each animal.

<u>Requirements and Responsibilities of the Building Administrator</u>:

20. Checks with the school nurse regarding any known allergies among students attending the school.

21. Signage stating a professional therapy animal is working in the school building must be posted at the entry of the facility.

22. Building administrator shall inform parents, annually, that a professional therapy animal is working in the school.

23. *Professional therapy animal vaccination records and therapy animal certification must be on file with the building administrator and the* District Coordinator for Animals*, while the animal is working on school property.*

24. *Liability Insurance of a one (1) million dollar policy will be carried by the handler and provided to the building administrator and District Coordinator for Animals yearly, prior to the animal being brought on school property.*

25. *Handler and building administrator shall provide annual training for staff and students on how to appropriately interact with the professional therapy animal. Students will be taught proper etiquette when interacting with therapy animals, such as not approaching without permission and not engaging in rough play.*

26. Handlers should be aware of the signs of stress.

    **Note: When these behaviors become noticeable and/or on-going, the handler must assess the animal, notify the building administrator, and determine if it is necessary to remove the animal from working with students, staff, and/or removed from the school premises. The building administrator may make the final decision regarding if it is necessary to remove the animal from working with students, staff, and/or removed from the school premises.*

27. *Building administrator and handler shall meet annually to discuss the advantages of having a professional therapy animal in the school setting, concerns about the therapy animal that have been expressed to the building administrator, future training needs, and any other information deemed appropriate to the therapy animal's role in a school setting.*

    Please Note: Items listed in **BLUE are duplicate items that are the responsibility of both the handler and the building administrator.*

Requirements when a Therapy Animal is Approved in a Building:

28. Animal must be used for therapy purposes.

29. The presence and needs of the therapy animal should not disrupt or interfere with the expected duties of the staff member/handler. Disruption or interference may result in immediate revocation of the therapy animal application.

30. If a student/staff allergy, phobia, and/or fear exists for any reason, the therapy animal should not be present in that same space.

31. The building administrator and/or the District Coordinator for Animals has the right revoke approval for the animal's presence or supplement with additional restrictions if the animal's behavior is deemed to be distracting, counterproductive to a positive school climate, or for concerns of health and safety of the therapy animal or others.

Bite and Injury Policy:

1. If a professional therapy animal bites a person, the animal shall be immediately removed from the facility, and not allowed to return. The handler and building administrator shall document the incident in detail, provide the victim with a copy of the animal's vaccination records, and the one (1) million dollar liability insurance policy. The building administrator shall notify the District Coordinator for Animals. The building administrator will keep all animal bite documentation in the school file, and will also forward a copy to the District Coordinator for Animals.

2. All other injuries that occur as a result of the professional therapy animal working with students, staff, or patrons shall be reviewed by the building administrator and District Coordinator for Animals. The sole discretion as to the animal's ability to return to the school facility shall rest with the District Coordinator for Animals. As outlined in the Zero Bite Policy, any therapy animal that bites a person or an animal will not be allowed back on any USD 261 premises at any time.

   **Please Note: A handler should be very aware of the animal and its level of stress, the situations where inappropriate handling may occur, if the animal may not be feeling well that day, etc. and be able to remove the animal and allow it rest or a respite as needed. They are a team, and much responsibility is on the handler to anticipate problems before they arise.*

Certification Requirements for Therapy Animal and Handler:

All professional therapy animals must be certified by an approved therapy animal organization. The handler shall provide the building administrator with all documentation that supports that the professional therapy animal has successively passed the requirements of the therapy animal organization.

Questions Regarding Therapy Animals:
Please direct any questions to the District Coordinator for Animals: Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Student Services, at 316-554-2206.

Classroom and Visiting Animal

Definition of Roles:

Classroom Animal *is a small domesticated animal that a teacher owns and provides for their students to observe, and sometimes care for in the classroom.*

Visiting Animal *is an animal that is brought into the classroom or school for students to observe.*

Handler *is a certificated/licensed staff member within USD 261. The handler is responsible for the following:*

- *care for the animal needs*
- *carry a one (1) million dollar liability insurance to cover the animal*
- *ensure the animal is current on all vaccinations (if applicable)*
- *train staff and students on the role of the classroom animal*
- *groom and clean up after the animal (inside and outside of the facility)*
- *maintain control of the animal while on district property*
- *report any incidents to the building administrator in a timely manner*

Building Administrator *is the first step of the approval of application, and maintenance of any applicable records. All concerns regarding the classroom and visiting animals shall be addressed by the building administrator. The building administrator may remove the animal at any time.*

District Coordinator for Animals *is the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Student Services. The District Coordinator for Animals establishes and reviews policies, procedures, and guidelines for Service and Therapy Animals, as well as for Classroom and Visiting Animals. The District Coordinator for Service and classroom and visiting animals is the second and final step of the approval of application, and maintenance of any applicable records.*

Bite *is defined as the animal's teeth having broken the skin or caused a bruise or mark.*

Introduction:

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information to promote safety for handlers and students when animals are brought into the classroom. Animals are part of our daily lives; they can be used effectively as teaching aids, and the positive benefits of the human-animal bond are well established. However, the special situation of classrooms necessitates certain safeguards. Inadequate understanding of animal disease and behavior can lead to unnecessary risks for children and animals alike. These guidelines are designed to promote a better understanding of:

1. Which animals may represent a health hazard and are not safe to bring in classrooms,

2. Health considerations when handling animals which have the potential to transmit disease,

3. Safety precautions for introducing animals into classrooms,

4. How to properly handle animal wastes to limit the spread of disease from animals to humans.

Animals that are Unacceptable for School Classrooms and Visits:

1. Wild Animals

For the purposes of these guidelines, a wild animal is any mammal that is NOT one of the following:

a. Domestic dog
b. Domestic cat
c. Domestic ferret
d. Domestic ungulate (e.g. cow, sheep, goat, pig, horse)
e. Domestic rabbit
f. Pet rodent (e.g. mice, rats, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, chinchillas)

Wild animals pose a risk for transmitting rabies as well as other zoonotic diseases (i.e. diseases which can be transferred from animals to humans) and should never be brought into schools or handled by children.

Wild animals' behavior also tends to be unpredictable. A wild animal that has been raised in captivity is still a wild animal.

Exceptions to this recommendation include those instances when the wild animals are presented at schools by a professional who has experience handling wildlife, and are displayed in enclosed cages which prevent contact between the animal and students. At all times, the wild animal should be either contained or controlled by the presenter. Because of the high incidence of rabies in bats, raccoons, skunks, and wild carnivores (such as lions, tigers, and bears), these animals should not be permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

2. Poisonous Animals

Spiders, venomous insects, poisonous reptiles, and poisonous amphibians should be prohibited from being brought onto school grounds.

Exceptions to this recommendation include those instances when these animals are presented at schools by a professional who has experience handling them, and are displayed in cases which provide a physical barrier between the animal and the children (e.g. animal is enclosed behind sturdy glass or plastic). Poisonous animals are not to be handled by children.

3. ***Wolf-Dog Hybrids***
   These animals are crosses between a wolf and a domestic dog and have shown a propensity for aggression, especially toward young children. Therefore, they should not be allowed on school grounds.

4. ***Stray Animals***
   Stray animals should never be brought onto school grounds because the health and vaccination status of these animals is unknown.

5. ***Aggressive Animals***
   Animals, which are bred or trained to demonstrate aggression towards humans or other animals, or animals, which have demonstrated such aggressive behavior in the past, should not be permitted on school campuses. Aggressive, unprovoked, or threatening behavior should mandate the animal's immediate removal.

<u>Special Consideration for Specific Animals</u>:

1. ***Reptiles (Including non-poisonous snakes, lizards, and iguanas) and Amphibians***
   Non-poisonous reptiles, iguanas, turtles, and amphibians are acceptable with appropriate hygiene for students and employees.

2. ***Baby Chicks and Ducks***
   The chick incubation project is a worthwhile, educational project; but it is strictly up to the principal and teacher to choose to participate. Those choosing to participate must follow these guidelines:
   a. Students should have limited contact with the eggs or chicks. If by chance students touch the eggs or chicks, they should wash their hands with soap and water.
   b. Teachers/adults are encouraged to wear disposable gloves when handling the eggs/chicks. If gloves are not available, teachers/adults should wash their hands with soap and water before and after handling the eggs and chicks.
   c. Teachers/adults should clean animal cages and dispose of animal wastes. Animal wastes should be disposed of where students cannot come into contact with the animal wastes.
   d. After the chick incubation project, chicks should be given to the Extension Service or placed on a farm. Only adults should transport chicks.
   e. Do not give the chicks to the students.

3. ***Demonstration Canines***
   Sentry or canine corps dogs used for demonstration are permitted under the control of trained military or law enforcement officials.

Special Conditions For Specific Animals:
Specific recommendations should be observed for the following animals because of zoonotic diseases that they may carry or because of certain tendencies:

1. ***Psittacine birds***
   Because psittacine birds such as parrots, conures, and parakeets carry zoonotic diseases such as psittacosis (Chlamydia psittaci, parrot fever), such birds (parrots, parakeets, budgies, and cockatiels) should not be handled by students. Birds showing any signs of illness should not be brought into school. Psittacine birds may be brought to school as long as their cages are clean and the bird's wastes can be contained, such as within a cage. Psittacine birds temporarily housed on school property in cages should be treated prophylactically with appropriate tetracyclines for psittacosis for 45 days prior to entering the premises.

2. ***Ferrets***
   Ferrets can be allowed to visit school classrooms, but the person responsible for them must handle them. Because of their propensity to bite when startled, ferrets are not to be handled by students and are not to be permanently housed at the school building.

3. ***Fish***
   Disposable gloves should be worn when cleaning an aquarium. Used tank water should be disposed of in sinks that are not used for food preparation, or for obtaining water for human consumption.

4. ***Law Enforcement Dogs***
   Law enforcement dogs may be allowed on school grounds provided they are part of a recognized school activity or part of a law enforcement investigation.

5. ***Service Animals***
   Service Animals can be used in school buildings. Specific guidelines for Service Animals may be found in the USD 261 Service and Therapy Animal Policy.

6. ***Therapy Animals***
   Therapy Animals can be used in school buildings. Specific guidelines for Therapy Animals may be found in the USD 261 Service and Therapy Animal Policy.

Suggested Animals for Use in Schools:
The following is a list of animals that are appropriate pets to be housed in schools:

1. Small pet rodents (e.g. mice, rats, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, chinchillas)
2. Pet rabbits
3. Aquarium fish (salt or freshwater)
4. Non-psittacine cage and aviary birds (e.g. canaries, finches mynahs, diamond doves)

All animals housed in schools should be provided an appropriate environment (e.g. secure housing, suitable temperature, adequate exercise) and a proper diet. In addition, there should be a plan for the continued care of these animals during the days that school is not in session. Consultation with a veterinarian is advised to help with environmental and nutritional needs and provide care in the event of illness or injury to the animal.

General Guidelines for Animals That Are Permitted to Visit Schools:
It is important that animals that are brought onto school campuses be clean and healthy so that the risk of transmitting diseases is minimal. Children tend to be more susceptible to zoonotic diseases and parasitic infections than adults also because of their lack of handwashing and greater propensity for putting hands in their mouths. Therefore, animals that are brought to school should be clean and free of disease and external parasites such as fleas, ticks, and mites, to decrease the likelihood of the animal transmitting these agents or vectors to the students. Visiting animals should be restricted to an area designated by the principal. Kittens and puppies are appropriate only for short classroom visits.

The following are requirements for Classroom Animals and commonly Visiting Animals:

1. ***Verified Rabies Vaccination***
   Current rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian should be documented for all dogs, cats, and ferrets brought onto the school campus for instructional purposes. Dogs and cats under three months of age or not vaccinated against rabies should not be handled by children.

2. ***Health Certificates for Dogs***
   A health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian showing proof of current vaccination against Rabies, Distemper / Parvovirus, Bordetella (Kennel Cough), Heartworm Prevention (monthly-annually), Comprehensive DeWormer/Fecal Check, External Parasite Control, and Preventative Parasite for Flea & Tick Control should be available. Animals must have had a negative fecal exam or proof of successful treatment for internal parasites in the past year. The animal should be free of external parasites such as fleas, ticks, and mites and free of obvious skin lesions. Animals must be housebroken. Female dogs and cats should be determined not to be in estrus (heat) at the time of the visit.

3. ***Health Certificates for Cats***
   A health certificate which is signed by a licensed veterinarian showing proof of current vaccination against Feline Panleukopenia (feline distemper), Rhinotracheitis Calicivirus, Chlamydia, Feline Leukemia, and Rabies should be available. Animals must have had a negative fecal exam or proof of successful treatment for internal parasites in the past year. The animal should be free of external parasites such as fleas, ticks, and mites and free of obvious skin lesions. Animals must be housebroken. Female dogs and cats should be determined not to be in estrus (heat) at the time of the visit.

4. ***Health Certificates for Ferrets***
   A health certificate, which is signed by a licensed veterinarian showing proof of current vaccination against Canine Distemper and Rabies, should be available. Animals must have had a negative fecal exam or proof of successful treatment for internal parasites in the past year. The animal should be free of external parasites such as fleas, ticks, and mites and be free of obvious skin lesions. Animals must be housebroken.

Proper Restraint of Animals:
Because animals may react strangely to classroom situations, it is important to have an effective way to control them. Fear may cause an animal to attempt to escape or even act aggressively in situations, which are unusual to them (the "flight or fight" phenomenon). Appropriate restraint devices will allow the holder to react quickly and prevent harm to students or escape of the animal.

Collars and Leashes:
Dogs, cats, rabbits, and ferrets should be wearing a proper collar, harness, and/or leash when on the school campus or in the classroom so they can be easily controlled. Household rope or string is not an appropriate restraint tool. The owner or responsible person should stay with the animal during its visit to the school. No animal should be allowed to roam unrestrained on the school campus or in the classroom.

Pet birds should never be allowed to fly free in a classroom.

Designated Areas:
All animals should be restricted to the area designated by the principal. In school facilities in which the common dining area is also used as an auditorium, gymnasium, or multi-purpose room, animals may not be in that area.

Student Contact with Animals:
Increased activity and sudden movements can make animals feel threatened, so all student contact with animals should always be supervised and conform to a few basic rules. Even very tame animals may act aggressively in strange situations.

1. Animal bites can usually be avoided if students are kept in small groups.

2. Rough play or teasing should absolutely not be allowed.

3. Students should not be allowed to feed pets directly from their hands.

4. Small animals such as rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, and mice should be handled very gently. Rabbits rarely like to be held and will struggle to free themselves. Rodents may bite when they feel threatened, but rabies post exposure prophylaxis is almost never warranted with small rodent bites.

5. Students should be discouraged from "kissing" animals or having them in close contact with their faces.

6. Education with animals should be used to re-emphasize proper hygiene and handwashing recommendations. All children who handle animals should be instructed to wash their hands immediately after handling them.

7. Animals should not be allowed in the vicinity of sinks where students wash their hands, in any areas where food is prepared, stored, or served, or areas used for cleaning or storage of food utensils or dishes.

8. Animals should not be allowed in nursing stations or sterile and clean supply rooms.

9. Animals are not allowed in sandboxes where children play.

10. Immunocompromised students (e.g. children with organ transplants, children currently receiving cancer chemotherapy or radiation therapy) may be especially susceptible to zoonotic diseases; therefore, special precautions may be needed to minimize the risk of disease transmission to these students. Consultation with the child's parents about precautionary measures is required.

Student Cleaning of Cages and Aquaria:
High school and middle school students may clean animal cages and aquaria using appropriate protocols provided that the work is under the supervision of a professional. Elementary students should not be utilized to clean cages and aquaria.

School Health and Hygiene:
It is important that all areas where animals are housed are free of nuisance odors and do not present an indoor air quality concern for building occupants.

Responsible Use of Live Animals and Dissection in the Science Classroom:
Teachers are expected to follow established curriculum guidelines when using animals as part of the educational process. The following associations are recommended sources of guidance: National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), National Science Education Standards (NSES), and National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT).

Costs Associated with Classroom Animal:
The handler is responsible for all costs (e.g. one (1) million dollar liability insurance policy, vaccinations, medical procedures, food, training, grooming, harness, leash, bed, crate, food bowls, etc.) associated with ownership of the animal.

Requirements and Responsibilities of the Handler:

1. Animals are prohibited from being on district property if anyone has been ticketed or charged for the behavior of the animal.

2. The classroom or visiting animal must be groomed and bathed, teeth brushed, nails trimmed, and ears cleaned regularly, as well as brushed daily.

3. All care duties taking place outside of the classroom such as walking, feeding, watering, and waste cleanup and disposal are the responsibility of the handler and may not be delegated or reassigned to another staff member or student. Waste must be cleaned up and disposed of immediately.

4. When treats are given, this should be done only by the handler.

5. A crate is to have a secure latch in use for when the animal handler is not present with the animal. If the handler is out of the room, the classroom/office door is to be locked.

6. Classroom or visiting animal vaccination records must be on file with the building administrator and the District Coordinator for Animals, while the animal is on school property.

7. All costs related to the classroom or visiting animal are the responsibility of the handler. No funds from USD 261 will be utilized for purchasing, licensing, upkeep or maintenance of an animal.

8. Liability Insurance of a one (1) million dollar policy will be carried by the handler and provided to the building administrator and District Coordinator for Animals yearly, prior to the animal being brought on school property.

9. The handler agrees to hold the school harmless from any claims or damages resulting from the animal's presence.

10. The handler shall be responsible for any property damage caused by the animal.

11. Classroom or visiting animals are allowed to be in the same USD 261 facility in which the handler is assigned, and the building administrator has approved the animal to be present. The classroom or visiting animal shall not attend meetings or other school functions outside of the handlers assigned building, unless pre-approved by that building administrator.

12. Handler and building administrator shall provide annual training for staff and students on how to appropriately interact with the classroom or visiting animal. Students will be taught proper etiquette when interacting with animals, such as not approaching without permission and not engaging in rough play.

13. Handlers should evaluate their animal's health and attitude before each working day. If an animal is injured, it should stay home. If an animal has been sick in the last 24 hours, it should stay home.

14. Handlers should be aware of the signs of stress.

**Note: When these behaviors become noticeable and/or on-going, the handler must assess the animal, notify the building administrator, and determine if it is necessary to remove the animal from working with students, staff, and/or removed from the school premises. The building administrator may make the final decision regarding if it is necessary to remove the animal from working with students, staff, and/or removed from the school premises.*

15. In the event of an emergency involving the animal, such as an illness or injury, the handler must remove the animal from the school premises immediately and notify the building administrator.

16. Building administrator and handler shall meet annually to discuss the advantages of having a classroom or visiting animal in the school setting, concerns about the animal that have been expressed to the building administrator, future training needs, and any other information deemed appropriate to the animal's role in a school setting.

17. All Classroom or Visiting Animal applications are to be updated along with copies of the required records on an annual basis. All records are to be submitted to the building administrator and District Coordinator for Animals.

18. If a handler has more than one classroom or visiting animal, he/she must complete an application process for each animal.

Requirements and Responsibilities of the Building Administrator:

19. Checks with the school nurse regarding any known allergies among students attending the school.

20. Signage stating a classroom or visiting animal is working in the school building must be posted at the entry of the facility.

21. Building administrator shall inform parents, annually, that a classroom animal is in the school. Building administrator shall inform parents, as applicable, that a visiting animal is in the school.

22. *Classroom or visiting animal vaccination records must be on file with the building administrator and the District Coordinator for Animals, while the animal is on school property.*

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    Please Note: Items listed in **BLUE are duplicate items that are the responsibility of both the handler and the building administrator.*

Requirements when a Classroom or Visiting Animal is Approved in a Building:

27. The presence and needs of the classroom or visiting animal should not disrupt or interfere with the expected duties of the staff member/handler. Disruption or interference may result in immediate revocation of the classroom or visiting animal application.

28. If a student/staff allergy, phobia, and/or fear exists for any reason, the classroom or visiting animal should not be present in that same space.

29. The building administrator and/or the District Coordinator for Animals has the right revoke approval for the animal's presence or supplement with additional restrictions if the animal's behavior is deemed to be distracting, counterproductive to a positive school climate, or for concerns of health and safety of the classroom or visiting animal or others.

Bite and Injury Policy:

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JRB	Release of Student Records *Directory Information* *Forwarding Pupil Records*	BCBK, CN, CNA, ECA, IDAE, JGGA, JR et seq., KBA
JRC	Disposition of Records	BCBK, CN, CNA, ECA, IDAE, JGGA, JR et seq., KBA
JRD	Hearing Request	BCBK, CN, CNA, ECA, IDAE, JGGA, JR et seq., KBA
JS	Student Fees and Charges *Credit Card Payments* *Fee Schedules* *Debt Collection* *Forwarding Pupil Records*	

(See BDA, CM, GAA and JCDA)

These student policies are designed to prevent misunderstanding by students about their rights and responsibilities. The ideas and recommendations of students shall be considered when adopting policies, rules, and regulations governing the conduct of students and their rights and responsibilities.

All student handbooks shall be consistent with board policy, approved by the board, and adopted, by reference, as a part of these policies and regulations.

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(See JBC, JBD, and JBE)

Daily attendance records shall be maintained for each student in each school. The primary responsibility for recording attendance shall be assigned to teachers using forms prescribed by the superintendent. A cumulative attendance record for each student shall also be maintained.

The superintendent shall include attendance data in an annual report to the board. Attendance problems shall be reported to the board as necessary.

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Resident Students

A “resident student” is any child who has attained the age of eligibility for school attendance and lives with a parent or a person acting as a parent who is a resident of the district. Children who are “homeless” as defined by Kansas law and who are located in the district will be admitted as resident students. For purposes of this policy, “parent” means the natural parents, adoptive parents, step-parents, and foster parents. For purposes of this policy, “person acting as a parent” means a guardian or conservator, a person liable by law to care for or support the child, a person who has actual care and control of the child and provides a major portion of support, or a person who has actual care and control of the child with written consent of a person who has legal custody of the child.

Non-resident Students

Non-resident students are those who do not meet the definition of a resident student. Although the district is not required to admit non-resident students, non-resident students may be admitted to the extent that staff, facilities, equipment, and supplies are available. Other criteria regarding students seeking non-resident student admittance may be considered prior to acting on any annual non-resident student application as specified in this policy, and students residing outside of the state of Kansas may be denied enrollment or continued enrollment based on out-of-state residency.

Military Students

Details concerning the enrollment and attendance of military students, as defined in state law, may be found in board policy JBCD.

Non-resident Student Continued Enrollment

Non-resident students admitted to the district shall be evaluated each spring by district administration on the following criteria: whether the student made academic progress; residence in the state of Kansas; regularity and punctuality of attendance; and disciplinary record, specifically whether the student complied with the student conduct code and avoided 1) major disciplinary problems and/or 2) a large number of referrals for minor disciplinary problem. Parents shall be informed of any administrative decision on non-resident student applications no later than June 30.

Enrollment Restriction

Unless approved in advance by the board, no student, regardless of residency, who has been suspended or expelled from another school district will be admitted to the district until the period of such suspension or expulsion has expired.

Enrollment Procedures

The superintendent shall establish orderly procedures for enrolling all students, including pre-enrollment, changes in enrollment, normal enrollment times, and communication to parents and to the public.

Part-Time Students

The board allows any child to enroll part-time in the school district to allow the student to attend any courses, programs, or services offered by the school district if the child:

- Is also enrolled in a nonaccredited private elementary or secondary school or in any other private, denominational, or parochial school as required by law;
- requests to enroll part-time in the school district; and
- meets the age of eligibility requirements for school attendance.

District administrators shall make a good faith attempt to accommodate scheduling requests of students enrolling in the school district in these situations but shall not be required to make adjustments to accommodate every such request.

Part-time students, other than those specified previously in this policy may enroll with the administration's permission if they complete all paperwork in a timely fashion and are in attendance no later than September 1. Such part-time students may be admitted only to the extent that staff, facilities, equipment, and supplies are available, and the students follow the district's student conduct policies and rules.

Identification of Students

All students enrolling in the district for the first time shall provide required proof of identity. Students enrolling in kindergarten or first grade shall provide a certified copy of their birth certificate, a certified copy of the court order placing the child in the custody of the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families, or other documentation which the board determines to be satisfactory. Students enrolling in grades 2-12 shall provide a certified transcript, similar pupil records or data, or other documentary evidence the board deems satisfactory.

The above requirements are not to serve as barriers to immediate enrollment of students designated as homeless or foster children as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by ESSA. The district shall work with the Department for Children and Families, the school last attended, or other relevant agencies to obtain necessary enrollment documentation.

If proper proof of identity is not provided within 30 days of enrolling, the superintendent shall notify local law enforcement officials as required by law and shall not notify any person claiming custody of the child.

Enrollment Information

The enrollment documentation shall include a student's permanent record card with a student's legal name as it appears on the birth certificate or as changed by a court order and the name, address, and telephone number of the lawful custodian. The records shall also provide proper proof of identity.

Assignment to a School Building, Grade Level, or Classes

Unless otherwise provided herein, the superintendent shall assign students to the appropriate building. Any student desiring to attend a school outside the attendance area in which the student resides may do so only with the prior written permission of the superintendent.

If required by law, students placed in foster care or students who are homeless may be educated in their "school of origin" instead of the building corresponding to the assigned attendance area. (For definition of "school of origin", see regulations for JBCA and JBCB.)

Assignment to a particular grade level or particular classes shall be determined by the building principal based on the educational abilities of the student. If the parents disagree, the principal's decision may be appealed to the superintendent. If the parents are still dissatisfied with the assignment, they may appeal in writing to the board.

Transferring Credit

In middle school and high school, full faith and credit shall be given to units earned in other accredited schools at the time the student enrolls in the district, unless the principal determines there is valid reason for not doing so. For online credit approval procedures after enrollment, see board policy IIBGB.

Transfers from Non-Accredited Schools

Students transferring from non-accredited schools will be placed by the principal. Initial placement will be made by the principal after consultation with parents or guardians and guidance personnel. Final placement shall be made by the principal based on the student's documented past educational experiences and performance on tests administered to determine grade level placement.

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The district, in accordance with state and federal law and the Kansas state plan will ensure that homeless children in the school district have access to a free and appropriate public education. Homeless students are individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. For the purposes of this policy, a student awaiting foster care placement shall not be considered homeless.

Coordinator

The board shall designate a homeless coordinator for the district.

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Homeless Student Regulations

Required by Federal and State Law

NOTE: This document MUST be approved by board action to become policy. File with clerk, distribute to principals and duplicate as necessary in district newsletters and other documents.

Homeless students shall, by definition, include the following:

1. Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals.
2. Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
3. Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings.
4. Migratory children who meet one of the above-described circumstances.

Enrollment/Placement (See JBC)

The district, according to the child's or youth's best interest, shall either continue the child's or youth's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness in any case in which: 1) a family becomes homeless between academic years or during an academic year; and 2) for the remainder of the academic year, if the child or youth becomes permanently housed during an academic year; or enroll the child or youth in any public school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend.

School Stability

In determining the best interest of the child or youth, the district homeless student liaison shall:

1. presume that keeping the child or youth in the school of origin is in the child's or youth's best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the child's or youth's parent or guardian, or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth;
2. consider student-centered factors related to the child's or youth's best interest, including factors related to the impact of mobility on achievement, education, health, and safety of homeless children and youth, giving priority to the request of the child's or youth's parent or guardian or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth;
3. if, after conducting the best interest determination based on consideration of the presumption in clause (1) and the student-centered factors in clause (2), it is determined that it is not in the child's or youth's best interest to attend the school of origin or the school requested by the parent or guardian, or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth, provide the child's or youth's parent or guardian or the unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the reasons for its determination, in a manner and form understandable to such parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth, including information regarding the right to appeal such determination; and
4. in the case of an unaccompanied youth, ensure that the district homeless student liaison assists in placement or enrollment decisions under this subparagraph, gives priority to the views of such unaccompanied youth, and provides notice to such youth of the right to appeal.

Immediate Enrollment

The school selected shall immediately enroll the homeless child or youth, even if the child or youth:

1. is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, records of immunization and other required health records, proof of residency, or other documentation; or
2. has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.

Relevant Academic Records

The enrolling school shall immediately contact the school last attended by the child or youth to obtain relevant academic and other records.

Relevant Health Records

If the child or youth needs to obtain immunizations or other required health records, the enrolling school shall immediately refer the parent or guardian of the child or youth, or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth, to the district homeless student liaison, who shall assist in obtaining necessary immunizations or screenings, or immunization or other required health records.

Records

Any record ordinarily kept by the school, including immunization or other required health records, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records, and evaluations for special services or programs, regarding each homeless child or youth shall be maintained so that the records involved are available, in a timely fashion, when a child or youth enters a new school or school district and in a manner consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. See policies JR through JRD.

Enrollment Disputes

If a dispute arises over eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in a school:

1. the child or youth shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought (whether sought by the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth), pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals;
2. the parent or guardian of the child or youth or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth shall be provided with a written explanation of any decisions related to school selection or enrollment made by the school, the local educational agency, or the State educational agency involved, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal such decisions; and
3. the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth shall be referred to the district homeless student liaison, who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible after receiving notice of the dispute.

Placement Choice

The choice regarding placement shall be made regardless of whether the child or youth lives with the homeless parents or has been temporarily placed elsewhere.

Privacy

Information about a homeless child's or youth's living situation shall be treated as a student education record, and shall not be deemed to be directory information, under policy JRB.

Contact Information

Nothing shall prohibit the district from requiring a parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth to submit contact information.

Definition

The term “school of origin” means the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool.

When the child or youth completes the final grade level served by the school of origin, the term “school of origin” shall include the designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools.

Comparable Services

Each homeless child or youth shall be provided services comparable to services offered to other students in the school selected, including:

1. Transportation services;
2. Educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, such as services provided under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar State or local programs, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for English learners;
3. Programs in career and technical education;
4. Programs for gifted and talented students; and
5. School nutrition programs.

Coordination

The district shall coordinate the provision of services under these regulations with the Department for Children and Families and other agencies or entities providing services to homeless children and youths

and their families, including services and programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.), and transportation, transfer of school records, and other interdistrict activities, with other local educational agencies.

Housing Assistance

If applicable, the district shall coordinate with state and local housing agencies responsible for developing the comprehensive housing affordability strategy to minimize educational disruption for children and youths who become homeless.

The coordination required shall be designed to:

1. ensure that all homeless children and youths are promptly identified;
2. ensure that all homeless children and youths have access to, and are in reasonable proximity to, available education and related support services; and
3. raise the awareness of school personnel and service providers of the effects of short-term stays in a shelter and other challenges associated with homelessness.

Homeless Children and Youths With Disabilities

For children and youths who are both homeless and eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), the district shall coordinate the provision of services under these regulations with the provision of programs for children with disabilities served by the district and other involved local educational agencies.

District Homeless Student Liaison

The board designates the following individual to act as the district's homeless student liaison: (Name of Office) (Business Address) (Phone-Fax). The district shall inform school personnel, service providers, and advocates working with homeless families of the duties of this liaison.

The district homeless student liaison shall ensure:

1. homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
2. homeless children and youths are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, district schools;

3. homeless families and homeless children and youths have access to and receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs) under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), early intervention services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.), and other preschool programs administered by the local educational agency;
4. homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services;
5. the parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
6. public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths;
7. enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with these regulations;
8. the parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth, is fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and is assisted in accessing transportation to the school that is selected;
9. school personnel providing services under these regulations receive professional development and other support; and
10. unaccompanied youths:
    a. are enrolled in school;
    b. have opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic standards as Kansas establishes for other children and youth; and
    c. are informed of their status as independent students under federal law regarding student financial assistance for higher education acquisition and that the youths may obtain assistance from the district homeless student liaison to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The liaison shall also work with the state coordinator for education of homeless children and youth to request and receive needed technical assistance and monitoring to ensure the district complies with federal and state law regarding homeless students.

Similarly, the liaison will coordinate with the state coordinator in order to provide professional development opportunities for district personnel to aid them in identifying and meeting the needs of homeless children and youths and will respond to inquiries from parents, guardians, and homeless children and youths to ensure they are provided with the full protection of the law and services they are due.

Notice

The district shall inform school personnel, service providers, advocates working with homeless families, parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and homeless children and youths of the duties

Local and State Coordination

The district homeless student liaison, as a part of assigned duties, shall coordinate and collaborate with state coordinators, the community, and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youths. Such coordination shall include collecting and providing to the state coordinator the reliable, valid, and comprehensive data.

Homeless Status

The district homeless student liaison may affirm, without further agency action by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, that a child or youth who is eligible for and participating in a program provided by the district, or the immediate family of such a child or youth, who meets the eligibility requirements, is eligible for such program or service.

Dispute Resolution Process

A complaint regarding the placement or education of a homeless child or youth shall first be presented orally and informally to the district's homeless student liaison. If the complaint is not promptly resolved, the complainant may present a formal written complaint (grievance) to the homeless student liaison. The written complaint must include the following information: date of filing, description of concerns, the name of the person or persons involved, and a recapitulation of the action taken during the informal charge stage. Within five (5) working days after receiving

the complaint, the liaison shall state a decision in writing to the complainant, with supporting evidence and reasons. In addition, the liaison will inform

the superintendent of the formal complaint and the disposition.

Transportation (See EDAA, JBC and JGG)

If it is in the best interest of the homeless child or youth to attend the school of origin, transportation to and from that school will be provided at the request of the parent or guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the homeless coordinator. If the student's temporary housing is outside the attendance area of the school of origin, then the district will work with the school of origin to agree on a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for transporting the child. If an agreement cannot be reached, the costs will be shared equally.

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The district, in accordance with state and federal law and the Kansas state plan, will ensure students placed in foster care within the school district have access to a public education in a stable educational environment. For the purposes of this policy and its applicable regulations, "foster care" means 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents and for whom a child welfare agency has placement and care duties.

Point of Contact

The board shall designate an employee to serve as a point of contact for child welfare agencies on behalf of the district.

Mobile Crisis Helpline

Crisis support for Kansas families and children to resolve an emotional, psychiatric, or behavioral health crisis is available through the Department of Children and Families Mobile Crisis Helpline, 1-833-441-2240, including:

- Problem solving to resolve behavioral health crisis;
- Referral to community resources or recommendation to engage in stabilization services;
- In-person support via mobile crisis response; and
- Contacting mobile crisis response unit to assist in emergency situations.

Services are available to all Kansans 20 years or younger including anyone in foster care or formerly in foster care.

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Enrollment of Nonresident Students **JBCC**

(See JBC, JBCA, JBCB, and JQKA)

Kansas law requires the board to allow nonresident students to enroll in and attend the schools of the district if the board's capacity determination finds there are open seats for such students. In order to determine the district's capacity to accept nonresident students at each grade level in each district school, the board has adopted this policy.

Details concerning the nonresident enrollment and continued enrollment processes for nonresident students may be found in this policy, while general processes on enrollment documentation, assignment to buildings and classes, etc., may be found in board policy JBC.

This policy does not apply to any virtual school, as defined by Kansas law, or to any school located on a military installation.

Any child who is experiencing homelessness shall be permitted to enroll in and attend the school district of origin or the school district of residence without application and acceptance through this policy.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply.

"Homeless child" means a child who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and whose primary nighttime residence is:

A. A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing for the mentally ill;

B. an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or

C. a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for humans.

"Nonresident student" means a child of school age, pursuant to Kansas Law, who resides in Kansas and is enrolled and in attendance at or seeking to enroll and attend a school located in a district where such student is not a resident.

"Parent" means and includes natural parents, adoptive parents, stepparents, and foster parents.

"Person acting as parent" means:

A. A guardian or conservator; or

B. a person, other than a parent, who:

i. Is liable by law to maintain, care for or support the child;

ii. has actual care and control of the child and is contributing the major portion of the cost of support of the child;

iii. has actual care and control of the child with the written consent of a person who has legal custody of the child; or

iv. has been granted custody of the child by a court of competent jurisdiction.

"Receiving school district" means a school district of nonresidence of a student who attends school in such school district.

"Sibling" means a brother or sister of the whole or half blood, adoptive brother or sister, a stepbrother or stepsister or a foster brother or foster sister.

Determining Capacity for Nonresident Enrollment

The superintendent or designee has the responsibility for studying capacity in each school of the school district and at each grade level within each school and for making recommendations to the board regarding the district's capacity to accept nonresident students. To make recommendations to the board to assist with determining capacity, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee(s) shall do the following.

The superintendent or designee shall develop recommendations on capacity and classroom student-to-teacher ratios in each grade level in each school serving kindergarten students and students in grades one through eight. Such recommendations may be based on, but not be limited to, the following factors:

- Present classroom student-teacher ratios in each grade level in each school;
- projected enrollment shifts based on the resident student population, which may include a percentage adjustment for anticipated growth or decline based on documented enrollment trends; and
- maximum capacity of the classroom and associated learning, activity, and common area spaces.

The superintendent or designee shall develop recommendations on capacity and student-to-teacher ratios for each school building or program serving students in grades nine through twelve. Such recommendations may be based on, but not be limited to, the following factors:

- Present building or program student-teacher ratios;
- projected enrollment shifts based on the resident student population, which may include a percentage adjustment for anticipated growth or decline based on documented enrollment trends;
- anticipated demand for particular courses or programming; and
- maximum capacity of the classroom and associated learning, activity, and common area spaces.

On or before May 1st of each year, the superintendent shall present the recommendations concerning capacity and student-to-teacher ratios to the board for adoption or modification, and the board shall determine, for each grade level in each school building of the school district for the next succeeding school year, the following:

- Capacity based on the study conducted by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee;
- the number of students expected to attend school in the school district; and
- the number of open seats available to nonresidents at each grade, building, or program level.

On or before June 1st of each year, the district shall publish the number of open seats available to nonresident students in each grade level for each school building of the district for the next succeeding school year on the school district's website.

From January 1st through June 15th, district administration shall accept applications from nonresident students seeking to enroll in and attend the district in the next school year.

If the number of applications for a grade level in a school building is less than the number of available seats for that grade level in the school building, the nonresident students shall be accepted for enrollment and attendance at the school district, unless the nonresident student is deemed not in good standing.

If the number of applications for a grade level in a school building is greater than the number of available seats for the grade level in the school building, district administration shall randomly select nonresident students deemed in good standing using a confidential lottery process. This process shall be completed on or before July 15th of each year.

The district shall provide to the parent or person acting as a parent of a nonresident student who was not accepted for or denied enrollment at such school district the reason for the nonacceptance or denial and an explanation of the nonresident student selection process on or before July 30th of each year.

Priority in Filling Open Seats

Regardless of capacity determinations, the following categories of students shall be allowed to enroll as if resident students if they are deemed to be in good standing by district administration:

- any child who is in the custody of the Department for Children and Families and who is living in the home of a nonresident student who transfers to the district; or
- any nonresident student who has a parent or person acting as parent employed by the district, while the parent or person acting as a parent remains employed by the district.

Subject to having capacity to enroll nonresident students, the district shall give priority in enrollment to the following nonresident students deemed in good standing to enroll. These students shall receive open seats without necessity of being selected through any open-seat lottery:

- Any sibling of a nonresident student who is enrolled in and attending school in the district or who is accepted to enroll in and attend school in the district, with priority given when the nonresident student is first accepted and, if necessary, at any other time the district considers transfer applications; and
- any nonresident student who is a military student as defined in K.S.A. 72-5139, with priority given when the student is first accepted and, if necessary, at any other time the district considers transfer applications.

If one of these exceptions no longer applies to the student, the student's enrollment status would be subject to review based upon the considerations for determining good standing in this policy.

Prohibitions Regarding Open Enrollment Provisions of this Policy

The district shall not:

- Charge tuition or fees to any nonresident student who transfers to the district pursuant to this policy, except fees that are otherwise charged to every student enrolled in and attending school in the district; or
- accept or deny a nonresident student transfer based on ethnicity; national origin; gender; income level; disabling condition; proficiency in the English language; or measure of achievement, aptitude, or athletic ability.

Except for a child in the custody of the Department for Children and Families or a child who is experiencing homelessness, a nonresident student shall not transfer more than once per school year to

one or more receiving school districts pursuant to the provisions of this policy or authorizing Kansas law.

Transportation of Students

Neither a resident school district nor a receiving school district shall be required to provide transportation to nonresident students unless otherwise required by applicable law. If space is available on district transportation vehicles, the district may assign nonresident students an in-district bus stop to and from which transportation may be provided by the district for nonresident students. The receiving district may provide transportation from the student's residence by notifying the sending district of the receiving district's intent to provide transportation. The district shall ensure that transportation for nonresident homeless students is provided comparably to that of housed students.

KSHSAA Eligibility

Nothing in this policy or state law shall exempt a nonresident student who transfers into the district from the requirements of the Kansas State High School Activities Association ("KSHSAA") regarding eligibility to participate in KSHSAA activities.

Information Share with the Kansas State Department of Education

The superintendent shall annually submit, or have submitted, to the Kansas State Department of Education this policy, the number of nonresident student transfers approved and denied in each grade level, and whether the denials were based on capacity or in accordance with the policy's terms.

Nonresident Student Continued Enrollment

A nonresident student who has been accepted for enrollment and attendance at a district school shall be permitted to continue enrollment and attendance in the district until such student graduates from high school, reaches the age of 21 (if the student is a student with an exceptionality, not solely eligible for gifted services under an individualized education program), or receives a G.E.D., unless such student is no longer deemed by district administration to be in good standing.

Except as otherwise specified herein, nonresident students who were enrolled in and attending the district during school year 2023-2024, who were attending the district as a resident student in 2023-2024 but have since moved out of the district, or who have been accepted for enrollment by the school district on or after June 1, 2024, will be allowed to continue enrollment in the district as specified above. The district will not require parents of such students or adult or emancipated students to resubmit a new application each school year.

Determining Good Standing

Regardless of capacity to accept nonresident students at a nonresident student's grade level or in the student's designated school or program, an individual student may be denied enrollment or continued enrollment for not being in good standing. Nonresident students applicants for enrollment and nonresident students already enrolled in and attending school in the district shall be evaluated by district administration to determine standing for enrollment or continued enrollment.

Students may be denied enrollment or continued enrollment for the next school year based on the results of these evaluations. However, if the student has a disability, the student's ability to meet these expectations shall be considered prior to denying continued enrollment in the district. Similarly, administration shall consider the adverse impact of homelessness on a student's attendance and any resulting suspensions or expulsions before making a determination on the enrollment or continued enrollment of a student who is homeless. As part of this reflection, administration shall consider the obstacles a homeless student faces to arrive at school on time or each day due to housing instability, lack of transportation, or lack of other basic resources that can hinder consistent attendance.

Enrollment of Nonresident Students **JBCC-7**

A student meeting one or more of the following criteria shall automatically be deemed not in good standing and may be denied enrollment or continued enrollment based solely thereon.

- The nonresident student failed to maintain a 90% attendance rate in the last school year, excluding excused absences under board policy JBD and/or any relevant student handbook language;
- the nonresident student or the student's parent or person acting as a parent provided false or fraudulent information in the application process;
- the nonresident student is not a Kansas resident;
- the student is currently under a period of suspension or expulsion from any Kansas school district, and such suspension or expulsion will not expire until after the next school year has begun.
- the student has had three or more out-of-school suspensions in the current school year, excluding suspensions determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability or a failure on the part of school staff to implement an individualized education program, Section 504 plan, or behavior intervention plan; or
- the student has been given a long-term suspension or expulsion by a school district in the current school year.

Parents shall be informed of any administrative decision not to enroll or to discontinue enrollment of a nonresident student.

If district administration denies the enrollment application of a nonresident student due to the school district deeming the nonresident student as not in good standing, the parent or person acting as a parent of such student may appeal the decision to the board. A current nonresident student who is determined not to be in good standing shall not be entitled to the appeal process outlined herein.

Any student who has been denied enrollment or continued enrollment due to being deemed not in good standing may reapply for nonresident enrollment in subsequent school years.

Appeal Process

If a nonresident student's application for enrollment is denied because the student is determined not to be in good standing, the parent or person acting as a parent may appeal the administrative decision to the board.

If a parent or person acting as a parent wishes to appeal this decision, a written request for an appeal must be submitted to the clerk of the board within 10 days of receiving notice the student's application has been denied for lack of good standing. Such request shall include the individual's reasons for disagreeing with the administration's decision.

The board shall consider any appeal of these decisions and any supplemental documentation provided therewith at the next regularly scheduled board meeting following receipt of the request for appeal, and the board's designee shall notify the requester of the result of the appeal in writing within 10 days of the board's decision thereon.

Enrollment of Out-of-State Students

If capacity for nonresident student enrollment remains after the aforementioned application, enrollment, and the disenrollment process has concluded, district administration may consider applications for enrollment submitted by students who are not Kansas residents. However, priority in enrollment shall be given to Kansas residents.

If a student who is an out-of-state resident is in good standing and has a parent or a person acting as a parent who is employed by the district, district administration may allow the student to enroll in and attend school in the district as if they were a resident of the district.

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Enrollment of Military Students **JBCD**

(See IIBGB, JBC, JBCA, JBCB, JBCC, and JQKA)

For the purposes of this policy, the following terms will be defined as follows:

"Military student" is a person who is a dependent of a full-time active duty member of the military service or a dependent of a member of any of the United States military reserve forces who has been ordered to active duty under 10 U.S.C. §§ 12301, 12302, or 12304, or ordered to full-time active duty for a period of more than 30 consecutive days under 32 U.S.C. §§ 502(f) or 512 for the purposes of mobilizing for war, international peacekeeping missions, national emergency, or homeland defense activities.

"Parent" means the natural parents, adoptive parents, step-parents, and foster parents.

"Person acting as a parent" means a guardian or conservator, a person liable by law to care for or support the child, a person who has actual care and control of the child and provides a major portion of support, or a person who has actual care and control of the child with written consent of a person who has legal custody of the child.

Enrollment of Military Students in Grades K-12

If evidence is provided that a military student's parent or person acting as a parent will be stationed at a military installation in Kansas during the current or immediately succeeding school year, the district shall enroll any military student in kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 prior to the military student physically residing in this state, and no proof of address shall be required at the time of enrollment. Residency within the district may be required for attendance if the district does not have open seats at the time of enrollment as determined by board policy JBCC and Kansas law.

Enrollment of Military Students in District Pre-K Programs

If the district offers a pre-kindergarten program, it shall enroll any military student in a pre-kindergarten program if the military student is eligible to participate in the program and the military student or the military student's parent or person acting as a parent provides evidence that the military's parent or person acting as parent will be stationed at a military installation in Kansas during the current or immediately succeeding school year. If the district has no open seats for the program, then the military student shall be placed on a waiting list for enrollment. Proof of address shall not be required at the time of enrollment, but proof may be required for attendance.

Special Education and Section 504 Services

If the military student has an individualized education program (IEP) or a 504 plan, the district shall take appropriate measures to ensure the military student will receive the required education and related service upon attending school in the district.

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(See AEB, IHEA, JBE and JDD)

Attending school every day will help children as they progress through their academic careers. Helping your child get to school on time every day is an important way you can promote your child's academic success. KS Statute K.S.A. 72-3121 states that a child is required by law to attend school (see statute below).

K.S.A. 72-3121 (c) (1)

Whenever a child is required by law to attend school and is enrolled in school, and the child is inexcusably absent therefrom on either three consecutive school days or five school days in any semester or seven school days in any school year, whichever of the foregoing occurs first, the child shall be considered to be not attending school as required by law. A child is inexcusably absent from school if the child is absent therefrom all or a significant part of a school day without a valid excuse acceptable to the school employee designated by the board of education to have responsibility for the school attendance of such child.

Chronic Absenteeism

According to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), "being chronically absent means a student is missing 10 percent or more of school, for both excused and unexcused reasons. This puts the student at a higher risk of not graduating high school and possibly becoming a high school dropout." Chronic absenteeism is not the same thing as truancy. Chronic absenteeism considers excused and unexcused absences, and truancy considers only unexcused absences.

When a student is absent from school, an attempt shall be made to contact the parent or guardian to determine the reason for the absence. The principal has been designated to determine the acceptability and validity of excuses presented by the parent(s) or the student. Procedures for notifying parents on the day of a student's absence shall be published in the student handbook.

Excused/Unexcused Absences

The definition of "excused absence" includes the following:

- Personal illness;
- Health-related treatment, examination, or recuperation;
- Serious illness or death of a member of the family;
- Obligatory religious observances;
- Participation in a district-approved or school-sponsored activity or course;
- Absences pre-arranged by parents and approved by the principal; and

- Students of active duty military personnel may have additional excused absences at the discretion of the principal for visitations relative to leave or deployment.

All absences which do not fit into one of the above categories would be considered unexcused absences. A student serving a period of suspension or expulsion from the district shall be considered inexcusably absent.

Unexcused Absences from School

A student is unexcused when absent without a valid reason. Leaving without permission will be counted as unexcused when school is in session. Students who skip school or arrive late for unexcused reasons will be addressed in accordance with the building policy.

Excessive Absence

Parents may excuse students up to ten (10) absences per year without the need for documentation of an appointment from a health care provider. Each absence after the ten (10) per year will automatically become an unexcused absence unless a note from the health care provider is given and accepted by the administration. Exceptions: Students who are hospitalized or suffering from a long-term or chronic illness while under the care of a licensed physician will be exempt from this provision. Long-term illness is defined as an illness that keeps a student out of school for at least four consecutive days.

K.S.A. 72-3121 (d) (1)

Prior to making any report under this section that a child is not attending school as required by law, the designated employee of the board of education shall serve written notice thereof, by personal delivery or by first class mail, upon a parent or person acting as parent of the child. The notice shall inform the parent or person acting as parent that continued failure of the child to attend school without a valid excuse will result in a report being made to the secretary for children and families or to the county or district attorney. Upon failure, on the school day next succeeding personal delivery of the notice or within three school days after the notice was mailed, of attendance at school by the child or of an acceptable response, as determined by the designated employee, to the notice by a parent or person acting as parent of the child, the designated employee shall make a report thereof in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a). The designated employee shall submit with the report a certificate verifying the manner in which notice was provided to the parent or person acting as parent.

USD 261 Excessive Absence/Truancy Procedure	
Time Frame	Intervention
Daily	An attempt will be made to contact parents for all unexcused absences.
3 consecutive (in a row) unexcused absences	Per state law, after three consecutive (in a row) unexcused absences, a truancy report will be made to DCF.
5 unexcused absences per semester	Per state law, after five unexcused absences in a semester, another truancy report will be made to DCF.
7 unexcused absences per year	Per state law, after seven unexcused absences per year, another truancy report will be made to DCF.
10 excused or unexcused absences	A note from a health care provider may be required, or verification by the school nurse may be required to excuse further absences.

Vacations

All vacations must be pre-arranged with the building administrator at least five days before the student leaves. The vacation will be excused only if it falls within the district absence limit. Any days, which exceed the limit, will be counted as unexcused. Students who miss classes for vacations need to make arrangements in advance with their teachers for make-up work and may be required to complete assignments before leaving.

Healthcare Provider Appointments

To be excused, all appointments made with a healthcare provider after the district's absences limit must be verified by an appointment card. Every effort should be made to ensure that the student does not continue to miss the same class period for these appointments. In most cases, students will be excused for a maximum of one half-day for these appointments.

School-Sponsored Activities

All absences which result from students participating in school-sponsored activities will be excused. These absences do not count toward the district absence limit or will be counted towards chronic

absenteeism. Students who miss class for school-sponsored activities need to make arrangements in advance with their teachers for their make-up work.

Military Families in Attendance

Students of active duty personnel shall have additional excused absences at the principal's discretion for visitations relative to leave or deployment.

Significant Part of a School Day/Class

An absence of two or more hours in any school day shall be considered a half-day absence at all elementary buildings (grades K-5). In secondary buildings (grades 6th-12th), students who miss more than 25% of a class period will be considered absent for that class period.

Make-Up Work

It is the student's responsibility to obtain make-up assignments from teachers following an excused or unexcused absence. In general, two days are given to complete daily work missed due to each day of absence. Exceptions to this rule can be made through special arrangements with the teacher or administration. Tests, which have been scheduled in advance, and long-term assignments, must be completed on arrival back to school.

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The building principal (or designee) shall report students who are inexcusably absent from school to the appropriate authority.

Truancy is defined as any three consecutive unexcused absences, any five unexcused absences in a semester or seven unexcused absences in a school year, whichever comes first. School year means the period from July 1 to June 30. Students who are absent without a valid excuse for a significant part of any school day shall be considered truant.

Prior to reporting to either S.R.S. (if the student is under 13) or the county or district attorney (if the student is 13 or more years of age but less than 18 years of age), a letter shall be sent to the student's parent(s) or guardian notifying them that the student's failure to attend school without a valid excuse shall result in the student being reported truant.

Waiver of Compulsory Attendance Requirements

Students 16 or 17 years of age may be exempt from compulsory attendance regulations if the parent(s) or person acting as parent attend(s) the counseling session required by law and signs the appropriate consent and waiver form; if the student earns a GED; or if the student is exempt from compulsory attendance requirements pursuant to a court order.

Involvement of Law Enforcement

Law enforcement officers may return truant children to the school where the child is enrolled, to the child's parent or guardian or to another location designated by the board to address truancy issues.

Reporting to Parents

If a truant child is returned to school by a law enforcement official, the principal shall notify the parent or guardian.

Concurrent Enrollment Students (See IDCE and JQ)

Eligible students who are enrolled in a board-approved dual enrollment program shall not be considered truant, for the hours during the school day they attend classes at a Regent's university, community college, technical college, vocational educational school or Washburn University.

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Release of a Student During the School Day **JBH**

(See EBB and EBBD)

Building principals shall not release a student during the school day except upon a written or verbal request from the student's lawful parent or person acting as a parent.

Before releasing a student during the school day, the building principal shall be responsible for verifying the identity of the person seeking release of the student.

If the principal is not satisfied with the identification provided by the person seeking release of a student, the student's release may be refused.

Students shall not be allowed to run personal errands for school employees off school premises during the school day.

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(See JCABB)

Principals are authorized to search property if there is reasonable suspicion that district policies, rules, or directives are being violated. In addition, all lockers shall be subject to random searches without prior notice or reasonable suspicion. All searches by the principal shall be carried out in the presence of another adult witness.

Whenever the principal is mentioned in this policy, it shall be construed to include the superintendent "or designated representative."

Search of Lockers

Lockers in the district schools shall be under supervision of the principal. Students shall have no expectation of privacy in any school locker.

The combinations and/or keys to all locker locks shall be in the possession of the principal and stored in a place designed to guard against unauthorized access or use. The principal may search any locker at any time without notice. Students shall not place locks, other than those approved by the school, on any locker.

Searches of Property

Any person other than the principal who wishes to search a student's locker or property shall report to the principal before proceeding. In no event shall any person be permitted to search a student's locker or property without the principal's consent unless the person has a valid search warrant authorizing a search.

If a law enforcement officer desiring to search a student's locker or property has a search warrant, the principal shall permit the search which shall be made in the presence of the principal.

Prohibited items found during the search shall remain in the custody of either the building principal or the law enforcement officer. If any items are turned over to law enforcement officials the principal shall receive a receipt for the items.

Use of Trained Dogs in Conducting Sweeps

At the request of the principal or on a schedule agreed upon by the service provider and the principal, law enforcement officers or licensed private agencies contracting with the school for such service, may use trained dogs on school premises to identify student property which may contain illegal or illicit materials and to determine whether materials, such as drugs, weapons, or other materials which may threaten the general health, welfare, and safety of the

students and/or staff are present in the district parking lot, hallways, lockers, classrooms, and/or locker rooms. Students will never be sniffed by the dogs used to conduct the sweeps.

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(See JCAB and JCAC)

Principals are authorized to search students if there is reasonable suspicion that district policies, rules or directives are being violated. Strip searches shall not be conducted by school authorities. All searches by the principal shall be carried out in the presence of another adult witness.

The student shall be told why a search is being conducted. The student shall be requested to empty items such as, but not limited to, pockets, purses, shoulder bags, book bags and briefcases. The principal shall attempt to call the student's parent/s and may call law enforcement. Items which the principal believes may be connected with illegal activity shall remain in the custody of the principal unless the items are turned over to law enforcement officials. If the student refuses to cooperate, the principal may take disciplinary action and/or seek assistance from law enforcement.

If law enforcement assistance is present, further search of the student shall be with cooperation and assistance of law enforcement officials. The principal shall remain with the student and be present during any search of the student made by law enforcement officials on school property. The principal shall receive and file a receipt for items turned over to law enforcement officials.

If the principal believes a student is in possession of an object which can jeopardize the health, welfare or safety of the student or others, the student shall be removed to a safe location. This determination may be based on any information received by the principal or any member of the faculty or staff.

Written documentation of each search shall be maintained by the principal.

(Whenever the principal is mentioned in this policy, it shall be construed so as to include the superintendent "or designated representative.")

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(See EBC, GAAD, JCABB, JCEC and JHCAA)

Building administrators, and others designated by the superintendent may conduct investigations and question students about violation of school rules, or the student conduct code. Unless otherwise provided herein, such investigators shall not be required to contact the student's parent, guardian, or representative prior to questioning. If administration requests law enforcement, including a school resource officer, school security officer, or campus police officer, for assistance in conducting interviews during an investigation administration shall contact a parent, guardian, or representative of the student prior to any questioning.

If there is reason to believe a violation of criminal law has been committed, the building administrator, or the superintendent's designee shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of criminal conduct as provided in law, the district's juvenile justice memorandum or understanding, or board policy and may request further investigation of the alleged violation.

When a school resource officer, school security officer, or campus police officer initiates an investigation of a potential violation of criminal law by a student on the officer's own initiative and not at the request of a building administrator or the superintendent's designee, such officer will notify the building administrator and will contact the student's parent, guardian, or representative prior to initiating questioning.

Coordination with Law Enforcement

School administrators or the superintendent's designee shall meet as needed with relevant stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, the courts, and the district and county attorneys to discuss the district's juvenile justice memorandum of understanding, establish clear guidelines for how and when school-based behaviors are referred to law enforcement or the juvenile justice system.

Child Abuse and Identity Investigations Conducted by Law Enforcement Officers

The administration shall cooperate with law enforcement officers who are conducting investigations of suspected child abuse or neglect or concerning the student's identity. For any investigations concerning known or suspected child abuse or neglect, school staff shall follow the procedures outlined in board policy GAAD instead of the requirements of this policy.

Law Enforcement Initiated Investigations at School

In cases not involving the investigation of known or suspected child abuse or neglect or involving the student's identity, law enforcement officers shall not be permitted to initiate and conduct investigations involving the questioning of students during school hours unless the

student's parent or guardian has given the school permission to allow the questioning, a valid warrant has been presented to the building administrator for such purpose, or in demonstrated emergency situations. Contact with the parent, guardian, or representative shall be documented by the administrator involved. If a student's parent, guardian, or representative gives permission for the interview but is not present during the questioning of the student, the principal may be present unless otherwise specified in law or board policy. If a demonstrated emergency is found, the building administrator shall require identification of law enforcement officials and reasons for the interrogation or investigation of a student. If the building administrator is not satisfied with either the identification or the reason, the request shall not be granted. The building administrator shall attempt to notify the superintendent and the officer's superiors of the reasons for the refusal.

Taking Students Into Custody

Students shall not be voluntarily released by school officials to law enforcement authorities unless the student has been placed under arrest or taken into custody by law enforcement, or Department for Children and Families ("DCF") authorities pursuant to a child abuse investigation. Except as otherwise specified in this policy or as specified in a court order or arrest warrant, a reasonable effort shall be made to notify the student's parent, guardian, or representative when students are removed from school for any reason. Such notification efforts shall be documented. Parents shall not be notified by school officials when their child is taken into custody by DCF, or law enforcement as a result of allegations of abuse or neglect and there is reason to believe sharing the information may lead to harm of the child or others.

When a student has been taken into custody or arrested on school premises without prior notification to the building administrator, the school staff present shall ask the law enforcement officer to notify the building administrator of the circumstances as quickly as possible and shall themselves contact the building administrator with any information they have regarding the child being taken into custody.

Disturbance of School Environment

Law enforcement officers, school resource officers, school security officers, or campus police officers may be requested to assist in controlling disturbances at school and, if necessary, to take students or other persons into custody.

Definition

For the purposes of this policy, “school security officer” and “campus police officer” are defined as outlined in Kansas statute.

For the purposes of this policy, students will not be deemed to be “taken into custody” when they are being questioned by a school resource officer, school security officer, and/or campus police officer about a violation of state law, county resolutions, city ordinances, board policy or regulation, and/or school rules on property owned, occupied, or operated by the school district or at the site of a function sponsored by the school district.

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(See AEB, IIBG, JA, JDD and JHCAA)

Each principal shall develop rules and regulations to govern student conduct consistent with board policies. The rules shall be reviewed by the board and adopted as policy by reference. The rules of conduct shall be published in student handbooks.

Violation of any provision of the behavior code may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

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(See GAOC and KMA)

The use, possession, or promotion of any tobacco product by any student is prohibited at all time in any district facility; in school vehicles; at school-sponsored activities, programs, or events; and on school owned or operated property.

Student violations will result in disciplinary actions as outlined by board policy and/or student handbooks. Disciplinary actions may include parent/guardian notification, participation in a tobacco and electronic nicotine delivery systems education program, referral to a cessation program, and/or community service. Student violations may be reported to law enforcement if use or possession is deemed to be illegal.

The following definitions apply to this policy.

“Tobacco product” means any product that is made from or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery system (hereafter “ENDS”), cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus. Tobacco product also means any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, charging devices, cartridges, and any substances used in ENDS, whether or not they contain nicotine. This definition does not include FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies including transdermal nicotine patches, nicotine gum, and nicotine lozenges prescribed to the student by a medical practitioner or obtained over the counter and used in accordance with label requirements.

“Electronic nicotine delivery system” or “(ENDS)” means any device that delivers a vaporized solution (including nicotine, THC, or any other substance) by means of cartridge or other chemical delivery systems. Such definition shall include, but may not be limited to, any electronic cigarette, vape pen, hookah pen, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or personal vaporizer. ENDS are not FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy devices.

“Promotion” includes, but is not limited to, product advertising via branded gear, bags, clothing, any personal articles, signs, structures, vehicles, flyers, or any other materials.

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Dress Code **JCDB**

Neatness, decency, and good taste are guidelines of the district dress code. Students must dress in a manner that is not obscene; offensive; or substantially or materially disruptive to the learning environment. Apparel that is sexually suggestive; promotes violence, illegal activities, drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco; or is determined to be gang related is prohibited.

Student apparel and grooming must also meet requirements of any courses which are part of the approved curriculum in which they are enrolled.

Traditional tribal regalia or objects of cultural significance shall not be prohibited at a public event.

Dress codes shall be published in the appropriate student handbooks.

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(See EBC, JDC, JDD, JHCAA and KGD)

A student shall not knowingly possess, handle, or transmit any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon at school, on school property, or at a school-sponsored event. This shall include any weapon, any item being used as a weapon or destructive device, or any facsimile of a weapon.

Weapons and Destructive Devices

As used in this policy, the term "weapon and/or destructive device" shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- any weapon which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;
- the frame or receiver of any weapon described in the preceding example;
- any firearm muffler or firearm silencer;
- Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than 1/4 ounce, mine, or similar device;
- any weapon which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant and which has any barrel with a bore of more than 1/2 inch in diameter;
- any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device described in the two immediately preceding examples and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled;
- any bludgeon, sand club, metal knuckles, or throwing star;
- any knife, commonly referred to as a switchblade, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in the handle of the knife or any knife having a blade that opens, falls, or is ejected into position by the force of gravity or by an outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement;
- any electronic device designed to discharge immobilizing levels of electricity, commonly known as a stun gun.

Penalties for Weapon Violations

Possession of a weapon and/or destructive device listed under the "Weapons and Destructive Devices" heading of this policy shall result in expulsion from school for a period of one calendar year, except the superintendent may recommend this expulsion be modified on a case-by-case basis.

Possession of, handling of, and/or transmitting a weapon of a type other than described under the “Weapons and Destructive Devices” heading above, an item being used as a weapon or destructive device, or a facsimile of a weapon may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. Expulsion hearings for weapons violations shall be conducted by the superintendent or the superintendent’s designee.

Students violating this policy shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency(ies) and, if a juvenile, to the Secretary for DCF or the Secretary of KDOC as appropriate.

Possession of an air gun at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity will not be prohibited for students participating in an air gun-related activity sponsored by an organization held at school or when in transit to or from such activities held off district property.

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(See JDDC and KN)

Complaints About Discrimination

The district is committed to maintaining a working and learning environment free from discrimination, insult, intimidation, or harassment due to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Any incident of discrimination including acts of harassment shall promptly be reported for investigation and corrective action by the building principal or district compliance coordinator. Any student or employee who engages in discriminatory conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment or expulsion from school.

Discrimination against any student on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or religion in the admission or access to, or treatment in the district's programs and activities is prohibited. The Assistant Superintendent for Human Services, 1745 W. Grand, Haysville, Kansas 67060, 316-554-2200 has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Any student who believes that he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint with the building principal, another administrator, the guidance counselor, or another certified staff member. Any school employee who receives a complaint of discrimination or harassment from a student shall inform the student of the employee's obligation to report the complaint and any proposed resolution of the complaint to the building principal. If the building principal is the alleged harasser, the report shall be made to the district compliance coordinator. Any student complaint of discrimination shall be resolved under the district's discrimination complaint procedures in policy KN. The district prohibits retaliation or discrimination against any person for opposing discrimination, including harassment; for participating in the complaint process; or making a complaint, testifying, assisting, or participating in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing.

Complaints About School Rules

Any student may file a complaint with the principal concerning a school rule or regulation as it applies to the student. The complaint shall be in writing, filed within 20 days following the application of the rule or regulation, and must specify the basis for the complaint. The principal shall investigate the complaint and inform the student of the resolution within 10 days after the complaint is filed.

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(See JCAC)

Student demonstrations on school property shall be conducted in an orderly and non-disruptive manner. Demonstrations may be terminated at any time by the principal or the superintendent.

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Corporal punishment shall not be permitted in the school district.

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Detention **JDB**

Detention periods may be established by building principals and administered according to rules approved by the board.

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(See JCDBB and JDD)

Any punishment, suspension or expulsion, may be deferred by the superintendent, principal, or designee. The student involved may be placed on probation for a set period of time. The punishment, suspension, or expulsion shall remain deferred so long as the student meets the conditions of the probation. If a student is placed on probation, written notification shall be sent to the student's parent or guardian. Any decisions on probation for students found to be in violation shall be handled by the superintendent.

A student placed on probation shall be given a written list of the terms and conditions of the probation. The student shall sign a statement that: the terms and conditions have been explained, the student understands the conditions, the student agrees to abide by the conditions, and failure to abide by the conditions may be reason to reinstate the original punishment.

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(See AEB, EBC, IHEA, JBD, JCDA, JCDBB, JDC, JDDB, JDDC, and JHCAA)

Except as limited by Section 504 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), a student may be suspended or expelled, for reasons set forth in Kansas law. Any student who is suspended for a period of more than 10 days or expelled shall receive a copy of the current suspension and expulsion law and this policy. Suspension/expulsion hearings shall be conducted by the superintendent/designee or other certificated employee, or committee of certificated employees of the school in which the pupil is enrolled, or by any other hearing officer appointed by the board.

Reasons for Suspension or Expulsion

Students may be suspended or expelled for one or more of the following reasons:

- Willful violation of any published, adopted student conduct regulation;
- Conduct which substantially disrupts, impedes, or interferes with school operation;
- Conduct which endangers the safety or substantially impinges on or invades the rights of others;
- Conduct which constitutes the commission of a felony;
- Conduct at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity which constitutes the commission of a misdemeanor;
- Disobedience of an order of a school authority if the disobedience results in disorder, disruption or interference with school operation; and
- Possession of a weapon at school, on school property or at a school- sponsored event.

Short-term Suspension

Except in an emergency, a short-term suspension (not exceeding ten school days) must be preceded by oral or written notice of the charges to the student and an informal hearing. If a hearing is not held prior to the suspension, an informal hearing shall be provided no later than 72 hours after imposition of a short-term suspension.

Written notice of any short-term suspension shall be delivered to the student's parent or guardian within 24 hours after the suspension has been imposed. Short-term suspension hearings may be conducted by any person designated in policy as having the authority to suspend.

At the informal suspension hearing, the student shall have the right to be present and to be notified of the charges and the basis for the accusation. The student shall have the right to make statements in his/her defense after receiving notice of the charges.

Long-Term Suspension or Expulsion

Before a student is subject to long-term suspension (not to exceed 90 school days) or expulsion (not to exceed 186 school days or one calendar year for certain weapon and/or destructive device violations), a hearing shall be conducted by a hearing officer who has been authorized by the board. Formal hearings shall be conducted according to procedures outlined in current Kansas law and:

- The student and parents or guardians shall be given written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing.
- The notice shall include copies of the suspension/expulsion law, and appropriate board policies, regulations and handbooks.
- The hearing may be conducted by either a certified employee or committee of certified employees authorized by the board, the chief administrative officer, or other certified employee of the district in which the student is enrolled, or by an officer appointed by board.

  Expulsion hearings for weapons violations shall be conducted in compliance with Kansas law by persons appointed by the board.
- Findings required by law shall be prepared by the person or committee conducting the hearing.
- A record of the hearing shall be available to students and parents or guardians according to Kansas law.
- Written notice of the result of the hearing shall be given to the pupil and to parents and guardians within 24 hours after determination of such result.

Rules Which Apply in all Cases When a Student May be Suspended or Expelled

- Refusal or failure of the student and/or the student's parents to attend the hearing shall result in a waiver of the student's opportunity for the hearing.
- A student suspended for more than 10 school days or expelled from school shall be provided with information concerning services or programs offered by public and private agencies which provide services to improve the student's attitude and behavior.
- A student who has been suspended or expelled shall be notified of the day the student can return to school.
- If the suspension or expulsion is not related to a weapons violation, the principal may establish appropriate requirements relating to the student's future behavior at school and may place the student on probation. (See JDC)

- If the expulsion is related to a weapons violation the superintendent may establish appropriate requirements relating to the student's future behavior at school and may place the student on probation if the student is allowed to return. (See EBC, JCDBB and JDC)
- The days a student is suspended or expelled are not subject to the compulsory attendance law.
- During the time a student is suspended or expelled from school, the student may not:
- Be on school property or in any school building without the permission of the principal.
- Attend any school activity as a spectator, participant or observer.

A student over the age of 18 or the parents or guardian of a student who is suspended for more than 10 days or expelled from school may appeal to the board within 10 calendar days of receiving written notice of the hearing results.

When a suspension is imposed during the school day, the student shall not be removed from school until a parent has been notified. If a parent cannot be notified during regular school hours, the student shall remain at school until the regular dismissal time.

Student Rights During a Long-Term Suspension/Expulsion Hearing

The student shall have the right:

- to counsel of his/her own choice;
- to have a parent or guardian present;
- to hear or read a full report of testimony of witnesses;
- to confront and cross-examine witnesses who appear in person at the hearing; to present his or her own witnesses;
- to testify in his or her own behalf and to give reasons for his or her conduct;
- to an orderly hearing; and
- to a fair and impartial decision based on substantial evidence.

Appeal to the Board

The following conditions shall apply if a student who is age 18 or older or the student's parent or guardian files a written appeal of a suspension or expulsion:

- Written notice of the appeal shall be filed with the clerk within 10 calendar days of receiving the results of the hearing.
- The board shall schedule an appeal with the board or a hearing officer appointed by the board within 20 calendar days.
- The student and the student's parent shall be notified in writing of the time and place of the appeal at least 5 calendar days before the hearing.

- The hearing shall be conducted as a formal hearing using rules similar to those noted earlier for expulsion hearings.
- The board shall record the hearing.
- The board shall render a final decision no later than the next regularly scheduled board meeting after the conclusion of the appeal hearing.

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(See GAOB, JGFGB, JGFGBA, and LDD)

Maintaining drug-free schools is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for the district's students. Unless otherwise specified in this policy, the possession, use, sale, distribution, and/or being under the influence of illicit drugs, controlled substances, and/or alcohol by students at school, on or in school property, or at school sponsored activities or events is prohibited.

Possession, use, and/or being under the influence of a controlled substance by a student for the purposes of this policy shall only be permitted if such substance was:

1. Obtained directly from, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, issued to such student from a person licensed by the state to dispense, prescribe, or administer controlled substances;
2. In the case of use or possession, approved and administered, if administered at all, in accordance with board policy JGFGB and/or board policy JGFGBA; and
3. Used, if at all, in accordance with label directions.

Student Conduct

As a condition of continued enrollment in the district, students shall abide by the terms of this policy.

Students shall not manufacture, sell, distribute, dispense, possess, use, and/or be under the influence of illicit drugs, controlled substances, or alcoholic beverages at school, on or in school district property, or at any school activity, program, or event. Any student violating the terms of this policy will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials and will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion.

Students who are suspended or expelled under the terms of this policy will be afforded the due process rights contained in board policies and Kansas statutes, K.S.A. 72-6114, et seq. Nothing in this policy is intended to diminish the ability of the district to take other disciplinary action against the student in accordance with other policies governing student discipline. If a student agrees to enter and complete a drug education or rehabilitation program, the cost of such program will be borne by the student and his or her parents.

A list of area drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs, along with names and addresses of contact persons for the programs, is on file with the board clerk. Parents or students should contact the directors of the programs to determine the cost and length of the program.

A copy of this policy will be provided to all students and the parents of all students. Parents of all students will be notified that compliance with this policy is mandatory.

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(See EBC and JDD)

Unless reporting would violate the terms of any memorandum of understanding between the district and local law enforcement, whenever a student engages in conduct which constitutes the commission of any misdemeanor or felony at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity and/or has been found 1) in possession of a weapon, 2) in possession of a controlled substance or illegal drug, or 3) to have engaged in behavior at school which has resulted in or was substantially likely to have resulted in serious bodily injury to others, the superintendent, principal, or director of operations shall report such act to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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JDDC - BULLYING

USD _____ Bullying Plan

(Also see Policies GAAE and JDDC)

Bullying means: Any intentional gesture or any intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act or threat either by any student, staff member, or parent towards a student or by any student, staff member or parent towards a staff member that is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment that a reasonable person, under the circumstances, knows or should know will have the effect of:

- Harming a student or staff member, whether physically or mentally;
- Damaging a student's or staff member's property:
- Placing a student or staff member in reasonable fear of harm; or
- Placing a student or staff member in reasonable fear of damage to the student's or staff member's property.

Bullying also includes cyberbullying. "Cyberbullying" means bullying by use of any electronic communication device through means including, but not limited to, e-mail, instant messaging, text messages, blogs, mobile phones, pagers, online games, and websites.

Additionally, bullying means any form of intimidation or harassment prohibited by the board of education of the school district in policies concerning bullying adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6147 or subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-1138, and amendments thereto. USD _will not tolerate these actions by students, staff, or parents.

For the purposes of this plan and its authorizing policies, "parent" includes a biological, adoptive, or step-parent; guardian; custodian; or other person with authority to act on behalf of a student.

Similarly, a “staff member” means any person employed by the district.

Any act of bullying by either an individual student or group of students towards a student or staff member of the district is prohibited on or while utilizing school property, in a school vehicle, or at school-sponsored activities, programs, and events. This policy applies to students who directly engage in an act of bullying, to students who, by their behavior, support another student’s act of bullying, and to all staff members and parents who engage in similar behaviors.

Training concerning identifying, reporting, investigating, and preventing bullying behaviors as outlined in district policies and this plan shall be provided to students and staff members using resources available for such purpose and shall be provided through school assemblies, staff development, or other appropriate forums at least {annually/biannually}.

USD 261 focuses on bullying prevention by:

1. Developing a bullying prevention program based on the KSDE Bullying Prevention Resource Toolkit including addressing bullying, building adult capacity to change climate and culture, curriculum and instructional resources, and measuring social -emotional learning;

2. Using the KSDE’s Social - Emotional and Character Development Standards to address school bullying and student mental health;

3. Implementing a social- emotional learning curriculum that includes an anti-bullying family engagement component;

4. Providing students and families with information and resources annually on bullying, cyberbullying, digital citizenship and how to make smart choices on-line;

5. Providing students and families with the district’s student behavior expectations relating to bullying and explanations for incidences that do not meet the legal definition of bullying;

6. Tracking incidences of bullying including physical, cyber, verbal, and relational bullying and reporting this information to the Kansas State Board of Education;

7. Collecting data on bullying incidences from social emotional data sources and annually reviewing this information with the board of education;

8. Developing an understanding that certain demographic groups are disproportionately bullied at a higher rate than peers based upon sex, disability, socio-economic status, religious beliefs, and race/ethnicity (including migrant populations);

9. Requiring all school employees to complete the following bullying prevention, identification, reporting and training module (describe district's annual training program).

The board or the district administration on behalf of the board may seek student, staff, parent, and/or community input on the adoption, revision, and/or implementation of the board's bullying policies or plan as directed or approved by the board.

No teacher, administrator, or school district employee shall engage in, permit, or tolerate bullying.

Retaliation against a victim, good faith reporter, or a witness to bullying is prohibited. A student or staff member who engages in an act of bullying, reprisal, retaliation, or false reporting of bullying, shall be subject to discipline in accordance with school district policy and procedures. The school administration and/or board may consider the following factors when determining an appropriate disciplinary action for such prohibited conduct: the ages of the parties involved; the developmental and maturity levels, special education needs of the parties involved, and the nature, frequency, and severity of the behavior.

Discipline guidelines for student bullying may be found in student and employee handbooks. Offenses over time or single offenses which are severe in nature may result in discipline up to and including suspension and/or expulsion or termination from employment. Parents participating in prohibited bullying conduct aimed at district students and/or staff members may jeopardize their access to district facilities; district property; school sponsored activities, programs, and events; and/or district students and/or staff members through the district's

communication systems. As appropriate, reports to local law enforcement will be filed to report criminal bullying behaviors. (See Policies EBC, GAAC, GAACA, JGEC, JGECA and KN)

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– Sample Form –

Report to Local Law Enforcement USD 261

Pursuant to Kansas law, the administrator or other school employee whose signature appears below is reporting the following crimes.

Briefly describe each incident and the person/s involved in a misdemeanor or felony behavior at school, on school property, or at a school activity.

Date	**School/Location**	**Student/s or Person/s Involved**	**Brief Description of bullying incident/s.**
1.			
2.			

School Districts are required by Federal Law and K.S.A. 72-6311 to protect the privacy rights of students under the age of 18.

Signed: _____

Administrator or other school employee

c/superintendent, USD 261; c/student's file/employee's file as allowed by applicable negotiated language

(See II and JR et. seq.)

Staff shall establish high expectations for all students. These expectations shall be based on individual student ability to meet the board approved learning objectives for each subject.

Reporting

Periodic reports on each student's mastery of the approved learning objectives shall be issued to the parents.

Report Cards

Report cards shall be issued to each student at the end of each specific grading period for each subject taken. Reasons for deficiencies and/or failures shall be given. The superintendent shall develop standard reporting forms for each grade level.

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Peer Grading of Assignments **JFA**

Limited Peer Grading Allowed:

Peer grading shall be allowed when the teacher believes peer grading will be a valuable learning experience for the class. During a peer grading activity, the teacher shall use the activity to help students review class concepts or objectives. If peer grading is allowed, students shall not be asked to publicly reveal either their own grade or the grade of another student.

NOTE: If adopted, language on this topic should also be used in board-approved faculty and student handbooks.

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Promotion and Retention **JFB**

Students may be promoted when they have demonstrated mastery of the board-approved learning objectives.

The final decision to promote or retain a student shall rest with the principal after receiving information from parents/guardians, teachers, and other appropriate school personnel.

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Graduation Exercises **JFC**

Students who have completed the requirements for graduation may be allowed to participate in graduation exercises unless participation is denied for appropriate reasons. Graduation exercises shall be under the control and direction of the building principal.

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(See IHF)

Students who complete all state and local graduation requirements may request permission to graduate early.

A student who wishes to graduate from high school early may request permission to do so. The student and parents shall consult with high school administrative and/or guidance personnel in order to develop a graduation plan. The board shall approve or deny each request based on the circumstances of the individual student. The student's request shall be in writing, addressed to the superintendent, state the reasons supporting the request, and include a copy of the graduation plan and a letter of support from the student's parents. The letters of request shall be sent to the superintendent, who shall forward them to the board.

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Parents or guardians shall be notified annually in writing of student insurance provided by the district and that medical expenses not covered by such policies are the responsibility of the parents.

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(See JGCB)

Unless otherwise provided herein, all students under the age of nine shall submit evidence they have undergone a health assessment prior to entering kindergarten or before enrolling in the district for the first time.

The above requirement is not to serve as a barrier to immediate enrollment of students designated as homeless or foster children as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by ESSA. The district shall work with the Department for Children and Families, the school last attended, or other relevant agencies to obtain necessary documentation of health assessments.

All students engaged in athletic activities covered by KSHSAA rules shall provide the building principal with proof of a physical examination and clearance to participate.

Principals shall work cooperatively with local, county, and state health agencies to disseminate materials related to the availability of health assessments.

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The board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes student health and wellness as part of the total learning experience for its students. To this end, the board shall promote and monitor a local health and wellness plan that includes methods to promote student health and wellness, prevent and reduce childhood obesity, and provide assurance that school meals and other food and beverages sold and otherwise made available on the school campus during the school day are consistent with applicable minimum federal standards. The plan shall:

- Include goals for providing proper student nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities designed to promote student wellness which are based on evidence-based strategies and techniques;
- Meet federal nutrition standards and guidelines for all foods and beverages provided to students in each school during the school day;
- Ensure standards and nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day at each district school are consistent with the requirements of the School Breakfast Program, the National School Lunch Program, and the competitive food standards established pursuant to the National School Lunch Program;
- Provide students with opportunities to improve personal health and disease prevention;
- Develop essential health skills necessary to maintain and enhance personal and community health behaviors;
- Include goals for addressing student social and mental health needs;
- Develop skills to prevent injury; and
- Understand the effects and consequences of nicotine use, alcohol use, and drug use.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight of this policy and plan to ensure each of the district's schools, programs, and curriculum is compliant with this policy, the plan, and existing law and regulations.

Each building principal or designee shall annually report to the superintendent or designee regarding compliance in his/her school. Staff members responsible for programs related to school health and wellness shall also report to the superintendent or designee regarding the status of such programs. The superintendent or designee shall then annually report to the board on the district's compliance with law, policy, and the district's plan related to school wellness.

Health and Wellness Committee

The board shall establish a health and wellness committee comprised of, but not necessarily limited to, at least one of each of the following: school board member, district administrator, district food service representative, student, parent/guardian, school health professional, physical education teacher, and member of the public.

The wellness committee shall serve as an advisory committee regarding student health and wellness issues and shall be responsible for developing, implementing, and periodically reviewing and updating a school health and wellness policy and plan that complies with law to recommend to the board for adoption.

The health and wellness committee shall review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques in establishing goals for nutrition education and promotion, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student health and wellness as part of the policy and plan development and revision process.

The superintendent or designee and the health and wellness committee shall conduct an assessment at least once every three (3) years on the contents and implementation of this policy and plan as part of a continuous improvement process to strengthen them and ensure proper implementation. This triennial assessment shall be made available to the public in an accessible and easily understood manner and include:

- The extent to which district schools are in compliance with law, policy, and its plan related to school health and wellness;
- The extent to which this policy and plan compare to model local health and wellness policies; and
- A description of the progress made by the district in attaining the goals of this policy.

At least once every three (3) years, the district shall update or modify this policy and health and wellness plan based on the results of the most recent triennial assessment and/or as district and community needs and priorities change; health and wellness goals are met; new health science, information, and technologies emerge; or new federal or state guidance or standards are issued.

The district shall annually inform and update the public, including parents/guardians, students, and others in the community, about the contents, updates and implementation of this policy and plan via the district website, student handbooks, newsletters, or other efficient communication methods. This annual notification shall include information on how to access the school health and wellness policy and plan; information about the most recent triennial assessment; information on how to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the school health and wellness policy and plan; and a means of contacting health and wellness committee leadership.

Recordkeeping

The district shall retain records documenting compliance with the requirements of the school health and wellness policy, which shall include:

- The written school health and wellness policy and plan;
- Documentation demonstrating that the district has informed the public, on an annual basis, about the contents of the school health and wellness policy and plan and any updates to these documents;
- Documentation of efforts to review and update the school health and wellness policy and plan, including who was involved in the review and methods used by the district to inform the public of their ability to participate in the review; and
- Documentation demonstrating the most recent assessment on the implementation of the school health and wellness policy and plan and notification of the assessment results to the public.

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(See JGC)

Unless provided otherwise herein, all students enrolling in any district school shall provide the building principal with proof of immunization of certain diseases or furnish documents to satisfy statutory requirements. Booster shots mandated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment are also required.

Notice of this policy and the applicable state law shall be distributed to parents or guardians of current and prospective district students on or before May 15th of each school year. The superintendent shall issue a news release each August explaining the required inoculations and booster shots. Parents may delegate in writing their authority to consent to immunizations. At the beginning of a school year, school boards shall provide information on immunizations applicable to school age children to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12. The information on immunizations shall include:

1. A list of sources for additional information; and
2. related standards issued by the national centers for disease control and prevention.

Students who fail to provide the documentation required by law may be excluded from school by the superintendent until statutory requirements are satisfied. Notice of exclusion shall be given to the parents/guardians as prescribed by law. Students who are not immunized against a particular
disease(es) may be excluded from school during any outbreak.

The above requirements are not to serve as barriers to immediate enrollment of students designated as homeless or foster children as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by ESSA. The district shall work with the Department for Children and Families, the school last attended, or other relevant agencies to obtain necessary documentation of inoculations.

Each principal shall forward evidence of compliance with the inoculation law to other schools or school districts when requested by the school or by the student's parents/guardians and shall work cooperatively with local, county, and state health agencies to disseminate materials related to the availability of inoculations.

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If the board approves their use in district schools and other facilities, automated external defibrillators shall be properly maintained as required by law and used in accordance with recommended instructions.

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Any student noted by a physician, or the school nurse, or local health officer as having a communicable disease may be excluded from school for the duration of the illness. The student will be readmitted to regular classes upon termination of the illness, as authorized by the student's physician, the local health officer, or after the expiration of any period of isolation or quarantine.

The board reserves the right to require a written statement from the student's physician or local health officer indicating that the student is free from all symptoms of the disease.

If a student is absent from regular classes for more than three consecutive days or the principal has been notified that a student has or is suspected of having a communicable disease, the principal shall determine whether a release shall be obtained from the student's physician or local health department before the student reenters school.

Decisions regarding the type of education and the setting for provision of educational services for a student with a communicable disease shall be based on the child's medical condition, the child's educational needs, and the expected type of interaction with others in the educational setting. Final decisions will be made by school administration after receiving input from the student's physician, public health personnel, the student's parent or guardian, and personnel associated with the proposed care or educational setting.

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Health Screenings **JGCD**

Vision, hearing, and dental screenings will be conducted in the district as part of the overall health services program. Such screenings will be administered in accordance with state law. When appropriate, other screenings deemed beneficial to students may be performed in the school health program.

When these screenings cannot be performed by district staff, the board authorizes the superintendent to identify healthcare service providers to provide them. Such healthcare service providers shall be required to enter into a contract with the district prior to providing any screenings or other services to students in the school setting.

Vision Screenings

Basic vision screenings shall be provided to students without charge according to the following schedule:

- Annually for every child participating in IDEA part B programs;
- At least once each school year for students in kindergarten and grades one, two, three, five, seven, and ten;
- Within the first year of enrollment in the district;
- Upon request by the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in an accredited nonpublic school who resides in the school district.

These basic vision screenings shall be performed by a vision screener designated by the board, who shall follow current state vision screening guidelines for performing the screenings. The results of the screening and, if necessary, referral for an examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist shall be reported to the parents or guardians of the student. Any referral shall not show a preference in favor of any particular ophthalmologist or optometrist to provide an additional examination.

While not part of the board provided vision screening program, each student needing assistance in achieving mastery of basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills shall be encouraged to obtain an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist to determine if the student suffers from conditions impairing the ability to read. Expense for such an examination, if not reimbursed through Medicaid, private insurance, or any other governmental or private program, shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian.

Hearing Screening

Each year hearing screening procedures will be conducted for students in their first year of school attendance in the district. Such procedures will be provided for other students at a frequency of not less than once every three years unless otherwise specified by state law. Students known to have hearing difficulties and students referred by teachers, parents, and/or physicians will be screened regardless of grade level.

Under certain conditions, hearing screening services are provided for students residing within district boundaries who are enrolled in accredited non-public schools. These services are coordinated between the administration of the accredited nonpublic school and district administration and require a request from the student's parent or guardian. Implementation of the program for nonpublic school students follows the same guidelines as for district students.

The results of the test and, if necessary, the desirability of examinations by a qualified physician shall be reported to the parents or guardians of students screened.

Dental Screenings

Free dental inspections will be provided to students annually, planned for by designated school staff, and conducted by appropriate dental care providers. Students presenting a certificate from a legally qualified dentist providing that a dental examination was completed in the three months prior to the school dental inspection need not be provided with an inspection.

A certificate of the result of a school dental inspection, together with suggestions of requirements for the curing of any defects found, shall be made by the dental care provider making such inspection. One copy of this certificate is to be furnished to the child examined, and another will be filed with the clerk of the board. No dental work other than the inspection and provision of the certificate shall be performed by the examining dental care provider without the consent of the parents or guardian of the child.

Selected Screenings

Other screening procedures may be deemed appropriate and beneficial to students. Designated staff will assist in the planning and implementation of other screening programs following standard procedures.

Screening results and referrals, when necessary, will be communicated to parents.

In accordance with state law, the parent or guardian of any child entering school for the first time shall be informed of the availability of sickle cell screening and of the location of the nearest facility providing blood tests for sickle cell trait and sickle cell anemia.

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Student Psychological Services **JGD**

(See JR et. seq.)

Various psychological services are available to students through the district, cooperative special education programs, the county, and the state. Results of any such psychological service, testing program, or consultation services will be kept in strict confidence by school authorities and shall be governed by JR through JRD.

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Sexual Harassment **JGEC**

(See GAAC, GAAD, GAF, JDDC and KN)

The board of education is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment, free from discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment. The district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in admissions, employment, or the educational programs or activities it operates and is prohibited by Title IX from engaging in such discrimination. Discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment, will not be tolerated in the school district. Discrimination on the basis of sex of employees or students of the district by board members, administrators, licensed and classified personnel, students, vendors, and any others having business or other contact with the school district is strictly prohibited.

Sexual harassment is unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Kansas Act Against Discrimination. All forms of sexual harassment are prohibited at school, on school property, and at all school-sponsored activities, programs, or events within the United States. Sexual harassment against individuals associated with the school is prohibited, whether or not the harassment occurs on school grounds.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student, employee, or third party (visitor, vendor, etc.) to sexually harass any student, employee, or other individual associated with the school. It shall further be a violation for any employee to discourage a student from filing a complaint, or to fail to investigate or refer for investigation, any complaint lodged under the provisions of this policy.

Sexual harassment shall include conduct on the basis of sex involving one or more of the following: (1) A district employee conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcomed sexual conduct; (2) unwelcomed conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's educational program or activity; or (3) sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.

Sexual harassment may result from verbal or physical conduct or written or graphic material. Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to: verbal harassment or abuse of a sexual nature; pressure for sexual activity; repeated remarks to a person with sexual or demeaning implication; unwelcome touching; or suggesting or demanding sexual involvement accompanied by implied or explicit threats concerning a student's grades, participation in extra-curricular activities, etc.

The district encourages all victims of sexual harassment and persons with knowledge of such harassment to report the harassment immediately. Complaints of sexual harassment will be promptly investigated and resolved. Any person may make a verbal or written report of sex discrimination by any means and at any time.

(Position or name, address, email address, and phone number of the Title IX Coordinator) has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, and the Kansas Act Against Discrimination. Information concerning the provisions of these Acts, and the rights provided thereunder, are available from the Title IX Coordinator. Inquiries about the application of Title IX to the district may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator; to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20202-1100, (800)421-3481, or at OCR@ed.gov; or both.

Response to Harassment Complaints

The district takes all reports of sexual harassment seriously and will respond meaningfully to every report of discrimination based on sex, including sexual harassment, of which the district has actual knowledge. Any students who believe that he or she has been subjected to sexual harassment should report the alleged harassment to the building principal, another administrator, the guidance counselor, the Title IX Coordinator, or another licensed staff member. All employees receiving reports of sexual harassment from a student shall notify the Title IX Coordinator.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to the district in responding to complaints of sexual discrimination including sexual harassment as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Kansas Act Against Discrimination.

The “complainant” means an individual who is alleged to be a victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

“Dating violence” means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a con-sideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved.

The “decision-maker” reviews all the evidence and prepares an impartial written responsibility determination as to whether the alleged conduct occurred and provides an opportunity for the parties and their representatives to prepare written questions to be answered by the other party. The decision-maker shall not be the Title IX Coordinator or investigator.

“Domestic violence” includes crimes of violence committed by a person who is a current or former spouse, partner, person with whom the victim shares a child, or who is or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse or partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under Kansas or applicable federal law, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim having protection from such person’s acts by Kansas or applicable federal law.

A “formal complaint” means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the district investigate the allegation of sexual harassment.

The “investigator” is the person who carries out the investigation after the formal complaint is filed and conducts interviews of the witnesses, collects and documents evidence, and drafts an investigative report.

A “respondent” is an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

“Sexual assault” means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

“Stalking” means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

The “Title IX Coordinator” is the individual designated at the district level who has responsibility to coordinate compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, and the Kansas Act Against Discrimination. The Title IX Coordinator’s responsibilities include, but are not limited to: developing materials and ensuring professional development occurs for staff involved in Title IX compliance, creating systems to centralize records, gathering relevant data, contacting the complainant (and/or parents or guardians, if applicable) once the district has actual knowledge of alleged sexual harassment, coordinating the implementation of supportive measures, signing a formal complaint to initiate a grievance process, and ensuring any remedies are implemented.

The Title IX Coordinator, any investigator, decision-maker, or any person who facilitates an informal resolution process shall not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against the complainant or respondent. These individuals shall receive training on the definition of sexual harassment; the scope of the education program and activities; how to conduct an investigation, including appeals and informal resolution processes; and how to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts, conflicts of interest, and bias. Decision-makers shall receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant. Investigators shall receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence in order for them to create investigative reports that fairly summarize relevant evidence.

Any employee who witnesses an act of sexual harassment or receives a complaint of harassment from another employee or a student shall report the complaint to their immediate supervisor, building administrator, or Title IX Coordinator. Employees who fail to report complaints or incidents of sexual harassment to appropriate district officials may face disciplinary action. District officials who fail to investigate and take appropriate corrective action in response to complaints of sexual harassment may also face disciplinary action.

Complaints received will be investigated to determine whether, under the totality of the circumstances, the alleged behavior constitutes sexual harassment under the definition outlined above. Unacceptable student conduct may or may not constitute sexual harassment, depending on the nature of the conduct and its severity, pervasiveness, and persistence. Behaviors which are unacceptable but do not constitute harassment may provide grounds for discipline under the code of student conduct.

If discrimination or harassment has occurred, the district will take prompt, remedial action to stop it and prevent its reoccurrence.

The Title IX Coordinator shall promptly respond in a meaningful way to any reports of sexual discrimination including sexual harassment of which the district has actual knowledge as follows:

- Contact the complainant within 10 business days and discuss the availability of supportive measures, with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and consider the complainant's wishes as to supportive measures; and
- Inform the complainant of the right to a formal complaint investigation consistent with Title IX and the informal resolution process.

Supportive Measures

The district will treat the complainant and respondent equitably by offering supportive measures. These non-disciplinary and non-punitive measures will be offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without cost to the complainant or the respondent. Supportive measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party. “Supportive Measures” shall include, but not be limited to, measures designed to protect the safety of all parties, to protect the district’s educational environment, or to deter sexual harassment. These measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring, and other similar measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

The Formal Complaint

No investigation of alleged sexual harassment may occur until after a formal complaint has been filed.

A formal complaint is a document filed by the complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment and requesting an investigation. The procedures for filing a formal complaint are as follows:

- At the time of filing a formal complaint, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the education program or activity of the district concerning which the formal complaint is filed.
- A formal complaint should be filed in writing and contain the name and address of the person filing the complaint. The complaint should briefly describe the alleged violation. Filing of the complaint with the Title IX Coordinator may be done in person, by mail, or by email. If an individual does not wish to file a written complaint, and the matter has not been adequately resolved, the Title IX Coordinator may initiate the complaint. Forms for filing written complaints are available in each school building office and the central office.

- A complaint should be filed as soon as possible after the conduct occurs, but not later than 180 calendar days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation, unless the conduct forming the basis for the complaint is ongoing.
- An investigation shall follow the filing of the complaint. If the complaint is against the superintendent, the board shall appoint an investigating officer. In other instances, the investigation shall be conducted by a qualified individual designated by the Title IX Coordinator or another individual appointed by the board. The investigation shall be thorough. All interested persons, including the complainant and the respondent, will be afforded an opportunity to submit written or oral evidence relevant to the complaint.

Formal Complaint Notice Requirements

Upon filing of a formal complaint, the district shall provide written notice to the known parties including:

- Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment including sufficient details to prepare a response before any initial interview including:
    - the identities of the parties involved, if known;
    - the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment; and
    - the date and location of the alleged incident, if known.
- An explanation of the district's investigation procedures, including any informal resolution process;
- A statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility will be made by the decision-maker at the conclusion of the investigation;
- Notice to the parties they may have an advisor of their choice and may inspect and review any evidence; and
- Notice to the parties of any provision in the district's code of conduct or policy that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information.

If, in the course of an investigation, the investigator decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the notice initially provided, notice of the additional allegations shall be provided to known parties.

Formal Complaint Investigation Procedures

To ensure a complete and thorough investigation and to protect the parties, the investigator shall:

- Ensure that the preponderance of the evidence burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rests on the district and not the parties;
- Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses and evidence;
- Not restrict either party's ability to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;
- Allow the parties to be accompanied with an advisor of the party's choice;
- Provide written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of any interview or meeting at which a party is expected to participate;
- Provide the parties equal access to review all the evidence collected which is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint, including the investigative report, and the opportunity to respond to that evidence before a determination is made;
- Be impartial and objectively evaluate all relevant evidence without relying on sex stereotypes;
- Not have conflicts of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents;
- Not make credibility determinations based on the individual's status as complainant, respondent, or witness.

Formal Complaint Investigation Report

The investigator shall prepare an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and share the report with the parties and their advisors for review and response.

Before completing the investigative report, the investigator must send each party and their advisors the investigative report for review and allow the parties 10 days to submit a written response for the investigator's consideration.

The investigator's written report shall include an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence using a preponderance of the evidence standard to determine responsibility.

Decision-Maker's Determination

Upon receiving the investigator's report, the decision-maker must make a determination regarding responsibility and afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that the parties want asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions.

The decision-maker must issue a written determination regarding responsibility based on a preponderance of the evidence. The decision-maker's written determination shall:

- Identify the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment;
- Describe the procedural steps taken, including any notifications to the parties, site visits, methods used to gather evidence, and interviews;
- Include the findings of fact supporting the determination;
- Address any district policies and/or conduct rules which apply to the facts;
- Address each allegation and a resolution of the complaint including a determination regarding responsibility, the rationale therefor, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve access to the educational program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant; and
- The procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and/or respondent to appeal the determination.

A copy of the written determination shall be provided to both parties simultaneously.

The range of disciplinary sanctions and remedies may include, but may not be limited to, supportive measures, short term suspension, long term suspension, expulsion for students, and/or termination for employees. Complainants and respondents shall be treated equitably by providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for the effective implementation of any remedies. If the investigation results in a recommendation that a student be suspended or expelled, procedures outlined in board policy and state law governing student suspension and expulsion will be followed.

If the investigation results in a recommendation that an employee be suspended with or without pay or terminated, procedures outlined in board policy, the negotiated agreement (as applicable), and/or state law will be followed.

Records relating to complaints filed and their resolution shall be maintained by the Title IX Coordinator for seven years.

The decision becomes final on the date the parties receive the results of an appeal, if any appeal is filed; or on the date the opportunity for an appeal expires.

Appeals

The complainant or respondent may appeal the decision-maker's determination regarding responsibility or a dismissal of a formal complaint, on the following bases:

- Procedural irregularity that affected the outcomes;
- New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time that could affect the outcome; and/or
- The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, or decision-maker had a conflict of interest or bias against either party that affected the outcome.

The request to appeal shall be made in writing to the Title IX Coordinator within 20 days after the date of the written determination. Appeals shall be on the record and heard by an attorney, an independent hearing officer appointed by the board, or the board. The appeal decision-maker may not be the Title IX Coordinator, the Investigator, or the decision-maker from the original determination.

The appeal decision-maker will issue a written decision within 30 days after the appeal is filed. The appeal decision-maker will describe the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result.

The appeal decision-maker shall:

- Review the evidence gathered by the investigator, the investigator's report, and the original decision-maker's determination;
- Notify both parties in writing of the filing of an appeal and give them 10 days after the appeal is filed to submit further evidence in writing;
- Not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainant or respondent and receive the required training;
- Issue a written decision and the rationale for the decision within 30 days after the appeal is filed;
- Describe the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result in the decision; and
- Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties and to the Title IX Coordinator.

Informal Resolution Process

At any time during the formal complaint process and prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the district may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and determination of responsibility.

The informal resolution process may be facilitated by a trained educational professional, consultant, or other individual selected by the Title IX Coordinator under the following conditions:

- The parties are provided a written notice disclosing the allegations, the requirements of the informal resolution process, and information on when it may preclude the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations;
- At any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process, resume the investigation of the formal complaint, and be informed of any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process;
- The parties voluntarily and in writing consent to the informal resolution process; and
- The informal resolution process cannot be used to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

If the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the parties, the facilitator shall document the nature of the complaint and the proposed resolution, have both parties sign the documentation and receive a copy, and forward it to the Title IX Coordinator. Within 20 days after the complaint is resolved in this manner, the Title IX Coordinator shall contact the complainant to determine if the resolution of the matter remains acceptable. If the matter is not resolved, or if the individual does not believe the resolution remains acceptable within 20 days after the informal resolution document is executed, the individual or the Title IX Coordinator may proceed with the formal complaint process.

If discrimination or harassment has occurred, the district will take prompt, remedial action to prevent its reoccurrence. The district prohibits retaliation or discrimination against any person for opposing discrimination, including harassment; for participating in the complaint process; or making a complaint, testifying, assisting, or participating in any investigation, proceeding, or appeal.

Use of this complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of any other remedies, including the right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

The filing of a complaint or otherwise reporting sex discrimination including sexual harassment shall not reflect upon the individual's status or grades. Any act of retaliation or discrimination against any person who has filed a complaint or testified, assisted, or participated in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing involving sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, is prohibited. Any person who retaliates is subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion for a student or termination of employment for an employee.

False or malicious complaints of sexual harassment may result in corrective or disciplinary action against the complainant.

A summary of this policy and the complaint procedures including how to report or file a formal complaint of sex discrimination or sexual harassment shall be posted in each district facility shall be published in student handbooks, and on the district's website as directed by the Title IX Coordinator. Notification of the policy may include posting informational notices, publishing in local newspapers, publishing in newspapers and magazines operated by the school, or distributing memoranda or other written communications to students and employees. In addition, the district is required to include a statement of nondiscriminatory policy in any bulletins, announcements, publications, catalogs, application forms, or other recruitment materials that are made available to participants, students, applicants, or employees.

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The board of education is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment, free from discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national origin, or disability. Discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin ("racial harassment") or on the basis of disability ("disability harassment") shall not be tolerated in the school district. Racial or disability harassment of employees or students of the district in any district education program or activity is strictly prohibited.

Racial harassment is unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin under Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Kansas Acts Against Discrimination. Disability harassment is unlawful discrimination on the basis of disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. All forms of racial or disability harassment are prohibited at school, on school property, and at all school-sponsored activities, programs or events.

It shall be a violation for any employee to discourage a student from filing a complaint, or to fail to investigate or refer for investigation, any complaint lodged under the provisions of this policy.

Prohibited conduct under this policy includes racially or disability-motivated conduct which:

- Affords a student different treatment, solely on the basis of race, color, national origin, or disability, in a manner which interferes with or limits the ability of the student to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or programs of the school;
- Is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent so as to have the purpose or effect of creating a hostile academic environment; or
- Is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent so as to have the purpose or effect of interfering with a student's academic performance or ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or programs of the school.

Racial or disability harassment may result from verbal or physical conduct or written graphic material.

The district encourages all victims of racial or disability harassment and persons with knowledge of such harassment to report the harassment immediately. The district will promptly investigate all complaints of racial or disability harassment and take prompt corrective action to end the harassment.

Any student who believes he or she has been subject to racial or disability harassment or has witnessed an act of alleged racial or disability harassment, should discuss the alleged harassment with the building principal, another administrator, the guidance counselor, or

another certified staff member. Any school employee who receives a complaint of racial or disability harassment from a student shall inform the student of the employee's obligation to report the complaint and any proposed resolution of the complaint to the building principal. If the building principal is the alleged harasser, the complaint shall be reported to the district compliance coordinator. The building principal shall discuss the complaint with the student to determine if it can be resolved. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student in this meeting, the student may initiate a formal complaint under the district's discrimination complaint procedure in policy KN.

Complaints received will be investigated to determine whether, under the totality of the circumstances, the alleged behavior constitutes racial or disability harassment under the definition outlined above. Unacceptable student conduct may or may not constitute racial or disability harassment, depending on the nature of the conduct and its severity, pervasiveness and persistence. Behaviors which are unacceptable but do not constitute harassment may provide grounds for discipline under the code of student conduct. The discipline of a student for violation of any provision of the code of student conduct may be enhanced if the conduct is racially or disability motivated.

If discrimination or harassment has occurred, the district will take prompt, remedial action to prevent its reoccurrence.

An employee who witnesses an act of racial or disability harassment shall report the incident to the building principal. Employees who fail to report complaints or incidents of racial or disability harassment to appropriate school officials may face disciplinary action. School administrators who fail to investigate and take appropriate corrective action in response to complaints of racial or disability harassment may also face disciplinary action.

When a complaint contains evidence of criminal activity or child abuse, the compliance coordinator shall report such conduct to the appropriate law enforcement or DCF authorities.

To the extent possible confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigation of a complaint. The desire for confidentiality must be balanced with the district's obligation to conduct a thorough investigation, to take appropriate corrective action or to provide due process to the accused.

The filing of a complaint or otherwise reporting racial or disability harassment shall not reflect upon the student's status or grades. Any act of retaliation or discrimination against any person who has filed a complaint or testified, assisted, or participated in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing involving a racial or disability harassment complaint is prohibited. Any person who retaliates is subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion for a student or termination of employment for an employee.

False or malicious complaints of racial or disability harassment may result in corrective or disciplinary action against the complainant.

A summary of this policy shall be posted in each district facility and shall be published in student handbooks and on the district's website as directed by the district compliance coordinator. Notification of the policy shall be included in the school newsletter or published in the local newspaper annually, if applicable.

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Supervision of Students **JGFB**

(See GAO, GBR and JH)

Students shall be supervised by school personnel when they are under the jurisdiction of the school.

Each building principal shall coordinate and assign teachers, aides, or paraprofessionals to supervise students engaged in school sponsored activities. All school-sponsored activities shall be supervised by an adult approved by the administration.

Each building principal shall ensure appropriate staff members are available for supervising students at specific times and in designated areas.

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(See JGG)

Use of Vehicles and Bicycles

The superintendent may develop procedures regulating to the driving, parking, and use of vehicles and the use and parking of bicycles or other similar equipment during the school day. Failure to observe district rules and/or procedures may result in disciplinary action.

Rules and procedures concerning use of vehicles and bicycles on school property may be included in the student and/or other district handbooks.

Walkers

Students who walk to and from school are urged to become familiar with traffic safety laws governing such activities, to be alert to their surroundings, and to exercise caution while crossing streets in high traffic areas.

Notice

At the beginning of each school year, district staff will provide students with appropriate notice of the rules and procedures relevant to their use of transportation to school and school-related activities.

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Student Accidents and Health Emergencies **JGFG**

When a staff member becomes aware that a student has been involved in an accident or is in need of emergency care at school, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity, the staff member shall follow the rules for the care of an injured student and shall report the accident to the building principal. If a student has an accident which appears to require medical treatment, an employee shall send for medical help and try to make the student as comfortable as possible while waiting for medical assistance to arrive.

When appropriate, the student's parent(s) shall be notified of the student's condition as soon as possible to determine appropriate action. If the student needs medical attention, and the parents cannot be reached, the principal shall seek emergency medical treatment.

Emergency Care

At the scene of an emergency or accident when medical help is not readily available to assist in the care of an injured student, an employee may render emergency care or assistance, including, but not limited to, first aid, as deemed reasonably necessary until medical help arrives. Kansas law provides protection from civil liability for any person who, in good faith and without compensation, renders emergency care or assistance to any person, including a minor without first obtaining the consent of the parent or guardian of such minor, at the scene of an emergency or accident. However, this protection does not extend to individuals whose acts or omissions in rendering emergency care in these circumstances were grossly or wantonly negligent.

Records

Appropriate records documenting student accidents shall be maintained.

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Kansas law creates standards governing the use and administration of emergency opioid antagonists approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") to inhibit the effects of opioids and for the treatment of an opioid overdose. Any first responder or school nurse is authorized to possess, store, distribute, and administer emergency opioid antagonists as clinically indicated, provided that all personnel with access to emergency opioid antagonists are trained in proper protocol.

Similarly, Kansas law allows a patient or bystander (meaning a family member, friend, caregiver, or other person in a position to assist a person who the bystander believes to be experiencing an opioid overdose) to acquire and utilize emergency opioid antagonists.

Therefore, to prioritize student health and safety in its schools, programs, and activities, the board authorizes the district to obtain, store, and administer naloxone, Narcan, and/or other opioid antagonists for emergency use in its schools. The school nurse or other properly trained staff member may administer such medication in emergency situations. Opioid antagonists may be available during the regularly scheduled school day. They may be available at other times at the discretion of the superintendent.

The board establishes the following rules governing the utilization and administration of emergency opioid antagonists, such as, but not necessarily limited to, naloxone and Narcan, by members of district staff.

Training

If obtaining the emergency opioid antagonist through a pharmacy, the providing pharmacy of the emergency opioid antagonist (hereafter "the product") shall provide written education and training materials to the individual to whom the product is dispensed. First Aid for Opioid Overdose must be obtained by each school nurse and other staff members designated by the superintendent to respond to potential opioid overdose situations. In addition, all district staff members with access to emergency opioid antagonists shall be trained, at a minimum, on the following:

- Techniques to recognize signs of an opioid overdose;
- Standards and procedures to store, distribute, and administer an emergency opioid antagonist;
- Emergency follow-up procedures, including the requirement to summon emergency ambulance services either immediately before or immediately after administering an emergency opioid antagonist to a patient; and
- Inventory requirements and reporting any administration of an emergency opioid antagonist to the school nurse or another healthcare provider.

District staff members personally acquiring such products for use as a patient or bystander are encouraged to inform the school nurse or the superintendent's designee, so that they may be trained in proper protocol and included in the school or district's crisis response plan regarding potential opioid overdose.

Procurement of the Product

The school nurse or other staff member(s) designated by the superintendent will be responsible for the procurement of the product.

Storage

The following storage protocols shall be followed:

- The product will be clearly marked and stored in an accessible place at the discretion of the school nurse or the superintendent's designee.
- The product will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat, and direct sunlight.
- Inspection of the product shall be conducted at least quarterly.
- The individual responsible for the product's safekeeping shall check, document, and track the expiration date found on the box and replace the product once it has expired.

Use of the Product

In case of a suspected opioid overdose, the school nurse, designee, or other individual shall follow the protocols outlined in the training or product instructions.

Follow-up

- After administration of the product, the school nurse, or other designated staff, will report appropriate information to emergency services, parents (guardians), central office personnel, and if determined necessary, the patient will be transported to a hospital.
- The school nurse or other designated staff will complete the designated incident report and file the report with the school nurse or district office, whichever is applicable.

Protection from Liability

Any patient, bystander, school nurse, a first responder, or technician operating under a first responder agency, who, in good faith and with reasonable care, receives and administers an emergency opioid antagonist pursuant to this policy to a person experiencing a suspected opioid overdose shall not, by an act or omission, be subject to civil liability or criminal prosecution, unless personal injury results from the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct in the administration of the emergency opioid antagonist.

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Stock Supply of Emergency Medication **JGFGAA**

Any school may maintain a stock supply of emergency medication, such as epinephrine and/or albuterol, upon obtaining a prescription from a physician, certified nurse-midwife, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, or a licensed physician assistant.

A stock supply of epinephrine may consist of one or more standard-dose or pediatric-dose epinephrine auto-injectors. A school nurse or designated school personnel may administer epinephrine in an emergency situation to any individual who displays the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis at school, on school property or at a school-sponsored event if the staff member reasonably believes that an individual is exhibiting the signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction.

A stock supply of albuterol may consist of one or more albuterol metered-dose inhalers, one or more doses of albuterol solution and one or more spacers or nebulizers. A school nurse or designated school personnel may administer albuterol in an emergency situation to any individual who displays the signs and symptoms of respiratory distress at school, on school property or at a school-sponsored event if the staff member reasonably believes that an individual is exhibiting the signs and symptoms of respiratory distress.

A school that maintains a stock supply of emergency medication shall adhere to the following requirements and establish procedures in accordance therewith:

- The emergency medication will be stored in a safe location that is readily accessible to the school nurse or designated school personnel in accordance with manufacturer temperature recommendations;
- The school nurse or designated school personnel shall periodically monitor the inventory and expiration dates of the emergency medication;
- Emergency medication shall only be administered by designated school personnel; and
- Training requirements for designated school personnel shall be conducted as outlined in this policy.

Information related to the school's emergency medication policies and procedures shall be published.

A school may accept monetary gifts, grants, and donations to carry out the provisions of this section or may accept epinephrine auto-injectors, albuterol metered-dose inhalers, albuterol solution, spacers, or nebulizers from a manufacturer or wholesaler.

Training

Training shall be conducted by a school nurse, physician, or mid-level practitioner at least annually for designated school personnel. Such training shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Recognition of the symptoms of anaphylaxis and respiratory distress;
- Administration of emergency medication;
- Calling for emergency medical system responders;
- Monitoring the condition of an individual after emergency medication has been administered;
- Notification of the parent, guardian, or next of kin; and
- Safe disposal and sanitation of used equipment.

The school shall maintain records of the training provided to designated school personnel.

Use of Stock Medication

If epinephrine or albuterol is administered in an emergency situation, the school nurse, designee, or other individual shall follow the protocols outlined in the training or product instructions.

Follow-up

After administration of the emergency medication, the school nurse or other designated staff member will report appropriate information to emergency services, parents or guardians, central office personnel, and, if determined necessary, the patient will be transported to a hospital.

The school nurse or other designated staff member will complete an incident report and file the report with the school nurse or district office, whichever is applicable.

Protection from Liability

The practice of the healing arts shall not be construed to include any person administering epinephrine or albuterol in emergency situations to an individual if:

- The person administering the epinephrine reasonably believes that the individual is exhibiting the signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction; or
- The person administering the albuterol reasonably believes that the individual is exhibiting the signs and symptoms of respiratory distress;

- A physician or mid-level practitioner, after reviewing the school's policies and procedures, has authorized, in writing, the school to maintain a stock supply of emergency medication; and
- The emergency medication is administered at school, on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

Any person who in good faith renders emergency care or treatment, without compensation, through the administration of emergency medication to an individual at school, on school property, or at a school-sponsored event, and any school that employs or contracts such person shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or administration or as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment when the person acts as an ordinary reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.

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Supervision of Medications **JGFGB**

(See JGFGBA)

The supervision of medications shall be in strict compliance with the rules and regulations of the board as carried out by district personnel. Diagnosis and treatment of illness and the prescribing of drugs and medicines are not the responsibility of the public schools and are not to be practiced by any school personnel, including school nurses, unless authorized. No medications shall be dispensed or administered if prohibited by state law.

In certain circumstances when medication is necessary for the student to remain in school, the school may cooperate with parents in the supervision of medication that the student will use. However, the medical person authorized to prescribe medication or the parent if it is a non-prescription medication must send a written order to the building administrator who may supervise the administration of the medication or treatment. The parents must submit a written request to the building administrator requesting the school's cooperation in such supervision and releasing the school district and personnel from liability.

School personnel shall not be required to be custodians of any medication except as required by a written order of a licensed medical person or in the case of nonprescription medication when requested in writing by the parents.

The medication shall be examined by the school employee administering it to determine that it appears to be in the original container, to be properly labeled, and to be properly authorized by the written order of licensed medical person. Two containers, one for home and one for school, should be requested from the pharmacist.

Any changes in type of drugs, dosage, and/or time of administration should be accompanied by updated physician and parent permission signatures and a newly labeled pharmacy container.

All medication maintained in the school setting should be kept in a locked container. This includes medication requiring refrigeration.

Medications should be inventoried every semester. Out-of-date stock should be returned to the parent or destroyed.

Over-the-counter medications should not be maintained on any school premises, including athletic areas, unless written parent permission to administer is obtained.

The building administrator may choose to discontinue the administration of medication provided that the parents or medical person are notified in advance of the date and the reasons for the discontinuance.

After medication is administered, students should be observed for possible reactions to the medication. This observation may occur at the site of administration or in the classroom as a part of the normal routine.

This policy shall be shared with all local physicians and dentists where practicable. Forms should also be made available to the health care providers in the community.

An individual record should be kept of each medication administered. The record should include student identification, date prescribed, name of medication, time and date(s) administered, signature of person administering and section for comments.

In the administration of medication, the school employee shall not be deemed to have assumed any legal responsibility other than acting as a duly authorized employee of the school district.

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Student Self-Administration of Medications **JGFGBA**

(See JGFGB)

Epinephrine and Inhalers

The self-administration of medication is allowed for eligible students in grades K–12. As used in this policy, medication includes, but is not limited to, a medicine for the treatment of anaphylaxis or asthma listed in current federal regulation as an inhaled bronchodilator or auto-injectable epinephrine. Self-administration is the student's discretionary use of an approved medication for which the student has a prescription or written direction from a health care provider.

As used in this policy health care provider means a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery; an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a licensed physician assistant who has authority to prescribe drugs under the supervision of a responsible physician.

Student Eligibility

An eligible student shall meet all the following requirements:

- Have a written statement from the student's health care provider stating the name and purpose of any prescription medication/s;
- Know the prescribed or recommended dosage;
- Know the time the medication is to be regularly administered;
- Be able to articulate any additional special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered;
- Know the length of time for which the medication is prescribed;
- The student shall also demonstrate to the health care provider or the provider's designee, as applicable, and the school nurse or the nurse's designee the skill level necessary to use the medication and any device that is necessary to administer the medication. In the absence of a school nurse, the school shall designate a person who is trained to witness the demonstration.

Authorization Required

With regard to prescription medications which are not administered on a regular schedule, the student's health care provider shall prepare a written treatment plan for managing the student's condition, such as asthma attacks or anaphylaxis episodes, and for medication use by the student during school hours. The student's parent or guardian shall annually complete and submit to the school any written documentation required by the school, including

the treatment plan prepared by the student's health care provider. Permission forms shall be updated during enrollment.

Employee Immunity

All teachers responsible for the student's supervision shall be notified that permission to carry medications and self-administer has been granted. The school district shall provide written notification to the parent or guardian of a student that the school district and its officers, employees, and agents are not liable for damage, injury, or death resulting directly or indirectly from the self-administration of medication.

Waiver of Liability

The student's parent or guardian shall sign a statement acknowledging that the school district and its officers, employees, or agents incur no liability for damage, injury, or death resulting directly or indirectly from the self-administration of medication and agreeing to release, indemnify, and hold the district and its officers, employees, and agents, harmless from and against any claims relating to the self-administration of medication allowed by this policy.

Additional Requirements for Students Prone to Specified Emergencies

- The school district shall require that any back-up medication provided by the student's parent or guardian be kept at the student's school in a location to which the student has immediate access if there is an asthma or anaphylaxis emergency;
- The school district shall require that all necessary and pertinent information be kept on file at the student's school in a location easily accessible if there is an asthma or anaphylaxis emergency;
- Eligible students shall be allowed to possess and use approved medications at any place where the student is subject to the jurisdiction or supervision or the school district, its officers, employees, or agents;
- The board may adopt policy or handbook language which imposes additional requirements relating to the self-administration of medication allowed for in this policy and may establish a procedure for, and the conditions under which, the authorization for student self-administration of medication may be revoked.

Over-the-Counter Medications

A student may self-administer specified over-the-counter medications with written parental authorization on file in the school office.

The student's parent or guardian shall sign a statement acknowledging that the school district and its officers, employees, or agents incur no liability for damage, injury, or death resulting directly or indirectly from the self-administration of over-the-counter medication and agreeing to release, indemnify, and hold the district and its officers, employees, and agents, harmless from and against any claims relating to the self-administration of medication allowed by this policy.

Misuse of Medications

Self-administration of any medication, including prescription and over-the-counter medication, at a dosage or rate exceeding product label instructions may result in denial of the privilege to self-administer any medication and/or disciplinary action as outlined in policy JDDAA.

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As used in this policy, diabetes management and treatment plan means a plan prepared and implemented for a student with diabetes which is prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery; a certified, advanced registered nurse practitioner who has authority to prescribe drugs; or a licensed physician assistant who has authority to prescribe drugs pursuant to a written protocol with a responsible physician.

Student Eligibility

Self-care of diabetes may be allowed for students in grades K-12. To be eligible, a student shall meet all requirements of this policy.

Parents or guardians shall submit a written diabetes management and treatment plan from the student's health care provider.

The student shall provide written authorization from the student's health care provider and parent or guardian stating the student has been instructed on managing and caring for their diabetes and is authorized to do so in school. An annual written renewal of parental authorization for the self-care of diabetes shall be required.

While at school, each student capable of managing and caring for the student's diabetes will be allowed to:

- Perform blood glucose level check;
- Administer insulin through the delivery system the student uses;
- Treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia;
- Possess the supplies or equipment necessary to monitor and care for their diabetes; and
- Otherwise attend to the management and care of the student's
- diabetes in the classroom, in any area of the school, on school grounds, or at any school-related activity.

Notwithstanding the above, the district reserves the right to put reasonable place and manner procedural safeguards in place for the safe and nondisruptive exercise of such rights by students with diabetes.

Employee Immunity

The board and its employees and agents, who authorize the self-administration of medication and treatment for diabetes in compliance with the provision of this policy, shall not be liable in any action for any injury resulting from the self-administration of medication. The district shall provide written notification to the parent or guardian of a student for whom this policy is applicable that the board and its employees and agents are not liable for any injury resulting from the self-administration of medication. The parent or guardian shall sign such notice and acknowledge that the district incurs no liability for any injury resulting from the

self-administration of medication and agrees to indemnify and hold the board and its employees and agents harmless against any claims relating to the self-administration of medication pursuant to this policy.

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Transportation **JGG**

(See ED and EDDA)

School-provided transportation shall be available to and from school for those students who qualify. Transportation may be provided by the district for all school activities. Transportation may be denied to students who are detained after school for disciplinary reasons.

Students who use school-provided transportation shall be under the jurisdiction of the vehicle driver while in the vehicle. Students shall be subject to the district's student behavior code and other regulations developed by the superintendent and approved by the board.

Drivers shall report violations of the rules to the building principal who may discipline students. The principal may suspend or revoke the transportation privilege of a student who violates any rule or regulation.

When the district provides transportation to an activity, participating students are prohibited from driving personal automobiles to and from district-sponsored activities held during or after the school day unless authorized in writing by the student’s parent or guardian.

All rules shall be published in the student handbook.

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(See CN and JR *et seq.*)

The district may use surveillance cameras to monitor student activity.

Surveillance cameras may be used to monitor students riding in district vehicles and to monitor student behavior in or around any district facility.

Surveillance footage which is a record of student behavior shall be secured in a secure location until the digital storage mechanism or tape on which the footage is maintained is either reused or erased. Surveillance footage of personally identifiable students depicting their involvement in an altercation or other violation of law or district policy shall be considered a student record and shall be subject to current law for the release of student record information.

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School Food Service Programs **JGH**

The district shall provide a school food service program. Food service rules shall be published in student handbooks. Building principals shall develop individual building rules.

Free or Reduced Price Meals

Free or reduced price meals shall be provided for students who qualify under state and federal rules and regulations.

The eligibility forms, rules and regulations governing this program shall be provided by the administration to students or their parents.

Contracts With Other Agencies

The board may enter into contracts with the governing authority of any nonpublic school or any child-care institution to provide meals for children who attend these institutions. The board may also contract for meal service with any municipality, any state university or any corporation whose operations are substantially controlled by a state university. Contracts shall provide for payment of the costs incurred by the district to provide the service. Income received by the district under any contract to provide this service shall be deposited in the district food service fund and may be expended whether budgeted or not.

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Vending Machines and Other Automated Play Machines **JGHB**

(See DK and JGCA)

No vending machine or play machine may be placed in any building without prior approval of the superintendent.

Vending machine foods and beverages available for sale to students will comply with established federal nutrition standards and guidance on snacks in school.

Advertising associated with product vending will be limited to signage on equipment, paper cups and other serving containers, and will promote a positive nutrition message.

The building principal shall manage the machine(s). A monthly report shall be prepared by each principal showing all receipts and expenditures for each machine. Proceeds from machines shall be deposited in the appropriate activity account.

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Student Activities **JH**

(See DK, JGFB, JM and KG)

The principal shall be responsible for organizing and approving all student activities. All school-sponsored activities shall be supervised by an adult approved by the administration.

Eligibility for Activities

Students who participate in any school activity shall meet the following requirements:

- all applicable KSHSAA regulations;
- academic eligibility requirements noted in handbooks; and
- other requirements requested by the administration and approved by the board.

Participation in Kansas State High School Activity Association Activities

Any student who meets the requirements outlined below shall be permitted to participate in any activities, including any district-sponsored events, ceremonies, programs, or other functions directly related to such district activity, offered by the district that are regulated, supervised, promoted and developed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association ("KSHSAA").

The board may require a student who participates in an activity pursuant to this policy, including, but not limited to, virtual school students, to enroll in or complete a particular course as a condition of participation, if such requirement is imposed upon all other students who participate in a particular KSHSAA activity.

Except as provided in this policy regarding modified academic eligibility requirements for home school students, any student who seeks to participate in an activity pursuant to this policy shall be subject to any tryout or other participation requirements that are otherwise applicable to all other students for participation in activity.

Virtual School or Nonpublic Elementary or Secondary School Students

Any student meeting the following requirements shall be permitted to participate in any district sponsored KSHSAA activities. The requirements include:

- Being a resident of the school district;
- being enrolled and attending a virtual school as defined in state law or a nonpublic elementary or secondary school;
- complying with the statutory health certification and inoculation requirements prior to participation in any such activity;

- meeting applicable age and eligibility requirements required by KSHSAA
- paying any fees required by the district for participation in such activity, if such fees are generally imposed upon all other students who participate in the activity; and
- seeking participation at the appropriate school of the district that corresponds to where the student resides within the school district's respective school attendance boundaries established by the board.

Except as otherwise provided in this policy, any student attending a virtual school, who seeks to participate in an activity in the student's resident school district shall not be required to enroll in or attend a minimum number of courses at such school district.

Any student attending a home school, who is a resident of the district and seeks to participate in a KSHSAA activity sponsored by the district, shall be deemed to meet any academic eligibility requirements established by KSHSAA for participation in such activity if:

- The student is maintaining satisfactory progress towards achievement or promotion to the next grade level; and
- The parent, teacher, or organization that provides instruction to the student submits an affidavit or transcript to KSHSAA indicating the student meets these academic eligibility requirements.

Upon submission of an affidavit, the student attending a home school shall be deemed to meet any academic eligibility requirements established by KSHSAA and shall retain such academic eligibility during the activity season for which the affidavit was submitted.

Any student who withdraws from the district and subsequently enrolls in an accredited private school, a nonpublic elementary or secondary school or a virtual school shall not be eligible for full participation in any activities offered by the district immediately following the student's withdrawal in accordance with KSHSAA's academic eligibility policies, unless the student was eligible for full participation in any such activities pursuant to the eligibility policies of the district and KSHSAA on the date of withdrawal and the student participates in such activities at the school from which such student withdrew. The student may be permitted limited participation in any such activities in accordance with the eligibility policies of the district and KSHSAA.

Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science Students

Any student who meets the following requirements shall be permitted to participate in any district-sponsored KSHSAA activities. The requirements include:

- Being enrolled in and attending the Kansas academy of mathematics and science;
- complying with the statutory health certification and inoculation requirements prior to participation in any such activity;
- meeting applicable age and eligibility requirements required by KSHSAA;
- paying any fees required by the district for participation in such activity, if such fees are generally imposed upon all other students who participate in the activity; and
- seeking participation at the appropriate school of the district that corresponds to where the postsecondary educational institution designated by the state board of regents for the Kansas academy of mathematics and science program.

Adding or Eliminating Activities

Administrative recommendations to add or eliminate specific activities may be considered by the board. Individual patrons or groups of patrons may request the addition or elimination of activities using rules approved by the board and filed with the clerk.

Activity Fund Management

The building principals shall maintain an accurate record of all student activity funds in the respective attendance centers. A monthly report to the board on the revenue and expenditures of the activity fund shall be made. No funds shall be expended from these accounts except in the support of the student activity program.

Receipts shall be issued for all revenue taken into the activity fund of each attendance center. All payments from the activity fund shall be by checks provided for that purpose.

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Student Organizations **JHC**

Students may form clubs and other groups organized to promote or pursue specialized activities outside the regular classroom. Membership in student organizations, whether school sponsored or non-school sponsored, must be open to all interested and eligible students. The building principal and the board shall approve school sponsored student organizations, and a staff member shall attend the meetings or activities to supervise use of the facilities by all student organizations as an advisor or supervisor.

Student Clubs

The administrator shall establish regulations for the operation of school sponsored clubs, and for the use of school facilities by non-school- sponsored clubs.

School sponsored clubs shall be under the direct control of school personnel. Every school sponsored club shall have a constitution which has been approved by the building principal and filed in the school office. If non-curriculum related school sponsored clubs are allowed to meet on school property during non-instructional time, then non-school sponsored student clubs may also meet on school property at such times.

Non-School Sponsored Student Clubs

Non-school sponsored clubs shall submit a request for use of school facilities and have such request granted prior to using the facilities. The non-school sponsored club shall specify in its facility use request the adult who will provide supervision of the activity.

Student Government

Student councils under the direct control of the building principal or designated faculty representative may be established. Student councils may exercise only the authority expressly delegated to them by the building principal.

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(See KI)

School-Sponsored Student Publications

School-sponsored student publications shall be under the supervision of the building principal or designated faculty representative.

Students who have facts and opinions should be allowed to express them in print as well as through oral communications. However, student editors and writers must observe the same legal responsibilities as those imposed upon conventional newspapers and communication media. No student shall distribute any school publication which:

- Is obscene according to current legal definitions;
- Is libelous according to current legal definitions; or
- Creates a material or substantial interference with normal school activity or with appropriate discipline in the operation of the school.

Student publications which are not libelous, disruptive, or obscene may be distributed on school property during school hours at times and in areas designated by the building principal.

If a decision to disapprove distribution of a publication is made, the principal shall state reasons for the decision to the student(s).

If the student is dissatisfied with the principal's decision, the student may appeal the decision to the superintendent.

Non-School Sponsored Student Publications

Non-school sponsored student publications may be distributed on school property at times and in areas designated by the building principal.

Distribution of any non-school-sponsored publication may be halted if the material is obscene, libelous, creates a material or substantial disruption of normal school activity, or interferes with the operation of the school.

Distribution in violation of this policy may result in suspension, expulsion, or other discipline of the students involved.

Advertisements

Ads concerning illegal drugs, any controlled substances, or any illegal activity are prohibited in school sponsored publications.

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(See JCAC, JCDA, JCDBB and JDD)

Gang intimidation is the communication of any threat of personal injury to another, actual personal injury to another, or any threat of or actual damage to another's property based on gang affiliation. Gang intimidation on school owned or operated property; at school-sponsored activities, programs, or events, or which disrupt the school environment is prohibited.

Disciplinary action may be taken against any student for participating in gang intimidation or causing and/or participating in gang-related activities on school owned or operated property or at school-sponsored activities, programs, or events. District staff may be provided inservice training regarding gang behavior and characteristics thereof to facilitate identification of students involved in gang activities.

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Community Activities **JI**

Students shall not participate in any community activities during school hours without the prior permission of the principal, unless those activities are undertaken as part of a course's approved curriculum.

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Employment of Students **JJ**

(See IDAA)

In-School Employment

Students may be employed by the district. The district shall not employ students in hazardous jobs.

Outside Employment

A student who needs to work on a regular basis during the school day shall file a written request with the principal. If the request is approved, the student shall file a work schedule with the principal. Changes in the schedule shall be reported by the student to the principal. The student shall not begin the new schedule unless the change is approved by the principal.

Vocational or Other Work Experience

A student who works in a board-approved vocational or other work-experience program shall have a schedule developed cooperatively by the employer and the supervising teacher and approved by the principal prior to beginning the work activity.

All board policies remain applicable to students participating in vocational or other work experience programs.

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(See KI)

Commercial firms shall not be permitted to solicit students during school hours or on school property without prior approval of the administration.

Solicitations by students of students during school hours and on school property shall be done only when they are related to school sponsored activities. All student sales projects shall require the principal's prior approval.

Representatives from commercial schools, colleges, armed forces, or other agencies shall be permitted to meet with students only by permission of the principal. Student contact by these organizations shall be arranged for and supervised by the guidance office.

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(See DK, GAJ and KH)

The giving of gifts between students and staff members is discouraged.

Student Gifts to Staff Members

Students shall be allowed to collect money or purchase gifts for faculty members with the principal's approval.

Faculty Gifts to Students

A gift by a faculty member to an individual student or to classes of students during school hours or on school property shall require prior approval of the principal.

Student Organization Gifts to the School

Student organizations, with prior approval of the organization sponsor and building principal, may donate a portion of the organization's funds to the district. These donations shall require prior board approval.

A gift is defined as any donation, present or endowment in the form of cash, merchandise, or personal favor.

Any student organization gift to the district shall become district property when accepted by the board.

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(See JH)

No student shall enter any contest as a school representative unless the contest is approved by the KSHSAA or by the administration.

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Awards for participation in interscholastic activities shall be limited to those approved by the KSHSAA.

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(See IDCE and JBE)

All programs for exceptional students shall be managed in accordance with the local plans for exceptional students, the policy and rules of the local board, and the rules and regulations of the state board of education.

Concurrent Enrollment

A student enrolled in grades 10, 11, or 12, or a gifted child in grades 9 through 12 who has demonstrated the ability to benefit from participation in the regular curricula of eligible postsecondary education institutions, may apply to the principal for permission to enroll at an eligible postsecondary education institution.

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(See IDACB and JGFGBA)

Students who are temporarily disabled by illness, operation, or accident authenticated by a health care provider's order, may be eligible for alternative educational services or accommodations in their regular program which allow for meaningful participation in the program.

Students with injuries which prohibit participation in physical education or other classes shall present to the building principal a health care provider's statement prohibiting such activity.

Teachers shall follow medical instructions relating to limitations on the student's participation and shall either provide alternative methods for the student to earn a credit/grade in the class during the period of the disability or contact the district 504 coordinator for consideration of an evaluation under Section 504.

For the purposes of this policy, health care provider shall have the meaning subscribed to it in board policy JGFGBA.

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Married students, pregnant students, and students who are parents shall have access to the same educational opportunities, services, and extracurricular activities provided to other students.

A pregnant student may be required to provide a health care provider's release to be allowed to participate in school activities which could pose a health or safety risk.

If there is a delay in obtaining a health care provider's release, in the student's best interest, the administration may deny activity participation until the release is made available.

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Adult Students **JQI**

Adult students who have not graduated from high school are encouraged to complete the credits required to attain a high school diploma or equivalent. Placement will be determined by the administration in accordance with applicable law.

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(See JBC)

Foreign exchange students from approved organizations may be admitted to the district on a tuition-free basis to the extent staff, facilities, equipment, and supplies are available. Other foreign exchange students who meet residency requirements may be allowed to enroll in the district under rules established by the board. Students who enter the country on an F-1 visa shall pre-pay tuition equal to the current cost per pupil as calculated by the Kansas State Department of Education.

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Hearing Procedures for Exceptional Students **JQL**

A hearing procedure shall be available to parents or guardians of exceptional students according to state board of education regulations, the state special education plan, locally adopted procedures, and applicable laws.

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Class-Size/Caseload Limits for Exceptional Students **JQLA**

The superintendent shall develop and review periodically class-size/caseload limits for students with exceptionalities.

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(See BCBK, CN, CNA, ECA, IDAE, JGGA, JR et seq. and KBA)

All student records shall be treated as confidential and primarily for local school use unless otherwise stipulated. Access to student records, excluding student data submitted to or maintained in a statewide longitudinal data system in accordance with board policy IDAE, shall be permitted as set forth in board policies JR and JRB.

When records include information on more than one student, the parents/guardians of any student shall have access to copies of that part of the record that pertains to their child. Each school shall establish procedures for the granting of a request by parents/guardians for access to their child's school records within a reasonable period of time, but in no case more than 45 days after the request has been made.

In situations where the parents of a student are divorced or separated, each parent, custodial and/or non-custodial, shall have equal rights to their child's records unless a court order specifies otherwise. Private agreements between the student's parents shall not be recognized by the district's personnel.

Parents/guardians shall have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of their child's school records to ensure that the records are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students; to have an opportunity for the correction or deletion of any inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate data contained therein; and to insert into records the parent's/guardian's written explanation of the content of the records.

Any eligible parent/guardian or student may inspect the personal records of the student during regular school office hours. The district reserves the right to interpret selected records to students and/or parent/guardians at the time of the inspection.

When a student attains 18 years of age, the permission or consent required of, and the rights accorded to the parents of the student shall thereafter only be required of and accorded to the student.

The parents/guardians of students, or the students if they are 18 years of age or older shall be informed annually by the superintendent of the rights accorded them by this section and by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. In addition, the public shall be informed annually by the superintendent of the categories of information the institution has determined to be directory information.

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(See BCBK, CN, CNA, ECA, IDAE, JGGA, JR et seq. and KBA**)**

Permanent Student Records: Each school shall permanently retain records relating to each student's academic performance, attendance, and activities. Information about students collected and stored by any school personnel shall be separated into one of the following classifications:

Administrative records: official administrative records that constitute the minimum personal information necessary for operating the educational system. It shall include birth date, sex, race, names, telephone numbers, addresses and places of employment of parents, academic work completed, grades, attendance records, withdrawal and reentry records, honors and activities, date of graduation and follow-up records of a student.

Supplementary records: verified information important in operating the educational system but is of a more sensitive nature and of less historical importance. It includes test data, such as scores on standardized achievement, aptitude, and intelligence tests; observational data such as systematically gathered teacher or counselor evaluations and observations of social and personal assets; clinical findings and verified reports of serious or recurrent deviant behavior patterns; general data such as health data, family background information and educational and vocational plans.

Tentative records: useful information that has not been verified or is not clearly needed beyond the immediate present. It includes unevaluated reports of teachers or counselors that may be needed in ongoing counseling or disciplinary actions.

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(See BCBK, CN, CNA, ECA, IDAE, JGGA, JR et seq. and KBA)

Individual student files are not available for public inspection. Except as provided in IDAE with regard to student records which are student data submitted to or maintained in a statewide longitudinal data system, the custodian of student records shall disclose the student's educational records only as provided for in this policy.

Directory Information

Annual notice shall be given to parents and eligible students concerning their rights with regard to student records. In addition, the custodian of the educational records shall give annual public notice of the class of records the institution has designated as directory information and of the right of the parent or eligible student to opt-out of the release of directory information without prior written consent. The appropriate forms for providing notice shall be on file in the office of the custodian of the educational records.

After giving notice and allowing a reasonable period of time for parents or eligible students to inform the district that any or all of the directory information should not be released without prior written consent, the custodian of records may make directory information available without parental or eligible student's consent.

The custodian of records shall make student recruiting information (including student name, address, and telephone listing) available to military recruiters and postsecondary institutions unless parents or eligible students provide a written request to the district providing that the specified information not be released without prior written consent. Notice of the option to opt-out of the release of recruitment information shall be provided to parents and eligible students in the district's annual notice of rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

For the purposes of this policy, school official means teacher, administrator, other certified employee, or board of education. The district may disclose, without the parents or eligible students' consent, personally identifiable information to school officials with a legitimate educational interest. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support-staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); the school board (in executive session); a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

The custodian may disclose students' education records to the following persons without the prior consent of the parents:

- Other school officials, including teachers within the district who have legitimate educational interests;
- Officials of other schools or school systems in which the student intends to enroll. The school district will forward student records to such institutions without further notice to the parents or eligible student when the disclosure is initiated by a parent or eligible student, or an annual notice provided to parents and eligible students by the district informs them that such records will be automatically disclosed to these institutions for the purposes of enrollment or transfer of the student;
- Authorized persons to whom a student has applied for or from whom a student has received financial aid;
- State and local officials or authorities to whom such information is specifically required to be reported or disclosed pursuant to state statutes;
- Organizations conducting studies for educational agencies for the purpose of developing, validating or administering student tests or programs;
- Accrediting organizations;
- Parents of a student 18 years of age if parents claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes;
- Appropriate persons if knowledge of any information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons in an emergency;
- An agency caseworker or representative of a state or local child welfare agency or tribal organization who has the right to access a student's case plan when such agency or organization is legally responsible for the care and protection of the student and when any further disclosure of such information thereby will be limited in accordance with law; and
- In compliance with a lawfully issued subpoena or judicial order.

Access will be granted to any third party upon written authorization of the eligible student, parent or guardian.

No personally identifiable information contained in personal school records shall be furnished to any person other than those named herein. When there is written instruction from the student's parents, guardian or the eligible student specifying the records, the reasons and the person(s) to whom the release is to be made, a copy of the records to be released shall be made available to the student, parents or guardian upon request. When information is requested in compliance with a judicial order or pursuant to any lawfully issued subpoena,

parent(s)/guardian and the student shall be notified of the orders or subpoenas in advance of compliance with the order or subpoena unless:

- the order or subpoena specifically forbids such disclosure; or
- the order is issued in the context of a court proceeding where a parent is a party and the proceeding involves child abuse and neglect or dependency matters.

Nothing contained in this policy shall preclude authorized representatives of the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary and an administrative head of an educational agency or state authorities from having access to student or other records which may be necessary in connection with the audit and evaluation of federally supported education programs or the enforcement of the federal legal requirements which relate to these programs.

The data collection by such official with respect to individual students shall not include information (including social security numbers) which would permit the personal identification of students or their parents or guardian on the data collected and provided.

All persons, agencies or organizations desiring access to the records of a student shall be required to sign a form, which shall be kept permanently with the student's file, but only for inspection by the parents/guardian, the student or a school official responsible for record maintenance. The form signed shall indicate the specific educational or other interest of each person, agency or organization has in seeking this information.

Personal information shall be transferred to a third party only on the condition that such party shall not permit any other party to have access to such information without the written consent of the student's parents or the eligible student. The board and staff shall protect the rights of privacy of students and their families in connection with any surveys or data-gathering activities conducted, assisted or authorized by the board or administration.

Regulations established under this policy shall include provisions controlling the use, dissemination and protection of such data.

Forwarding Pupil Records

Administrators shall forward student's school records upon request and may not withhold them for any reason.

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Disposition of Records **JRC**

(See BCBK, CN, CNA, ECA, IDAE, JGGA, JR et seq. and KBA)

All student records will be maintained and screened periodically.

Administrative records shall be permanent records and maintained by the school for an indefinite period of time. When the student graduates, supplementary records shall be destroyed or shall be transferred to the administrative records if they have permanent usefulness. Tentative records shall be destroyed when the use for which they were collected is ended. However, tentative records may be placed in the supplementary classification if the continuing usefulness of the information is demonstrated and its validity verified.

The official custodian shall review a student's records when the student moves from elementary to a middle school or junior high, from a middle school or junior high to high school and upon high school graduation. During each review obsolete or unnecessary information shall be removed and destroyed.

Following a reasonable amount of time after a student has graduated or ceases to attend school in the district, the records of the student that are determined to be appropriate for retention may be retained in a format designated by the administration.

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Hearing Request **JRD**

(See BCBK, CN, CNA, ECA, IDAE, JGGA, JR et seq. and KBA)

When a hearing has been requested by a parent, guardian, or an eligible student to challenge the content of the student's education record, the procedure to be followed in the hearing shall be:

The hearing shall be conducted and the decision rendered by a person who does not have a direct interest in the hearing outcome.

The parent, guardian or eligible student shall be given notice of the date, place and time of the hearing within a reasonable time in advance of the hearing.

The parent, guardian or the eligible student may be assisted or represented by individuals of their choice at their own expense, including an attorney. Parents, guardian, or the eligible student shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present relevant evidence.

A written decision shall be rendered within a reasonable time after the hearing concludes. The decision of the hearing official shall be based solely upon the evidence presented at the hearing and include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision.

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Student Fees and Charges **JS**

Building principals shall be authorized to collect fees approved by the board or to seek restitution for any school property lost, damaged or destroyed by a student.

Credit Card Payments

Credit and debit cards may be accepted to pay fees, fines, and charges due the district. A fee may be collected to cover costs of accepting credit or debit cards.

Fee Schedules

The superintendent shall distribute a schedule of enrollment fees and other fees approved in advance by the board to all building principals. The fee schedule shall include:

- A list of all items for which a charge is to be collected;
- The amount of each charge;
- The date due;
- Classifications of students exempt from the fee or charge;
- A system for accounting for and disposing of fees; and
- An appeal procedure to be used by students or parents to claim exemption from paying the fees or charges.

Debt Collection

Building principals shall attempt to collect unpaid fees and the justifiable value owed by a student of school property lost, damaged, or destroyed by a student. If, after the attempt to collect, the amount remains unpaid, the principal shall report the matter to the superintendent who shall consult with the school board's attorney, and they shall jointly recommend a course of action to the board.

Forwarding Pupil Records

Administrators shall forward student's school records upon request and may not withhold them for any reason.

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Haysville Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

SECTION K
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USD 261
HAYSVILLE SCHOOLS

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The goal of educational public relations is to facilitate a process of communication between the district and its internal and external publics. The public relations program is intended to develop better public understanding of the district's goals, objectives, accomplishments, and needs.

The community shall be informed about school functions and activities, the accreditation status of each school, and the progress of school improvement efforts. Patron involvement is encouraged.

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(See CEE, CEF, and KBA)

The board shall keep the public informed about the school system's functions and operations.

Newsletters and other Media

The board may issue a patron newsletter. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall be responsible for the content of the district newsletter and other district-sponsored media or publications.

The superintendent shall direct the dissemination of district information and report to the board as requested.

When approved by the principal, attendance center announcements or school-related information may be sent home with students.

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(See DB, DC, ECH, IDAE, II, IIBG, JBC, JR et seq., and KB)

The board may establish a district website and may allow creation of websites for individual schools. The district website shall be maintained and updated as directed by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. The school websites shall be maintained and updated as directed by the principal or the principal's designee.

Website Rules

Detailed rules relating to websites are found in appropriate handbooks or in documents approved by the board and filed with the clerk and/or principals.

Website rules shall include the following areas:

- data privacy and FERPA regulations;
- copyright rules, relating to access and use of materials and the property rights of the district, students, and employees who create material;
- instruction on what information and materials will be prominently posted on district and/or school homepages, which shall include, but may not be limited to:
    - a copy of Kansas State Department of Education's Form 150 estimating the legal maximum general fund budget as well as the budget summary for the current school year and actual expenditures for the immediately preceding two school years showing total net dollars of transfers and dollars per pupil as specified in Kansas law, using the full-time equivalent enrollment of the school district for such required calculations;
    - district budgets, the summary of the proposed budget, the needs assessment, and the state assessment documentation described in board policy DB;
    - the board's policy for the part-time enrollment of students; and
    - a copy of any nonacademic test, questionnaire, survey, or examination containing any questions about the personal and private attitudes, values, beliefs, or practices of the student or the student's parents, guardians, family members, associates, friends, or peers that is administered during the school day in accordance with board policy IDAE.
- the boards and administration's right to determine website content and monitor use by employees and students.

District or School Websites **KBA-2**

District and school websites are maintained to support the public relations and educational programs of the district and/or the schools. Websites may be modified or terminated at any time by board action.

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Media Relations and Usage **KBC**

(See KGB)

Upon presentation of proper credentials, members of the press on assignment will be admitted free of charge to all school extra-curricular activities. To the extent possible, space will be provided at sporting and special events for members of the working media to cover extra-curricular activities.

Broadcasting, Livestreaming, and Recording

The superintendent is authorized to establish rules and regulations for broadcasting, livestreaming, and recording district activities in accordance with any relevant law and KSHSAA rules governing any particular event.

The appropriate building principal shall be responsible for determining eligibility, ensuring proper security protocols, and issuing passes to press members on assignment to cover school events. Members of the broadcast media are encouraged to notify the superintendent or building principal prior to the event they wish to cover so arrangements may be made ~~for~~ to accommodate their equipment.

The board is not obligated to broadcast, livestream, or record its board meetings. However, if the board elects to livestream any board meeting on television, the internet, or any other medium, all aspects of any such open meeting will be available through the selected medium for the public to observe, absent any unintentional technological failure or action taken by the provider of the medium disrupting or preventing the livestream.

News Releases

News and information concerning building events and programs may be released to the media with the approval of the principal. District news releases prepared for public distribution by district employees or students shall have the superintendent's approval prior to release. The superintendent shall, upon request, prepare official district news releases for the board.

Conferences and Interviews

News conferences and interviews shall be scheduled so they do not disrupt regular educational activities. Representatives of the news media seeking to interview a student during school hours must first have the principal's approval and permission from the student's parent or guardian.

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Protection of Privacy Rights **KCA**

The superintendent, the board of education, and district staff shall protect the right of privacy of students and their families in connection with any surveys or physical examinations conducted, assisted, or authorized by the board or administration. The district shall provide parents notice of their rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment and the Student Data Privacy Act as required by law.

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Custodial and Non-Custodial Parent Rights **KCB**

The district recognizes that parents often share caregiving and custody of their children and that parents, if not otherwise prohibited by court order, should have equal access to information regarding their child's school records.

Any parent may obtain copies of school information such as report cards and progress reports upon request to a child’s principal, unless otherwise prohibited by law or court order.

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(See GAI)

The board shall discourage all solicitations of and by staff members during regular school hours and at school-sponsored activities.

Agents, solicitors, and salesmen shall not be permitted to take time of teachers or students from educational activities. The students and faculty of the district shall not promote commercial or private financial interests, either through direct sales or through promotion of competitive goods or services.

This rule applies to those activities, promotions and sales originating outside the school. Exception to this rule may be made as outlined below.

Materials and projects submitted for consideration under this rule must be made in writing to the superintendent. Requests will be considered in light of the proposal's direct contribution to the educational values in the school. Consideration shall be on the basis of unreasonably added work for staff members.

Any individuals or organizations violating the policy on solicitations shall be reported to the board by the superintendent. Violators may be denied further access to school premises by board action.

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School Volunteers **KFD**

(See GAOE and IFC)

School volunteers work under the school staff's direction with the principal's approval.

School volunteers are bound by the policies, rules and regulations of the district, serve without financial compensation and are not covered by workers' compensation.

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Use of School Facilities by Community Groups **KG**

(See DFG and JH)

The board may allow use of school buildings and school grounds by community groups outside the school day. Use of any school facility or school grounds, however, shall not interfere with daily school use or any school-sponsored activity. Priority for facility use outside of the school day goes to use promoting student academic achievement. In addition to this board policy, use of any school facility or school grounds must also follow the USD 261 Facility Use Guideline.

Use in Accordance with Board Policies

As a condition to initial use of and continued access to district property and facilities, individuals, groups, and/or organizations must follow Kansas law and board policy prohibiting the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco on district property and ensure individuals in attendance refrain from using such substances on district property as well. Failure to abide by this provision may result in a revocation of facility use privileges.

Lease Arrangements

The board shall approve any lease arrangements.

Supervision of Non-School Groups

Whenever any school facility is used by non-school groups or individuals, a school employee may be on duty to see that the building and equipment are properly used.

Insurance

The board, through its duly authorized agent, reserves the right to require insurance acceptable to the board before allowing use of the schools' facilities. Use is subject to limited access and availability. Any damages occurring during use will be billed to the individual and/or organization utilizing the facility.

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Use of District Personal Property and Equipment **KGA**

Requests for use of district personal property or equipment by outside tax-exempt organizations shall be submitted to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. Any request shall be granted or denied pursuant to guidelines for using personal property or equipment approved by the board. The superintendent may establish a deposit or requirement for the purchase of insurance for use of district personal property or equipment before it is removed from the school grounds or other district property. The deposit will be paid to the principal or associate superintendent for business affairs and will be refunded when the property or equipment is returned in working order.

Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Property or Equipment

No request for use of district personal property or equipment shall be granted until the requestor executes a use agreement specifying such person will agree to pay the district fair market value for any district personal property or equipment that has been lost, stolen, or has suffered irreparable damage while in the requestor's possession. For the purposes of this policy, "irreparable damage" shall include any damage severe enough that the cost to repair such equipment would be more than the fair market value of the district personal property or equipment. If district personal property or equipment is returned damaged beyond normal wear and tear of acceptable use, the requestor shall be responsible for the cost to repair such personal property or equipment. The district may also require the purchase of insurance.

Personal Use

No district personal property or equipment shall be used by staff for personal reasons at school or away from its designated station without the prior approval of the superintendent, the building principal, or associate superintendent for business affairs. No district personal property or equipment shall be used by the superintendent for personal reasons at school or away from its designated location without the prior approval of the board of education.

Definition

District personal property means any property other than property that is land, buildings and property that is physically attached to land or buildings which is owned by or under the control of the school district.

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USD 261 Haysville

By signature to this document below, I (we) hereby release USD 261, its board members, administrators, teachers and agents from any liability for injury or accident which might be sustained by me/my child/student as a result of use of district owned sports equipment, including, but not limited to, football helmet(s), football shoulder pads, during a summer football camp/program not under the auspices or control of USD 261.

I/We agree to hold USD 261, its staff, board members, and agents harmless from any liability in connection with the use of the borrowed equipment owned by USD 261.

Further, I/we understand it is our responsibility and obligation to return the equipment to USD 261 at the conclusion of the camp/program in the same condition it was in at the time it was loaned to me/us/our child.

_____

Student

_____

Parent

_____

Parent

Date: _____

BOE Approved: May 19, 2008

Concealed Observations **KGB**

(See JGGA)

Unless otherwise provided in this policy or policy JGGA, individuals are prohibited from recording students, employees, and/or board members surreptitiously or through the use of concealed audio and/or visual recording devices. This prohibition is in effect at school, on or in district property, and at meetings and conferences held for educational or disciplinary purposes.

Exceptions to this prohibition include the use of video surveillance throughout district facilities and in district vehicles, provided in accordance with JGGA; the recording or livestreaming of open meetings subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act; the recording of due process hearings or student disciplinary hearings for evidentiary purposes; recording of students for use during the student's evaluation or provision of special education services with the principal's prior permission; and the recording of a school sponsored activity, program, or event which is open to the general public.

Individuals wishing to record students, employees, or board members at school, on or in district property, or at meetings and conferences as previously described shall first notify the superintendent or building principal in advance. If such recording is not prohibited by law or policy, the administrator may allow the recording and may make arrangements to record on behalf of the district.

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Bullying by Parents **KGC**

(See EBC, GAAE, JDDC, KGD)

The board of education, in its commitment to provide a positive and productive learning and working environment for its students and staff in accordance with state law, prohibits bullying in any form by any student, staff member, or parent towards a student or a staff member on or while using school property, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event. For the purposes of this policy, the term “bullying” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Kansas law.

The administration shall propose, and the board shall review and approve a plan to address bullying as prohibited herein.

Parents participating in prohibited bullying conduct aimed at district students and/or staff members may jeopardize their access to district facilities; district property; school sponsored activities, programs, and events; and/or district students and/or staff members through the district’s communication systems. As appropriate, reports to local law enforcement will be filed to report criminal bullying behaviors.

This policy and the district bullying plan may be posted on the district’s website, and copies of such documents shall be made available to parents of current students upon request.

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Disruptive Acts at School or School Activities **KGD**

(See EBC, GAAE, JCDBB, JDDC, and KGC)

Disruptive acts at school or school sponsored activities will not be tolerated. Persons threatening the safety of students, school personnel, or other persons; to damage school property; or to interfere with school or school activities or the educational process will be asked to leave the premises.

The school administration and staff are responsible for handling any disturbance caused by adults or students. The final decision for determining if assistance is needed is the responsibility of the superintendent or school principal. In the absence of these individuals, the determination shall be made by the assistant principal or person designated to be in charge of the building or activity. The superintendent shall be notified of any serious problem at the school.

Possession of a Firearm

Unless otherwise required by law or authorized by board policy, no person other than a law enforcement officer shall possess a firearm on any district owned or operated property; within any district owned or operated building or facility; in a school vehicle; in an employee's personal vehicle being used to transport students or school staff in the performance of job duties for the district; or at any school sponsored activity, program, or event**.** This prohibition includes possession of concealed and/or openly carried weapons; however such prohibition shall not apply to the secured storage of a handgun in a district employee's own locked vehicle on school property so long as such weapon is maintained out of plain sight.

Appropriate signs shall be conspicuously posted as directed by the board and required by law.

Anyone in violation of this policy shall be directed to leave the premises immediately and not return without prior approval from the building administrator or superintendent. Failure to comply with such order will result in a report to law enforcement.

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The superintendent or the superintendent's designee may deny access to the school buildings, facilities, and/or grounds of the district to persons who have no lawful business to pursue at the school, persons who are acting in a manner disruptive or disturbing to the normal educational functions of the school, or persons who are on school property in violation of Board and/or building policy. Administrative personnel may demand identification and evidence of qualification for access of anyone desiring to use or come upon the premises of the particular school or facility.

Persons, including parents or persons acting as parents, who have legitimate reasons for being on school property must nevertheless abide by policies adopted by the board and building policies specifically applicable to each school. Such building policies shall be published annually in the school handbook and shall be posted at the school in a conspicuous place visible to all who enter the premises. Visitors must secure and wear a visitor's pass to enter school buildings during the school day.

Anyone who refuses or fails to leave district buildings, facilities, and/or grounds after being requested to do so by an authorized district employee shall be considered to be trespassing in violation of Kansas law. In such case, the police will be contacted, and arrest and criminal charges may result.

The administration will determine if the individual who has been asked to leave a district building, facility, or grounds is allowed to return in the future. If the individual is not to return in the future, the appropriate "Trespass Notification" is to be sent to the individual.

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Gifts to Schools **KH**

(See GAJ and JL)

Any organization or individual making a gift to the district shall have the prior approval of the board. All gifts will be regarded as district property.

Persons or organizations desiring to make gifts to the schools should contact the superintendent.

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(See JHCA, JK and JR et seq.)

In accordance with rules adopted by the board, the superintendent reserves the right to refuse distribution to students any material by outside individuals or groups which creates a material or substantial interference with normal school activity or appropriate discipline in the operation of the school.

Materials Produced by Outside Groups–Including Religious Materials

The principal may establish rules and regulations which control the time, place and manner in which non-school/educational materials are displayed and disseminated in the building or on school property. No student shall be forced to participate in the distribution or receipt of any non-school materials in the schools.

Political Campaign Materials

The board encourages responsible use of political materials as part of the board-approved curriculum. No student shall be forced to participate in the distribution or receipt of any political materials.

Advertising in the Schools

No advertising for commercial purposes shall be permitted in the school buildings or on the grounds of the district without prior board approval. Advertising in student publications shall be regulated by rules and regulations developed by the superintendent. Advertising in the student publications may promote products by brand name. Ads promoting the sale of any controlled substance, drug paraphernalia or any other illegal material or activity are prohibited.

Mailing Lists

No mailing lists of students shall be given to individuals, organizations, or vendors for the purpose of distributing materials.

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Disposal of District Property **KK**

(See DFM)

Except when disposing of a building as defined herein, the board may dispose of district property in a manner the board deems to be in the district's best interest. Whenever such excess district property is to be sold at auction, all sales shall be to the highest bidder. No credit shall be extended.

When disposing of any school district property, neither the board nor its agent shall refuse to sell, lease, or convey any interest in a building or property to a prospective buyer or lessee solely because the prospective buyer or lessee may use or intends to use the building or property as a nonpublic school building.

Disposal of a School District Building

For the purposes of this policy, terms have the following meanings.

- "Building" means any building that was used in any prior school year as an attendance center for students enrolled in kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12.
- "State agency" means any state agency, department, authority, institution, division, bureau, or other state governmental entity.

Within 30 days after the board of education adopts a resolution to dispose of a building, the board shall submit written notice of its intention to dispose of such building to the legislature. Such notice shall be filed with the chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary of the senate and shall contain the following:

- A description of the school district's use of such building immediately prior to the decision to dispose of such building;
- the reason for such building's disuse and the decision to dispose of such building;
- the legal description of the real property that is to be disposed; and
- a copy of the resolution adopted by the board of education.

Upon receipt of the notice, the legislature may adopt a concurrent resolution stating the legislature's intention that the state acquire the school district building in the following manner. Such concurrent resolution shall include:

- The name of the school district that owns such building;
- the information contained in the written notice as outlined herein; and
- the state agency that intends to acquire such building and the intended use of such building upon acquisition.

If the notice is received by the legislature during a regular legislative session, the legislature shall have 45 days to adopt such a concurrent resolution. If the notice is received when the legislature is not in regular session, then, not more than 45 days after the notice is received by the legislature, the legislative coordinating council may deny the legislative option

for the state to acquire the building. If the legislative coordinating council denies this option, the district may proceed with disposing of the building in accordance with Kansas law. If the legislative coordinating council does not deny the option for the state to acquire the building within the 45-day period, then the legislature shall have 45 days from the commencement of the next regular session to adopt a concurrent resolution as outlined herein.

Upon adoption of a concurrent resolution, the state agency named in such resolution shall have 180 days to complete the acquisition of such building and take title to the real property. Upon request of the state agency acquiring the building, the legislative coordinating council may extend the 180-day period for a period of not more than 60 days.

The board shall not sell, gift, lease or otherwise convey the building or any of the real property described in the written notice or take any action or refrain from taking any action that would diminish the value of such property during the 180-day period or any extension thereof.

If the legislature does not adopt a concurrent resolution as described herein within the 45-day period or if the state agency does not take title to the property within the 180-day period or any extension thereof, the school district may proceed with disposition of such property in such manner and upon such terms and conditions the board deems to be in the best interest of the district. Conveyances of buildings and real property described on any legislative notice described herein shall be executed by the president of the board and attested to by the clerk.

School district buildings not meeting the definition of “building” as defined herein, may be disposed of in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the district by the board, without need for legislative notice under this policy.

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Visitors to the School **KM**

The board encourages patrons and parents to visit district facilities. Patron visits shall be scheduled with the teacher and the building principal.

Notices shall be posted in school buildings to require visitors to check in at the office before proceeding to contact any other person in the building or on the grounds.

Any person who visits a building and/or grounds of the district will be under the jurisdiction of the building principal who shall be responsible for developing rules and regulations governing the presence of visitors in the buildings.

In accordance with Kansas law, off-duty law enforcement officers identifying themselves as such upon entry into a district building cannot be requested or required to provide or record personal information such as their email address, home phone number, or home address. Nor shall such officers be required to wear any item identifying them as a law enforcement officer or as being armed. School personnel may request to see the identification required by such officer's law enforcement agency to verify the individual is a law enforcement officer.

The principal has authority to request assistance from law enforcement if any visitor to the district's buildings or grounds refuses to leave or creates a disturbance. Violation of this rule may lead to removal from the building or grounds and denial of further access to the building or grounds. Violators of this board policy may be subject to the state trespass law.

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(See GAOC and JCDAA)

The use of any tobacco product by parents, contractors, volunteers, and all other visitors is prohibited at all times in any district facility; in school owned or operated property.

The following definitions apply to this policy.

“Tobacco product” means any product that is made from or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery system (hereafter “ENDS”), cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus. Tobacco products also means any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, charging devices, cartridges, and any substance used in ENDS, whether or not they contain nicotine. This definition does not include FDA-approved Nicotine Replacement Therapies including transdermal nicotine patches, nicotine gum, and nicotine lozenges.

“Electronic nicotine deliver system” or “ENDS” means any device that delivers a vaporized solution (including nicotine, THC, or any other substance) by means of cartridges or other chemical delivery systems. Such definition shall include, but may not be limited to, any electronic cigarette, vape pen, hookah pen, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or personal vaporizer.

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Complaints **KN**

(See BCBI, GAAC, GAACA, GAAB, GAAF, IF, IKD, JCE, JGEC, JGECA, and KNA)

General Complaints

The board encourages all complaints regarding the district to be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level. If the investigation and determination procedures of a complaint are not regulated in another board policy or the negotiated agreement, as applicable, it will be designated a general complaint subject to processing under this policy. Whenever a general complaint is made directly to the board as a whole or to a board member as an individual, it will be referred to the administration for study and possible resolution pursuant to the procedures outlined in this policy.

The organization is committed to conducting fair and thorough internal investigations when necessary. Regardless of the circumstances, employees are expected to cooperate fully and honestly to support this process. Cooperation includes responding accurately and completely to any investigatory questions, as well as maintaining confidentiality of the investigation when directed to do so. Retaliation, interference, or refusal to cooperate will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Informal Procedures

The building principal shall attempt to resolve general complaints in an informal manner at the building level. Any school employee who receives a general complaint shall inform the individual of the employee's obligation to report the complaint and any proposed resolution of the complaint to the building principal. Upon becoming aware of a complaint, the building principal shall, within a reasonable time, but without delay, discuss the complaint with the individual to determine if it can be resolved. If the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the individual, the building principal shall document the nature of the complaint and the proposed resolution and forward this record to the district compliance coordinator.

If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the individual in the meeting with the principal, or if the individual does not believe the resolution remains acceptable, the individual may initiate a formal complaint.

Formal Complaint Procedures

- A formal complaint shall be filed within 10 school days of the conclusion of the informal procedures. The formal complaint shall be in writing and contain the name and address of the person filing the complaint. The complaint shall briefly describe the alleged violation. If an individual does not wish to file a written complaint, and the matter has not been adequately resolved through the informal procedures, the building principal may initiate the complaint. Forms for filing written complaints are available in each school building office and the central office.
- If appropriate, an investigation shall follow the filing of the complaint. If the complaint is against the superintendent, the board may appoint an investigating officer. In other instances, the investigation shall be conducted by the building principal, the compliance coordinator, or another individual appointed by the board or the superintendent. The investigation shall be informal but thorough. The complainant and the respondent will be afforded an opportunity to submit written or oral evidence relevant to the complaint and to provide the names of potential witnesses who may have useful information.
- A written determination of the complaint's validity and a description of the resolution shall be issued by the investigator, and forwarded to the complainant and the respondent. If the investigator anticipates a determination will not be issued within 45 days after the filing of the complaint, the investigator shall provide written notification to the parties including an anticipated deadline for completion.
    - If the investigation results in a recommendation that a student or staff member be subject to discipline, the specifics will not be included in the written determination provided to the parties to protect the privacy rights of the student or staff member.
    - If the investigation results in a recommendation that a student be suspended or expelled, procedures outlined in board policy and state law governing student suspension and expulsion will be followed.

- If the investigation results in a recommendation that an employee be suspended without pay or terminated, procedures outlined in board policy, the negotiated agreement (as applicable), and state law will be followed.

- Records relating to complaints filed and their resolution shall be forwarded to and maintained in a confidential manner by the district compliance coordinator.

Appeal Procedures

The complainant or respondent may appeal the determination of the complaint. Appeals shall be heard by the district compliance coordinator, a hearing officer appointed by the board or superintendent, or by the board itself. The request to appeal the determination shall be made within 20 days after the date of the written as determination of the complaint at the lower level. The appeal officer shall review the evidence gathered by the investigator at the lower level and the investigator's report and shall afford the complainant and the respondent an opportunity to submit further evidence, orally or in writing, within 10 days after the appeal is filed. Whenever an appeal officer is appointed to review an appeal, the appeal officer will prepare a written report to the board within 30 days after the appeal is submitted for decision. The board shall render its decision not later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board following the receipt of the report and provide the parties with notice of the result of the appeal. Any matter determined by the board in accordance with this process shall be valid to the same extent as if the matter were fully heard by the board without an appeal officer.

Use of this complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of any other remedies including the right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

If it is determined at any level that a violation of board policy or school rules occurred, the district will take prompt, remedial action to prevent reoccurrence. The district prohibits retaliation or discrimination against any person for participating in the complaint process; or making a complaint, testifying, assisting, or participating in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing.

Complaints Against the Superintendent

A complaint against the superintendent shall be filed in writing with the clerk of the board of education as soon as possible after the conduct occurs that led to filing a complaint but not later than 20 days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation, unless the conduct forming the complaint is ongoing. If appropriate, the board, or the board's designee, shall investigate the complaint. If the board appoints a designee to conduct the investigation, the designee shall submit a report of the designee's findings upon which the board will decide the complaint. The board shall review the report and decide the matter as soon as reasonably possible but not later than sixty (60) days after the complaint is filed. After the board has reviewed the report, it may, in its sole discretion, request a meeting with the investigator or any party. The board may extend the timeframe for issuing a decision by providing the complainant with written notice of the proposed decision date. There is no appeal from the board's decision.

Complaints About Discrimination on the Basis of Sex

Complaints regarding alleged discrimination on the basis of sex, as prohibited by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other federal and state laws regulating such discrimination and discriminatory harassment, shall be handled in accordance with the procedures outlined in board policies GAAC, for staff, and JGEC, for students, and shall be directed to the Title IX Coordinator at (Position or name, address, email address, and phone number of Title IX Coordinator).

Complaints About Discrimination or Discriminatory Harassment Not on the Basis of Sex

Discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, genetic information, or religion in the admission to, access to, treatment, or employment in the district's programs and activities is prohibited. (Position, address, email address, and phone number of the district compliance coordinator) has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (with the exception of discrimination on the basis of sex), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended.

For more information regarding what qualifies as discrimination or harassment on the basis of race or disability, see board policies GAACA applying to staff members and JGECA applying to students.

For information regarding the investigation or resolution process for complaints of discrimination or discriminatory harassment not involving sex-based conduct or district child nutrition programs, see board policies GAAB for staff members and JCE for students.

Complaints Concerning Child Nutrition Programs

Complaints alleging discrimination in child nutrition programs offered by the district shall be handled in accordance with the procedures outlined in board policy KNA.

Complaints About Policy

The superintendent shall report any unresolved complaint about policies to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Complaints About Curriculum

The superintendent shall report a failure to resolve any complaint about curriculum to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. See board policy IF for complaints dealing with textbooks and instructional materials.

Complaints About Instructional Materials

The building principal shall report any unresolved complaint about instructional materials to the superintendent promptly after receiving the complaint. See board policy IF.

Complaints About Facilities and Services

The superintendent shall report any unresolved complaint about facilities and services to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Complaints About Personnel

The superintendent or the building principal involved shall report any unresolved complaint about personnel to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Complaints About Emergency Safety Intervention Use

Complaints concerning the use of emergency safety interventions by district staff shall be addressed in accordance with the local dispute resolution process outlined in board policy GAAF.

Complaints About School Rules

Any student may file a complaint with the principal concerning a school rule or regulation that applies to the student. The complaint shall be in writing, filed within 20 days following the application of the rule or regulation, and must specify the basis for the complaint. The principal shall investigate the complaint and inform the student of the resolution within 10 days after the complaint is filed.

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Complaints Regarding Child Nutrition Programs **KNA**

Discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by the United States Department of Agriculture is prohibited. The Director of Nutrition Services, 132 Steward, Haysville, KS 67060, 316-544-2219 has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended.

Complaints About Discrimination in Child Nutrition Programs

To file a complaint of discrimination regarding child nutrition programs offered by the district, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (AD-3027) at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html; or write a letter and provide the information requested in the form. To request a complaint form, call (866) 632-9992.

Submit the completed form to:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.
FAX: (202) 690-7442
Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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Haysville Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

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Goals and Objectives **LA**

The board shall seek to establish a satisfactory working relationship with governmental agencies and private organizations having an interest in the schools.

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The board shall seek to foster cooperation between the schools and community groups and organizations.

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School-Community Programs **LC**

The board shall consider establishing programs sponsored jointly by the district and community groups or organizations whenever, in the board's judgment, these programs cannot or should not be wholly under the board's control.

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(See GAOA, GAOB, IDAB and JDDA)

The unlawful possession, use, sale or distribution of illicit drugs and the possession, use, sale, or distribution of alcohol by students or school employees at school, on or in school property, or at school sponsored activities or events is prohibited. This policy, and any curriculum used in conjunction with it, shall be evaluated periodically using criteria developed by the superintendent and approved by the board. The board shall receive a report after each of these reviews is conducted.

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The district shall meet the requirements of the *Education Department General Administrative Regulations* (EDGAR). The outline used to meet this requirement may be the document: Federal Education Grants Management: What Administrators Need to Know, Office of Management and Budget circulars, or other pertinent documents developed by the U.S. Department of Education.

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Family Night **LED**

No school activity is to take place on Wednesday night or on Sunday without written permission of the superintendent. These times are set aside for family activities. If the superintendent permits any exceptions to this policy, notice shall be given to the board at their next regular or special meeting.

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Goals and Objectives **MA**

The board shall seek to work harmoniously with educational agencies having an interest in the district's schools. Staff shall follow all regulations required by state and federal education agencies.

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Interdistrict Relations **MD**

The board shall work cooperatively with other districts to provide services to students when it is in the best interest of students and the district.

BOE Approved: July 7, 2003

BOE Approved KASB Recommendation: June 12, 2023

The board may consider use of student teachers in district classes.

Contract Required

A written student teaching contract with appropriate colleges and universities shall be prepared and presented to the board for their consideration and approval.

Other Relationships

Other relationships between the district and institutions of higher education may be considered upon recommendation of the administration.

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Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (hereafter “KESA”) is a district-wide accreditation process. Accreditation within this process is ultimately granted by the Kansas State Board of Education. The district school board (hereafter “board”) shall maintain the goal of full accreditation for the district. Good faith efforts shall be made by all staff to implement district school improvement plans. The board shall monitor compliance.

The board is committed to implementing and sustaining the foundational structures defined within the KESA process as well as defining and implementing district-wide goals in alignment with the KESA rubrics.

In order for accreditation to be achieved, the board shall commit to school improvement for all district schools, academic achievement for all district students, and results-based professional development for all district staff members. The superintendent shall regularly report to the board on the district’s progress toward full accreditation within the 5 year cycle defined as part of the KESA process.

The board shall fully inform the public in languages commonly used in the community about district-wide goals, school improvement plans, the progress of school improvement efforts, the accreditation status of the district, and other pertinent information as the board may direct.

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