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6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives

The District's educational program will seek to provide an opportunity for each student to develop to his or her maximum potential. The objectives for the educational program are to:

Foster students' self-discovery, self-awareness, and self-discipline.
Develop students' awareness of and appreciation for cultural diversity.
Stimulate students' intellectual curiosity and growth.
Provide students with fundamental career concepts and skills.
Help students develop sensitivity to the needs and values of others and a respect for individual and group differences.
Help each student strive for excellence and instill a desire to reach the limit of his or her potential.
Encourage students to become lifelong learners.
Provide an educational climate and culture free of bias concerning the protected classifications identified in policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*.

In order for the Board to monitor whether the educational program is attaining these objectives and to be knowledgeable of current and future resource needs, the Superintendent shall prepare an annual report that includes:

A review and evaluation of the present curriculum.
A projection of curriculum and resource needs.
An evaluation of, and plan to eliminate, any bias in the curriculum or instructional materials and methods concerning the classifications referred to in item 8, above.
Any plan for new or revised instructional program implementation.
A review of present and future facility needs.

CROSS REF: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 3:10 (Goals and Objectives), 6:15 (School Accountability), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)

Adopted 12-12-23

6:15 School Accountability

According to the Illinois General Assembly, the primary purpose of schooling is the transmission of knowledge and culture through which students learn in areas necessary to their continuing development and entry into the world of work. To fulfill that purpose, the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) prepared *State Goals for Learning and Learning Standards*.

The School Board gives priority in the allocation of resources, including funds, time, personnel, and facilities, to fulfilling this purpose.

Quality Assurance

The Board continuously monitors student achievement and the quality of the District's work. The Superintendent shall supervise the following quality assurance components, in accordance with State law and ISBE rules, and continuously keep the Board informed:

1. Prepare each school's annual recognition application and quality assurance appraisal, whether internal or external, to assess each school's continuous school improvement.
2. Continuously assess the District's and each school's overall performance in terms of both academic success and equity. This includes, without limitation, a thorough analysis of ISBE's balanced accountability measure and each school's *Multiple Measure Index* and corresponding *Annual Measurable Objective* provided by ISBE.
3. If applicable, develop School Improvement Plans, present them for Board approval, and supervise their implementation.
4. Prepare a school report card, present it at a regular Board meeting, and disseminate it as provided in State law.
5. In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/2-3.153, annually administer a climate survey on the instructional environment within the school to, at minimum, students in grades 4 through 12 and teachers.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25, 5/2-3.25a, 5/2-3.25b, 5/2-3.25c, 5/2-3.25d-5, 5/2-3.25e-5, 5/2-3.25f, 5/2-3.25f-5, 5/2-3.63, 5/2-3.64a-5, 5/2-3.153, 5/10-17a, 5/10-21.3a, and 5/27-1.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1, Subpart A: Recognition Requirements.

CROSS REF.: 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)

Adopted 4/9/24

6:20 School Year Calendar and Day

School Calendar

School Calendar

The School Board, upon the Superintendent's recommendation and subject to State regulations, annually establishes the dates for opening and closing classes, teacher institutes and in-services, the length and dates of vacations, and the days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have a minimum of 185 days to ensure 176 days of actual student attendance.

Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students shall devote a portion of the school day on each commemorative holiday designated in the School Code to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The Board may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

School Day

The Board establishes the length of the school day with the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to State law requirements. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that observances required by State law are followed during each day of school attendance.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-19.05, 5/10-20.56, 5/10-20.46, 5/10-30, 5/18-12, 5/18-12.5, 5/24-2, 5/27-3, 5/27-18, 5/27-19, 5/27-20, 5/27-20.1, and 5/27-20.2.
10 ILCS 5/11-4.1, Election Code.
5 ILCS 490/, State Commemorative Dates Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(f).
Metzl v. Leininger, 850 F.Supp. 740 (N.D. Ill. 1994), *aff'd by* 57 F.3d 618 (7th Cir. 1995).

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 4:180 (Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 7:90 (Release During School Hours)

Adopted 4/9/24

6:20-AP Administrative Procedure – Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan(s)

Use this procedure in conjunction with the subhead ***Suspension of In-Person Instruction; Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan(s)*** *in policy 4:180, Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery.*

When the District must implement a Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan (Plan) that designates *remote learning days* (RLDs) and/or *blended remote learning days* (BRLDs) for instruction in grades pre-kindergarten through 12, the Superintendent must approve a Plan, present the Plan to the Board for adoption prior to its implementation, implement the Plan after Board approval, and post it on the District's website.

The Superintendent will begin the process of developing a Plan in one of the two following ways:

1. Adapting the District's e-learning program (adopted by the Board pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-20.56) into a Plan and ensuring that it is posted on the District's website and communicated to the community in accordance with this procedure. See *E-learning Program; Days*, in the **Definitions** subhead below for more information about an e-learning program.
2. Using this procedure if the District has not implemented an e-learning program.

Definitions

Blended Remote Learning Days (BRLDs) – School attendance days during which the District provides hybrid days of in-person and remote instruction to students. Once the State Superintendent of Education declares that the District must use remote learning days or blended remote learning days, the Superintendent implements these days in grades pre-kindergarten through 12. These days are counted as days of attendance and are pupil attendance days for calculation of the length of a school term under 105 ILCS 5/10-19, amended by P.A. 101-643, and 5/10-19.05, added by P.A. 101-12 and amended by P.A. 101-643. If the District has implemented an *e-learning program*, these school attendance days may be met through it. See 105 ILCS 5/10-30, added by P.A. 101-643.

E-learning Program; Days – E-learning is short for electronic learning. As an optional instructional tool for school districts, e-learning days are part of an implemented *e-learning program* in the District that:

1. Uses the Internet, telephones, texts, chat rooms, or other similar means of electronic communication for instruction and interaction between teachers and students that meet the needs of all learners; and
2. Addresses a district's responsibility to ensure that all teachers and staff who may be involved in the provision of e-learning have access to any and all hardware and software that may be required for the program.

An e-learning program is implemented after a school board:

1. Adopts a resolution to implement research-based program(s) for district-wide e-learning days that permit student instruction to be received electronically while students are not physically present in lieu of the district's scheduled emergency days as required by 105 ILCS 5/10-19 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.56(b), amended by P.A. 101-12);
2. Conducts a public hearing on the District's initial e-learning program proposal or renewal with at least 10 days' advanced notice (Id. at 5/10-20.56(c), amended by P.A. 101-12); and

3. On or before September 1st annually, to ensure access for all students, receives verifications by the regional office of education (ROE) or intermediate service center (ISC) that the board's proposal for an e-learning program has: (a) met the requirements specified in 105 ILCS 5/10-20.56, amended by P.A.s 101-12, 101-643, 102-584, and 102-697; (b) the components designed to reasonably and practicably accomplish the requirements outlined in the enabling statute; and (c) not exceeded the minimum number of emergency days in a district's approved school calendar. In its verification process, the ROE/ISC ensures that the specific needs of all students are met, including special education students and English Learners, and that all mandates are still met using the proposed research-based program. See 105 ILCS 5/10-20.56(b), amended by P.A.s 101-12 and 102-584.

While the ROE/ISC must annually verify a district's e-learning program, the Board's approval of an e-learning program is for a term of three years. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.56(d)(10), amended by P.A. 101-12.

Plan – The District's formal implementation of remote instruction that includes RLDs and BRLDs. If the District already has an e-learning program in place, it should adapt the program into a Plan by ensuring that the requirements for communicating the Plan, e.g., website posting, etc. are met. When finalized, it is provided to students and faculty, posted on the District's website where other policies, rules, and standards of conduct are posted, and listed in 2:250-E2, *Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records*. Plans should be periodically reviewed and amended to ensure the needs of all students continue to be met throughout the suspension of in-person learning. If a plan is amended, post the amended plan to the District website.

Remote Learning Days (RLDs) – Remote learning is learning that happens outside of the traditional classroom because the student and teacher are separated by distance and/or time. Remote learning can be real-time or flexibility-timed, and it may or may not involve technology. School attendance days are days that the District provides remote instruction to students. Once the State Superintendent of Education declares that the District must use remote learning days or blended remote learning days, the Superintendent implements these days in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 on days of attendance. These days are counted as pupil attendance days for calculation of the length of the District's official calendar under 105 ILCS 5/10-19, amended by P.A. 101-643, and 5/10-19.05, added by P.A. 101-643. If a district has implemented an *e-learning program*, these school attendance days may be met through it. Five RLDs, taken consecutively or in separate increments, may be used to develop, review, or amend the District's Plan or provide professional development to staff about remote education; i.e., *Remote Learning Planning Days*. See 105 ILCS 5/10-30, added by P.A. 101-643.

Remote Learning Planning Days – Up to five consecutive or separate increment days that a district may use to develop, review, or amend its Plan or to provide professional development to staff about remote education. These days are counted as days of attendance and are pupil attendance days for calculation of the length of a school term under 105 ILCS 5/10-19, amended by P.A. 101-643, and 5/10-19.05, added by P.A. 101-643. See 105 ILCS 5/10-30, added by P.A. 101-643.

Plan Development and Implementation

Use this Plan before, during, and after implementing 105 ILCS 5/10-30, added by P.A. 101-643. **Note:** The legislative history and purpose of 105 ILCS 5/10-30, added by P.A. 101-643 was to ensure school districts could reopen in time for the start of the 2020-2021 school year, even if that required remote learning.

Consult the Board Attorney for guidance on this procedure.

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Board	If permitted by local resources and conditions, implement an e-learning program pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-20.56, amended by P.A.s 101-12, 101-643, 102-584, and 102-697. If the Board decides not to implement an e-learning program in the District, provides the Superintendent with the resources necessary to implement a Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan (Plan) that meets the needs of all students. 105 ILCS 5/10-30, added by P.A. 101-643. Directs, through policy, the Superintendent to recommend any suspensions or amendments to policies to reduce any Board-required graduation or other instructional requirements in addition to the minimum requirements specified in School Code that the District was not able to complete due to a pandemic. 105 ILCS 5/10-16.7. Monitors Board policies 2:20, *Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification,* 4:180, *Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery*, and 6:20, *School Year Calendar and Day*, 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, and 6:300, *Graduation Requirements* (if applicable), and makes changes recommended by the Superintendent. See policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*. Considers all policy changes recommended by the Superintendent pursuant to policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development,* and included as a topic for discussion in the annual report required by Board policy 6:10, *Educational Philosophy and Objectives*. Adopts the Superintendent-approved Plan for District-wide implementation. Provides appropriate, additional resources requested by the Superintendent to successfully implement the Plan.
Board and Superintendent	Identify, discuss, modify, and monitor relevant policies that remote learning may possibly affect, including but not limited to: 4:130, *Free and Reduced-Price Food Services* 4:180, *Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery* 5:35, *Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act* 5:40, *Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease* 5:180, *Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity* 5:185, *Family and Medical Leave* 5:200, *Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal* 5:270, *Employment At-will, Compensation, and Assignment* 5:300, *Schedules and Employment Year* 5:330, *Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves* 6:10, *Educational Philosophy and Objectives* 6:15, *School Accountability* 6:20, *School Year Calendar and Day* 6:30, *Organization of Instruction* 6:60, *Curriculum Content* 6:120, *Education of Children with Disabilities* 6:150, *Home and Hospital Instruction* 6:190, *Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities*

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	6:300, *Graduation Requirements* 7:70, *Attendance and Truancy* 7:280, *Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease* 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property* 8:100, *Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies*
Superintendent or Designee	When the District is required by the State Superintendent of Education to implement RLDs and/or BRLDs: 1. If an e-learning program is in place: a. Adapts it into a Plan by ensuring that the requirements for communicating the Plan, e.g., website posting, etc. are met; b. Approves the Plan; and c. Presents the Plan to the Board for adoption. 2. If an e-learning program is not in place: a. Establishes a District-wide Remote Learning Committee to design a Plan for implementation of RLDs and BRLDs. Committee members should include: District-level administrators Building Principals (Building Principals are mandatory for successful implementation of the Plan) Pandemic Planning Team member(s) District Safety Coordinator (see 4:170-AP1, *Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan*, Part C, **District Safety Coordinator and Safety Team; Responsibilities**) District 504 Coordinator (see 6:120, *Education of Children with Disabilities*, and 6:120, AP1, E1 *Notice to Parents/Guardians Regarding Section 504 Rights*) Staff members Parents/Guardians Students b. Chairs and convenes Committee meetings. Manages virtual attendance by some or all Committee members when necessary. 3. Designates RLDs and/or BRLDs in grades pre-kindergarten through 12. 4. Approves the Plan and presents it to the Board for adoption. 5. Implements the Plan. 6. Ensures that the Plan is provided to students and faculty, posted on the District's website where other policies, rules, and standards of conduct are posted, and listed in 2:250-E2, *Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records*. 7. Provides periodic reports to the Board about the Committee's progress and needs, along with any amendments to the Plan for

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	the purposes of ensuring that it meets the needs of all students by adding information items to the Board's agendas as needed.
Remote Learning Committee	Designs a Plan for the Superintendent's approval and Board's adoption to implement remote instruction through the District in a manner that: 1. Explores what may work best for the school community using any remote learning guidance issued by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE), at: www.isbe.net/Pages/covid19.aspx. 2. Potentially uses Remote Learning Planning Days consecutively or in separate increments to develop, review, or amend this Plan or provide professional development to staff about remote education; If the District does not have an e-learning program, includes design in the Plan for implementation of remote instruction that also provides: 1. Accessibility of remote instruction to all students enrolled in the District; 2. Hybrid RLDs and BRLDs, as directed or allowed by the ISBE; 3. Activities for both RLDs and BRLDs that align with State learning standards and policies 6:10, *Educational Philosophy and Objectives*, 6:15, *School Accountability*, 6:30, *Organization of Instruction*, 6:60*, Curriculum Content*, and 6:300, *Graduation Requirements*, if applicable; 4. Communication between students and teacher(s), as necessary to align with the requirements of policy 7:340, *Student Records*; 5. Methods to address the unique needs of students in special populations, including, but not limited to, students eligible for special education under 105 ILCS 5/14-1.01 et seq., students who are English learners as defined in 105 ILCS 5/14C-2, and students experiencing homelessness under the Education for Homeless Children Act (105 ILCS 45/), or vulnerable student populations; 6. Guidance for how the District will take attendance and monitor and verify each student's remote participation; and 7. Resources for transitions from remote learning to in-person instruction when the State Superintendent declares that RLDs and/or BRLDs are no longer deemed necessary. Delivers the Plan to the Superintendent for approval in a format that is easily posted on the District's website. Periodically reviews and amends the Plan, with the Superintendent as needed, to ensure it meets the needs of all students. 105 ILCS 5/10-30(5), added by P.A. 101-643. Recommends to the Board, through the Superintendent, any policy changes for consideration. See policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*. Reports reviews and amendments to the Plan to the Superintendent or designee.
All Staff	Implements the Plan.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-30.

Adopted 4/11/23

6:30 Organization of Instruction [1]

The School District has instructional levels for grades **EC** through **12**. The Superintendent shall annually present to the School Board a plan for organizing instructional levels and assigning them to school facilities in order to:

6. Support the District's educational program,
7. Maximize facility usage without undue overcrowding, and
8. Provide substantially comparable instructional programs across the District.

Students, for instructional purposes, may be placed in groups within a school that do not necessarily follow grade level designations. For purposes of attendance reporting and other records, however, each student is assigned a grade-level placement.

Kindergarten

The District maintains a full-day kindergarten with an instructional program that fulfills the District's curriculum goals and objectives and the requirements of the State law. The District also offers a half-day kindergarten for those parents/guardians who request a half-day program.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.37 and 5/10-22.18.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420.

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 7:30 (Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students)

Adopted 4/9/24

6:40 Curriculum Development

Adoption

The Superintendent shall recommend a comprehensive curriculum that is aligned with:

1. The District's educational philosophy and goals,
2. Student needs as identified by research, demographics, and student achievement and other data,
3. The knowledge, skills, and abilities required for students to become life-long learners,
4. The minimum requirements of State and federal law and regulations for curriculum and graduation requirements,
5. The curriculum of non-District schools that feed into or from a District school, provided that the necessary cooperation and information is available,
6. The Illinois State Learning Standards and any District learning standards, and
7. Any required State or federal student testing.

The School Board will adopt, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a curriculum that meets the above criteria.

Experimental Educational Programs and Pilot Projects

The Superintendent may recommend experimental educational programs and/or pilot projects for Board consideration. Proposals must include goals, material needs, anticipated expenses, and an evaluation process. The Superintendent shall submit to the Board periodic progress reports for programs that exceed one year in duration and a final evaluation with recommendation upon the program's completion.

Single-Gender Classes and Activities

The Superintendent may recommend a program of nonvocational single-gender classes and/or activities to provide diverse educational opportunities and/or meet students' identified educational needs. Participation in the classes or activities must be voluntary, both genders must be treated with substantial equality, and the program must otherwise comply with State and federal law and with Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*. The Superintendent must periodically evaluate any single-gender class or activity to ensure that: (1) it does not rely on overly broad generalizations about the different talents, capabilities, or preferences of either gender, and (2) it continues to comply with State and federal law and with Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*.

Development

The Superintendent shall develop a curriculum review program to monitor the current curriculum and promptly suggest changes to make the curriculum more effective, to take advantage of improved teaching methods and materials, and to be responsive to social change, technological developments, student needs, and community expectations.

The Superintendent shall report to the Board as appropriate, the curriculum review program's efforts to:

1. Regularly evaluate the curriculum and instructional program.
2. Ensure the curriculum continues to meet the stated adoption criteria.

3. Include input from a cross-section of teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and students, representing all schools, grade levels, disciplines, and specialized and alternative programs.
4. Coordinate with the process for evaluating the instructional program and materials.

Curriculum Guides and Course Outlines

The Superintendent shall develop and provide subject area curriculum guides to appropriate staff members.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1681, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, implemented by 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.8 and 5/10-19.

CROSS REF.: 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 6:80 (Teaching About Controversial Issues) 6:100 (Using Animals in the Educational Program), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:130 (Program for the Gifted), 6:135 (Accelerated Placement Program), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:145 (Migrant Students), 6:150 (Home and Hospital Instruction), 6:160 (English Learners), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights)

Adopted 6/22/21

6:40-AP Administrative Procedure - Curriculum Development

Faculty Curriculum Committee

The Faculty Curriculum Committee assists in the District's curriculum planning process and provides the Superintendent with recommendations and supportive summaries. The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

The Faculty Curriculum Committee will:

1. Engage in two-way communication with teachers in order to address questions and concerns, keep everyone informed, and cooperatively strive for continuous improvement.
2. Provide system wide coordination of curriculum and student learning experiences.
3. Identify and categorize problems related to curriculum.
4. Research instructional methods and curriculum, utilizing available resources.
5. Engage in long-range planning for the continuous improvement of the curriculum.

The Superintendent or designee appoints Committee members and directs the Committee, providing specific tasks and timeframes.

Curriculum Guides and Course Outlines

Development of guides:

1. Curriculum guides are best developed by the staff and teachers who are to use them.
2. When entire staff participation is not feasible, the Superintendent or designee will direct staff representatives and/or relevant department heads to study, create, and revise the guides.
3. Completed guides will be given to the Superintendent.

Use of guides:

1. Curriculum guides serve as a framework from which teachers will develop units of study, individual lesson plans, and approaches to instruction that will serve students' particular needs at a particular time. The guides shall be used to map the logical sequence of instruction.
2. In subjects where sequence is important, such as mathematics, teachers shall be expected to adhere to the guide. In subjects where sequential learning is less important, teachers may be given a greater degree of freedom in respect to sequence.
3. In all cases, sufficient latitude shall be permitted to provide teachers with time to teach the current, topical, and incidental issues that add to motivation and meaningful teaching and learning.
4. The Building Principal and/or department heads shall see that optimum use is made of available curriculum guides.

Adopted 12/12/23

6:50 School Wellness

Student wellness, including good nutrition and physical activity, shall be promoted in the District's educational program, school-based activities, and meal programs. This policy shall be interpreted consistently with Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 and the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA).

The Superintendent will ensure:

1. Each school building complies with this policy;
2. The policy is available to the community on an annual basis through copies of or online access to the Board Policy Manual; and
3. The community is informed about the progress of this policy's implementation.

Goals for Nutrition Education and Nutrition Promotion

The goals for addressing nutrition education and nutrition promotion include the following:

- Schools will support and promote sound nutrition for students.
- Schools will foster the positive relationship between sound nutrition, physical activity, and the capacity of students to develop and learn.
- Nutrition education will be part of the District's comprehensive health education curriculum. See Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*.

Goals for Physical Activity

The goals for addressing physical activity include the following:

- Schools will support and promote an active lifestyle for students.
- Physical education will be taught in all grades and shall include a developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development of movement skills, enhances health-related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle. See policies 6:60, *Curriculum Content* and 7:260, *Exemption from Physical Education*.
- During the school day, all students will be required to engage in a daily physical education course, unless otherwise exempted. See policies 6:60, *Curriculum Content* and 7:260, *Exemption from Physical Education*.
- The curriculum will be consistent with and incorporate relevant *Illinois Learning Standards for Physical Development and Health* as established by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE).

Goals for Other School-Based Activities

The goals for school-based activities include the following:

- Schools will support and promote a healthy eating environment for students.
- Schools will promote and participate in wellness activities.
- Schools will offer other school-based activities to support student health and wellness, including coordinated events and clubs.

Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available During the School Day; Marketing Prohibited

Students will be offered and schools will promote nutritious food and beverage choices during the school day that are consistent with Board policy 4:120, *Food Services* (requiring compliance with the nutrition standards specified in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) *Smart Snacks* rules).

In addition, in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity, the Superintendent or designee shall:

4. Restrict the sale of *competitive foods*, as defined by the USDA, in the food service areas during meal periods;
5. Comply with all ISBE rules; and
6. Prohibit marketing during the school day of foods and beverages that do not meet the standards listed in Board policy 4:120, *Food Services*, i.e., in-school marketing of food and beverage items must meet *competitive foods* standards.

Competitive foods standards do not apply to foods and beverages available, but not sold in school during the school day; e.g., brown bag lunches, foods for classroom parties, school celebrations, and reward incentives.

Exempted Fundraising Day (EFD) Requests

All food and beverages sold to students on the school campuses of participating schools during the school day must comply with the "general nutrition standards for competitive foods" specified in federal law.

ISBE rules prohibit EFDs for grades 8 and below in participating schools.

The Superintendent or designee in a participating school may grant an EFD for grades 9 through 12 in participating schools. To request an EFD and learn more about the District's related procedure(s), contact the Superintendent or designee. The District's procedures are subject to change. The number of EFDs for grades 9 through 12 in participating schools is set by ISBE rule.

Guidelines for Reimbursable School Meals

Reimbursable school meals served shall meet, at a minimum, the nutrition requirements and regulations for the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Unused Food Sharing Plan

In collaboration with the District's local health department, the Superintendent or designee will:

1. Develop and support a food sharing plan (Plan) for unused food that is focused on needy students.
2. Implement the Plan throughout the District.
3. Ensure the Plan complies with the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as well as accompanying guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the Food Donation Program.
4. Ensure that any leftover food items are properly donated to combat potential food insecurity in the District's community. *Properly* means in accordance with all federal regulations and State and local health and sanitation codes.

Monitoring

At least every three years, the Superintendent shall provide implementation data and/or reports to the Board concerning this policy's implementation sufficient to allow the Board to monitor and adjust the policy (a triennial report). This triennial report must include without limitation each of the following:

- An assessment of the District's implementation of the policy
- The extent to which schools in the District are in compliance with the policy
- The extent to which the policy compares to model local school wellness policies
- A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the policy
- How the District will make the results of the assessment available to the public

- Where the District will retain records of the assessment
- The Board will monitor and adjust the policy pursuant to policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*.

Community Involvement

The Board and Superintendent will actively invite suggestions and comments concerning the development, implementation, periodic reviews, and updates of the school wellness policy from parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, school administrators, and the community. Community involvement methods shall align their suggestions and comments to policy 2:140, *Communications To and From the Board* and/or the **Community Engagement** subhead in policy 8:10, *Connection with the Community*.

Recordkeeping

The Superintendent shall retain records to document compliance with this policy, the District's records retention protocols, and the Local Records Act.

LEGAL REF.: Pub. L. 108-265, Sec. 204, Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004.
42 U.S.C. §1751 et seq., Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.
42 U.S.C. §1758b, Pub. L. 111-296, Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.
42 U.S.C. §1771 et seq., Child Nutrition Act of 1966.
42 U.S.C. §1779, as implemented by 7 C.F.R. §§210.11 and 210.31.
50 ILCS 205/, Local Records Act.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.139 and 5/2-3.189.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 305, Food Program.
ISBE's *School Wellness Policy* Goal, adopted Oct. 2007.

CROSS REF.: 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 2:150 (Committees), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 4:120 (Food Services), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 7:260 (Exemption from Physical Education), 8:10 (Connection with the Community)

Adopted 4/9/24

6:60 Curriculum Content

The curriculum shall contain instruction on subject required by State statute or regulation as follows:

5. In kindergarten through grade 8, subjects include: (a) language arts, (b) reading, (c) other communication skills, (d) science, (e) mathematics, (f) social studies, (g) art, (h) music, and (i) drug and substance abuse prevention including the dangers of opioid abuse. A reading opportunity of 60 minutes per day will be promoted for all students in kindergarten through grade 3 whose reading levels are one grade level or more lower than their current grade level. Daily time of at least 30 minutes (with a minimum of at least 15 consecutive minutes if divided) will be provided for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for all students in kindergarten through grade 5. Before the completion of grade 5, students will be offered at least one unit of cursive instruction. In grades 6, 7, or 8, students must receive at least one semester of civics education in accordance with Illinois Learning Standards for social science.
6. In grades 9 through 12, subjects include: (a) language arts, (b) writing intensive courses, (c) science, (d) mathematics, (e) social studies including U.S. history, American government and one semester of civics, (f) foreign language, (g) music, (h) art, (i) driver and safety education, and (j) vocational education.
   Students otherwise eligible to take a driver education course must receive a passing grade in at least eight courses during the previous two semesters before enrolling in the course. The Superintendent or designee may waive this requirement if he or she believes a waiver to be in the student's best interest. The course shall include: (a) instruction necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles, including motorcycles, to the extent that they can be taught in the classroom, (b) classroom instruction on distracted driving as a major traffic safety issue, (c) instruction on required safety and driving precautions that must be observed at emergency situations, highway construction and maintenance zones, and railroad crossings and their approaches, and (d) instruction concerning law enforcement procedures for traffic stops, including a demonstration of the proper actions to be taken during a traffic stop and appropriate interactions with law enforcement. Automobile safety instruction covering traffic regulations and highway safety must include instruction on the consequences of alcohol consumption and the operation of a motor vehicle. The eligibility requirements contained in State law for the receipt of a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State shall be provided to students in writing at the time of their registration.
7. In grades 7 through 12, as well as in interscholastic athletic programs, steroid abuse prevention must be taught.
8. In kindergarten through grade 12, provided it can be funded by private grants or the federal government, violence prevention and conflict resolution must be stressed, including: (a) causes of conflict, (b) consequences of violent behavior, (c) non-violent resolution, and (d) relationships between drugs, alcohol, and violence. In addition, anti-bias education and intergroup conflict resolution may be taught as an effective method for preventing violence and lessening tensions in schools; these prevention methods are most effective when they are respectful of individuals and their divergent viewpoints and religious beliefs, which are protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.
9. In grades kindergarten through 12, age-appropriate Internet safety must be taught, the scope of which shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee. The curriculum

must incorporate policy 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*, and, at a minimum, include: (a) education about appropriate online behavior, (b) interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and (c) cyberbullying awareness and response.

10. In all grades, students must receive developmentally appropriate opportunities to gain computer literacy skills that are embedded in the curriculum.
11. In all grades, character education must be taught including respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness, and citizenship in order to raise students' honesty, kindness, justice, discipline, respect for others, and moral courage. Instruction in all grades will include examples of behaviors that violate policy 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*.
12. In all schools, citizenship values must be taught, including: (a) American patriotism, (b) principles of representative government (the American Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Illinois), (c) proper use and display of the American flag, (d) the Pledge of Allegiance, and (e) the voting process.
13. In all grades, physical education must be taught including a developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development of movement skills, enhances health-related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle. Unless otherwise exempted, all students are required to engage in a physical education course with such frequency as determined by the Board after recommendation from the Superintendent, but at a minimum of three days per five-day week. For exemptions and substitutions, see policies 6:310, *High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students* and 7:260, *Exemption from Physical Education*.
14. In all schools, health education must be stressed, including: (a) proper nutrition, (b) physical fitness, (c) components necessary to develop a sound mind in a healthy body, (d) dangers and avoidance of abduction, (e) age-appropriate and evidence-informed sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in all grades, and (f) beginning in the fall of 2024, in grades 9-12, the dangers of fentanyl. The Superintendent shall implement a comprehensive health education program in accordance with State law.
15. In all schools, career/vocational education must be taught, including: (a) the importance of work, (b) the development of basic skills to enter the world of work and/or continue formal education, (c) good work habits and values, (d) the relationship between learning and work, and (e) if possible, a student work program that provides the student with work experience as an extension of the regular classroom. A career awareness and exploration program must be available at all grade levels.
16. In grades 9 through 12, consumer education must be taught, including: (a) financial literacy, including consumer debt and installment purchasing (including credit scoring, managing credit debt, and completing a loan application); budgeting; savings and investing; banking (including balancing a checkbook, opening a deposit account, and the use of interest rates); understanding simple contracts; State and federal income taxes; personal insurance policies; the comparison of prices; higher education student loans; identity-theft security; and homeownership (including the basic process of obtaining a mortgage and the concepts of fixed and adjustable rate mortgages, subprime loans, and predatory lending); and (b) the roles of consumers interacting with agriculture, business, labor unions and government in formulating and achieving the goals of the mixed free enterprise system.

17. In grades 9 through 12, intensive instruction in computer literacy, which may be included as a part of English, social studies, or any other subject.
18. In grades 9 through 12, a unit of instruction on media literacy that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following topics: (a) accessing information to evaluate multiple media platforms and better understand the general landscape and economics of the platforms, and issues regarding the trustworthiness of the source of information; (b) analyzing and evaluating media messages to deconstruct media representations according to the authors, target audience, techniques, agenda setting, stereotypes, and authenticity to distinguish fact from opinion; (c) creating media to convey a coherent message using multimodal practices to a specific target audience that includes, but is not limited to, writing blogs, composing songs, designing video games, producing podcasts, making videos, or coding a mobile or software application; (d) reflecting on media consumption to assess how media affects the consumption of information and how it triggers emotions and behavior; and (e) social responsibility and civics to suggest a plan of action in the class, school, or community for engaging others in a respectful, thoughtful, and inclusive dialogue over a specific issue using facts and reason.
19. In grades 9 through 12, an opportunity for students to take at least one computer science course aligned to Illinois learning standards. Computer science means the study of computers and algorithms, including their principles, hardware and software designs, implementation, and impact on society. Computer science does not include the study of everyday uses of computers and computer applications; e.g., keyboarding or accessing the Internet.
20. In all schools, conservation of natural resources must be taught, including: (a) home ecology, (b) endangered species, (c) threats to the environment, and (d) the importance of the environment to life as we know it.
21. In all schools, instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on United States (U.S.) history must be taught, including: (a) the principles of representative government, (b) the Constitutions of the U.S. and Illinois, (c) the role of the U.S. in world affairs, (d) the role of labor unions, (e) the role and contributions of ethnic groups, including but not limited to, African Americans, Albanians, Asian Americans, Bohemians, Czechs, French, Germans, Hispanics (including the events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression), Hungarians, Irish, Italians, Lithuanians, Polish, Russians, Scots, and Slovakians in the history of this country and State, (f) a study of the roles and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people in the history of the U.S. and Illinois, (g) Illinois history, (h) the contributions made to society by Americans of different faith practices, including, but not limited to, Muslim Americans, Jewish Americans, Christian Americans, Hindu Americans, Sikh Americans, Buddhist Americans, and any other collective community of faith that has shaped America, (i) Native American nations' sovereignty and self-determination, both historically and in the present day, with a focus on urban Native Americans, and (j) beginning in the fall of 2024, the events of the Native American experience and Native American history within the Midwest and Illinois since time immemorial in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/27-20.05.

    In addition, all schools shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on Constitution Day, each September 17, commemorating the September 17, 1787 signing of the Constitution. However, when September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week.

22. In grade 7 and all high school courses concerning U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and American government, students must view a Congressional Medal of Honor film made by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, provided there is no cost for the film.
23. In all schools, the curriculum includes instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on the Holocaust and crimes of genocide, including Nazi atrocities of 1933-1945, the Native American genocide in North America, Armenian Genocide, the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine, and more recent atrocities in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Sudan.
24. In all schools, the curriculum includes instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on the history, struggles, and contributions of women.
25. In all schools, the curriculum includes instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on Black History, including the history of the pre-enslavement of Black people from 3,000 BCE to AD 1619, the African slave trade, slavery in America, the study of the reasons why Black people came to be enslaved, the vestiges of slavery in this country, the study of the American civil rights renaissance, as well as the struggles and contributions of African-Americans.
26. In all schools offering a secondary agricultural education program, the curriculum includes courses as required by 105 ILCS 5/2-3.80.
27. In all schools, instruction during courses as determined by the Superintendent or designee on disability history, awareness, and the disability rights movement.
28. In all schools, instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on the events of Asian American history, including the history of Asian Americans in Illinois and the Midwest, as well as the contributions of Asian Americans toward advancing civil rights from the 19th century onward, which must include the contributions made by individual Asian Americans in government and the arts, humanities, and sciences, as well as the contributions of Asian American communities to the economic, cultural, social, and political development of the United States.
29. In kindergarten through grade 8, education must be available to students concerning effective methods of preventing and avoiding traffic injuries related to walking and bicycling.

LEGAL REF.: Pub. L. No. 108-447, Section 111 of Division J, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005.
Pub. L. No. 110-385, Title II, 122 stat. 4096 (2008), Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.
47 C.F.R. §54.520.
5 ILCS 465/3 and 465/3a.
20 ILCS 2605/2605-480.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.80(e) and (f), 5/10-20.79, 5/10-23.13, 5/27-3, 5/27-3.5, 5/27-5, 5/27-6, 5/27-6.5, 5/27-7, 5/27-12, 5/27-12.1, 5/27-13.1, 5/27-13.2, 5/27-20.05, 5/27-20.08, 5/27-20.3, 5/27-20.4, 5/27-20.5, 5/27-20.7, 5/27-20.8, 5/27-21, 5/27-22, 5/27-23.3, 5/27-23.4, 5/27-23.7, 5/27-23.8, 5/27-23.10, 5/27-23.11, 5/27-23.15, 5/27-23.16, 5/27-24.1, and 5/27-24.2.
105 ILCS 110/3, Comprehensive Health Education Program.
105 ILCS 435/, Vocational Education Act.
625 ILCS 5/6-408.5, Ill. Vehicle Code.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.420, 1.425, 1.430, and 1.440.

CROSS REF.: 4:165 (Awareness and Prevention of Child Sex Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:260 (Exemption from Physical Education)

Adopted 10/8/24

6:60-AP1 Administrative Procedure - Comprehensive Health Education Program

105 ILCS 110/3 requires the District to implement a Comprehensive Health Education Program (CHEP). CHEP is a systematic and extensive educational program designed to provide a variety of learning experiences based upon scientific knowledge of the human organism as it functions within its environment which will favorably influence the knowledge, attitudes, values, and practices of Illinois [students]; and which will aid [students] in making wise personal decisions in matters of health.

Unless limited to specific grades, the following major educational areas are the basis for curricula in the District's CHEP in all elementary and secondary schools:

1. Human ecology and health;
2. Human growth and development;
3. In all grades, age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education, except no student in grades pre-K through 8 shall be required to take or participate in any instruction for *recognizing and avoiding* sexual abuse if the student's parent/guardian submits written objection and refusal to participate in the instruction shall not be reason for failing, suspending or expelling the student. Through grade 12, an age-appropriate and evidence-informed curriculum pursuant to *Erin's Law* will provide instruction pursuant to Board policy 4:165, *Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors*. The Superintendent must ensure all parent(s)/guardian(s) of students in any of grades K through 8 receive not less than five days' written notice before commencing the instruction.
4. In all grades, a minimum of 16 hours of safety education in the courses of study regularly taught with instruction about:
    a. Automobile safety, including traffic regulations, highway safety, and the consequences of alcohol consumption and the operation of a motor vehicle;
    b. Safety in the home, including safe gun storage;
    c. Safety in connection with recreational activities;
    d. Safety in and around school buildings;
    e. Safety in connection with vocational work or training;
    f. For students in grades 9 through 11, CPR subject to the excusal limitations in the first aid item 26, below; and
    g. For students in grades 6 through 8, CPR and how to use an AED by watching a training video on those subjects.
    h. For students enrolled in pre-K through grade 6, water safety that incorporates evidence-based water safety instructional materials and resources.
5. In all grades, tobacco and e-cigarettes and other vapor devices;
6. In grades K through 8, education must be available to students concerning effective methods of preventing and avoiding traffic injuries related to walking and bicycling.
7. In grades K through 8, instruction, study, and discussion of effective methods for the prevention and avoidance of drugs and the dangers of opioid and substance abuse that are integrated into the curricula and designed to promote effective methods for the prevention and avoidance of drug and substance abuse.
8. In grades K through 8, annual instruction on the danger of and how to avoid abduction as part of the District's regular curriculum.
9. In grades 5 through 12, alcohol and drug use and abuse, including the medical and legal ramifications of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use that integrates into existing curricula, instruction related to:

a. The physical and legal effects and ramifications of drug and substance abuse (including use during pregnancy);
b. Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) instructional materials and guidelines developed to assist the District with incorporating this instruction topic into its curricula; and
c. Either as part of existing curricula during the school day or as part of an after-school program, support services and instruction for students who are or students whose parents/guardians are chemically dependent.

10. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, in grades 9-12, instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of fentanyl that includes the following:
    a. Information on fentanyl itself including its variations, an explanation of the differences between synthetic and nonsynthetic opioids and illicit drugs, and the differences between the legal and illegal uses of fentanyl.
    b. Side effects and risk factors of using fentanyl, along with information comparing the lethal amounts of fentanyl to other drugs. Information on risk factors may include: (1) the lethal dose of fentanyl, (2) how often fentanyl is placed in drugs without a person's knowledge, (3) an explanation of what fentanyl does to a person's body and the severity of its addictive properties, and (4) how the consumption of fentanyl can lead to hypoxia, as well as an explanation of precisely what hypoxia does to a person's body.
    c. Details about the process of lacing fentanyl in drugs and why drugs get laced with fentanyl.
    d. Details about how to detect fentanyl in drugs and how to save someone from an overdose of fentanyl, including: (1) how to buy and use fentanyl strips, (2) how to buy and use naloxone, either through a nasal spray or an injection, and (3) how to detect if someone is overdosing on fentanyl.
11. In grades 6-12, parenting education that includes instruction in the following:
    a. Child growth and development, including prenatal development.
    b. Childbirth and child care.
    c. Family structure, function, and management.
    d. Prenatal and postnatal care for mothers and infants.
    e. Prevention of child abuse.
    f. The physical, mental, emotional, social, economic, and psychological aspects of interpersonal and family relationships.
    g. Parenting skill development.
12. Family life, specifically its emotional, psychological, physiological, hygienic and social responsibilities, including sexual abstinence until marriage and evidence-based and medically accurate information regarding sexual abstinence; and in grades 6 through 12, instruction on the prevention, transmission, and spread of AIDS; except if a student's parent/guardian submits written objection to taking or participating in family life course or AIDS prevention instruction, and refusal to take or participate in the family life course or AIDS prevention instruction shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of the student. See 6:60-AP1, E1, *Notice to Parents/Guardians of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education; Requests to Examine Materials; Written Objection(s) and/or Opt-outs*.
13. Comprehensive personal health and safety and comprehensive sexual health education (NSES); except no student shall be required to take or participate in any NSES class or course, and a student's parent/guardian may opt the student out of NSES by submitting the request in writing or using 6:60-AP1, E1, *Notice to Parents/Guardians of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education; Requests to Examine Materials; Written Objection(s) and/or Opt-outs*.

Refusal to take or participate in an NSES course or program may not be a reason for disciplinary action, academic penalty, suspension, or expulsion or any other sanction of a student. Active parental consent for their child to participate in NSES is not required; however, because NSES mandates instruction about sexual violence (defined to include sexual abuse) and instruction in recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse required by 105 ILCS 5/27-13.2 requires a minimum of five days' notice to parents/guardians of students in grades K through 8, the District will notify students in grades K through 8 using the **Notice of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education** subhead of 6:60-AP1, E1, *Notice to Parents/Guardians of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education; Requests to Examine Materials; Written Objection(s) and/or Opt-outs*. See also 6:60-AP2, *Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education Program (National Sex Education Standards (NSES))*.

14. Course materials and instruction to advise students about the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act, 325 ILCS 2/;
15. The prevention and control of disease;
16. In grades 7 through 12, teen dating violence awareness;
17. In grades 7 through 12, instruction about the prevention of abuse of anabolic steroids in science, health, drug abuse, physical education, or other appropriate courses of study. Instruction shall emphasize that the use of anabolic steroids presents a serious health hazard to persons who use steroids to enhance athletic performance or physical development. In addition, coaches and sponsors of interscholastic athletic programs shall provide instruction on steroid abuse prevention to students participating in these programs.
18. In grade 9 or 10, one unit of instruction in either grade about donations and transplants of organs/tissue and blood, except if a student's parent/guardian files written objection on constitutional grounds, but refusal to take or participate in the instruction shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of a student or result in any academic penalty.
19. Public and environmental health;
20. Consumer health;
21. Safety education and disaster survival;
22. Mental health and illness that evaluates the multiple dimensions of health by reviewing the relationship between physical and mental health to enhance student understanding, attitudes, and behaviors that promote health, well-being, and human dignity and must include how and where to find mental health resources and specialized treatment in the State.
23. Personal health habits;
24. Nutrition;
25. Dental health;
26. Cancer, including, without limitation, types of cancer, signs and symptoms, risk factors, the importance of early prevention and detection, and information on where to go for help;
27. Basic first aid including, but not limited to:
    a. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver, including training on how to properly administer CPR in accordance with standards of the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or another nationally recognized certifying organization, except if a student's parent/guardian submits written objection, but refusal to participate in the training shall not be a reason for suspension or expulsion of the student; and
    b. In secondary schools, how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) shall be included, except if a student's parent/guardian submits written

objection, but refusal to participate in the training shall not be a reason for suspension or expulsion of the student.

28. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, in grades 9 through 12, instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of allergies, including recognizing the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction, the steps to take to prevent exposure to allergens, and safe emergency epinephrine administration.
29. Heart disease;
30. Diabetes;
31. Stroke;
32. The prevention of child abuse and neglect;
33. Suicide prevention pursuant to policy 7:290, *Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention*;
34. All students shall receive age-appropriate instruction on motor vehicle safety and litter control.

Notice to Parent/Guardian; Requirements; Written Objection(s) and/or Opt-outs

Refusal to take or participate in any course or program that allows parents/guardians to object in writing and/or opt their children out shall not be reason for disciplinary action or academic penalty to the student. The District will provide 6:60-AP1, E1, *Notice to Parents/Guardians of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education; Requests to Examine Materials; Written Objection(s) and/or Opt-outs* to parents/guardians wishing to provide written objection or opt out of content in CHEP.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 110/, Comprehensive Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act.

ADMIN PROC.: 6:60-AP2 (Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education Program (National Sex Education Standards (NSES)), 6:60-AP3 (Developmentally Appropriate Consent Education)

Adopted 10/8/24

6:60-AP1, E1 Exhibit - Notice to Parents/Guardians of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education; Requests to Examine Materials; Written Objections and/or Opt-outs

Date _____

_____

Class and Time _____

Teacher _____

Notice of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education

In grades pre-kindergarten through 12, State law requires the District to provide age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education (105 ILCS 110/3), except that no student in grades K through 8 shall be required to take or participate in any instruction for recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse if the student's parent/guardian submits written objection and refusal to participate in the instruction (105 ILCS 5/27-13.2).

This is your minimum five-day notice that this instruction will begin for your child.

Request to Examine 105 ILCS 110/3 (Family Life and/or Abstinence and Contraception) and/or 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1a (*National Sex Ed Standards (NSES)*) Materials

A sample of the District's instructional materials and course outline for family life and/or abstinence and contraception instructional materials are available from the classroom teacher for your inspection. If you are requesting to examine this material, please check the box below and return it to your child's classroom teacher within calendar five days.

The scope and sequence of instructional materials for NSES is posted on the District's Internet website, along with the name and contact information, including an email address, of staff members who can respond to your inquiries. You may request to see NSES instructional materials in person by checking the box below.

☐ **I request to examine the instructional materials and course outline for Family Life classes.**

☐ **I request to examine, in person, the instructional materials to be used for *NSES*.**

Written Objection(s) and/or Opt-outs

No student is required to take or participate in the following classes or courses, and no penalty exists for refusing to take or participate in such a course or program.

If you do not want your child to participate in these classes or courses, please complete the following request and return it to your child's classroom teacher within five school days.

I request that the District opt-out my child for and/or object in writing to class attendance about:

(*Check the main box and any or all sub-category boxes that apply to your objection or opt-out*)

☐ 105 ILCS 5/27-13.2 allows me to object to my child, who is in grades K through 8, from learning age-appropriate instruction for recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse; I understand once my child enters grades 9 through 12, I may no longer object

☐ 105 ILCS 5/10-23.13, amended by P.A. 102-610 (*Erin's Law*), and see policy 4:165, *Awareness and*

Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors

☐ 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1a(b)(6), (8), (9), and (12), added by P.A. 102-522 (NSES includes sexual abuse

education under the term sexual violence)

☐ 105 ILCS 110/3 (age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention)

☐ Family life (psychological, physiological, hygienic and social responsibilities, including sexual abstinence until marriage) (105 ILCS 110/3)

☐ Evidence-based and medically accurate information regarding sexual abstinence (105 ILCS 110/3)

☐ AIDS, including in grades 6 through 12, its prevention, transmission and spread (105

ILCS 110/3)

☐ *NSES* (See 6:60-AP2, *Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education Program (National Sex Education Standards (NSES)*) (105 ILCS 5/27-9.1a(d), added by P.A. 102-522)

☐ Donations and transplants of organs/tissue and blood organ/tissue transplantation (105 ILCS 5/27-23.5)

☐ CPR and the Heimlich maneuver, including training on how to properly administer CPR in accordance with standards of the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or another nationally recognized certifying organization (105 ILCS 110/3)

☐ How to use an AED (105 ILCS 110/3)

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Student (*please print*)

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Parent/Guardian (*please print*)

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Adopted 5/10/22

6:60-AP1, E2 Exhibit - Resources for Biking and Walking Safety Education

105 ILCS 5/27-23.11 requires the District to make education available to students in grades kindergarten through 8 on effective methods for preventing and avoiding traffic injuries related to walking and bicycling. How that education is made available and any specific resources used are at the discretion of the District.

Pedestrian Safety Programs

Pedestrian Safer Journey by the Federal Highway Administration - Includes age-appropriate videos with follow-up quizzes and discussion guides on safe walking. The material is divided into three age ranges: 5 to 9, 10 to 14, and 15 to 18. Also includes a list of additional resources and curricula from around the country for teachers and parents/caregivers. Available at: www.pedbikeinfo.org/pedsaferjourney/index.html.

Child Pedestrian Safety Curriculum by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - Teaches and encourages pedestrian safety for students in grades kindergarten through 5. It is organized into five lessons: walking near traffic, crossing streets, crossing intersections, parking lot safety, and school bus safety. Each lesson builds upon previous set of skills learned. Available at: www.nhtsa.gov/pedestrian-safety/child-pedestrian-safety-curriculum.

WalkSafe® by the University of Miami KiDZ Neuroscience Center - Organized into three levels for grades kindergarten-1, 2-3, and 4-5, and includes lessons using videos, outside simulation activities, and art projects. Supplemental materials include handouts, flashcards, and pre- and post-assessment tests. Available at: kidzneurosciencecenter.com/walksafe/.

Bicycle Safety Programs

Bicycle Safer Journey by the Federal Highway Administration - Includes age-appropriate videos with follow-up quizzes and discussion guides on safe bicycling. The material is divided into three age ranges: 5 to 9, 10 to 14, and 15 to 18. Also includes a list of additional resources and curricula from around the country for teachers and parents/caregivers. Available at: www.pedbikeinfo.org/bicyclesaferjourney/index.html.

Bikeology by Shape America and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - Aligns with the National Standards for kindergarten-12 Physical Education and includes lessons and assessments for skills and knowledge. Supplemental materials include a parent guide to reinforce the curriculum. Available at: www.shapeamerica.org//publications/resources/teachingtools/qualitype/upload/bikeology-curriculum-part1-v2.pdf.

BikeSafe® by the University of Miami KiDZ Neuroscience Center - Contains four off-bike lessons to teach bicycle safety skills to middle school-aged children through interactive simulations, modeling, and creative activities. Supplementary materials include student worksheets and parent tip sheets. An on-bike lesson plan is also provided. Available at: kidznc.org/bikesafe.

Bike Safety Quiz by Ride Illinois - Teaches kids, adults, and motorists how to share the road safely. Interactive quizzes for each audience cover safety techniques and relevant state laws. Available at: www.bikesafetyquiz.com/.

Cycling Skills Clinic Guide by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - Provides a step-by-step approach to planning and initiating an on-bicycle safety skills event, including instructions and resources for setting up and conducting a skills-training course. Available at: one.nhtsa.gov/Driving-Safety/Bicycles/CyclingSkillsClinic.

Kids on Wheels Training Manual by the Active Transportation Alliance - An experiential, on-bike curriculum to teach grades 2-4 students to travel safely on a bicycle. Over three lessons, students are engaged in demonstrations, hands-on exercises, and on-bicycle riding skills activities. Available at: www.activetrans.org/resources/education.

Combined Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Programs

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety: 10-minute Lessons for PE Class by the Active Transportation Alliance - A series of brief pedestrian- and bicycle-themed lessons consisting of one 10- to 15-minute physical activity. Available at: www.activetrans.org/resources/education.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety: 9 Lessons for the Classroom by the Active Transportation Alliance - A series of brief pedestrian- and bicycle-themed lessons designed to be delivered in a classroom setting. Available at: www.activetrans.org/resources/education.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/27-23.11.

Adopted 5/10/22

6:60-AP2 Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education Program (National Sex Education Standards (NSES))

*Do not implement this administrative procedure if the board does not provide this curriculum. This AP contains only the requirements for the development of the NSES curriculum at 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1a, added by P.A. 102-522. While this law is effective immediately, the Ill. State Board of Education has until 8-1-22 to develop its learning standards and resources and make them available on its website. ISBE must develop its resource materials in consultation with stakeholders, and with the cooperation and input of experts who provide and entities that promote age and developmentally appropriate, medically accurate, complete, culturally appropriate, inclusive, and trauma-informed comprehensive personal health and safety and comprehensive sexual health education public policy. At the time of **PRESS** Issue 108's publication, no guidance existed about whether districts could continue to provide the now-repealed family life and sex education programs formerly in 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1 and 9.2.*

The District offers an NSES Program based upon 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1a, added by P.A. 102-522. More information about NSES is available at:

www.advocatesforyouth.org/resources/health-information/future-of-sex-education-national-sexuality-education-standards/, and www.advocatesforyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/NSES-2020-web-updated.pdf.

> **Comprehensive personal health and safety education** means for students in grades K through 5, "age and developmentally appropriate education that aligns with the National Sex Education Standards, including information on consent and healthy relationships, anatomy and physiology, puberty and adolescent sexual development, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation and identity, sexual health, and interpersonal violence."
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> **Comprehensive sexual health education** means for students in grades 6 through 12, "age and developmentally appropriate education that aligns with the National Sex Education Standards, including information on consent and healthy relationships, anatomy and physiology, puberty and adolescent sexual development, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation and identity, sexual health, and interpersonal violence."

Active parent/guardian consent for students to participate in this NSES Program is not required, but a student's parent/guardian may opt the student out of it by submitting a request in writing pursuant to 6:60-AP1, E1, *Notice to Parents/Guardians of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education; Requests to Examine Materials; Written Objection(s) and/or Opt-outs*. In grades K through 8, 105 ILCS 5/27-13.2 requires parental notification of sexual abuse prevention instruction and allows a parent to submit a written objection to age-appropriate instruction for recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse, which NSES requires.

Anyone may review the scope and sequence of instructional materials for the NSES Program classes or courses, either electronically or in person. The NSES Program curriculum, and the name and contact information, including an email address, of District staff members who can respond to inquiries about the NSES Program are annually posted on the District's Internet website.

This administrative procedure contains four sections as follows:

1. Glossary of Terms
2. NSES Program Curriculum

3. Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) Resource Materials; NSES Program Learning Standards
4. Reporting NSES Program Instruction to ISBE

Glossary of Terms

The current Definitions of 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1a(a) are incorporated here by reference.

Adapt - To modify an evidence-based or evidence-informed NSES Program model for use with a particular demographic, ethnic, linguistic, or cultural group.

Age and developmentally appropriate - Suitable to particular ages or age groups of children and adolescents, based on the developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group.

Characteristics of effective NSES Programs - Includes development, content, and implementation of such NSES Programs that (i) have been shown to be effective in terms of increasing knowledge, clarifying values and attitudes, increasing skills, and impacting behavior, (ii) are widely recognized by leading medical and public health agencies to be effective in changing sexual behaviors that lead to sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, unintended pregnancy, interpersonal violence, and sexual violence among young people, and (iii) are taught by professionals who provide a safe learning space, free from shame, stigma, and ideology and are trained in trauma-informed teaching methodologies.

Complete - Information that aligns with the National Sex Education Standards, including information on consent and healthy relationships, anatomy and physiology, puberty and adolescent sexual development, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation and identity, sexual health, and interpersonal violence.

Comprehensive personal health and safety education - See introduction, above.

Comprehensive sexual health education - See introduction, above.

Consent - An affirmative, knowing, conscious, ongoing, and voluntary agreement to engage in interpersonal, physical, or sexual activity, which can be revoked at any point, including during the course of interpersonal, physical, or sexual activity.

Culturally appropriate - Affirming culturally diverse individuals, families, and communities in an inclusive, respectful, and effective manner, including materials and instruction that are inclusive of race, ethnicity, language, cultural background, immigration status, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and sexual behavior.

Evidence-based NSES Program - A Program for which systematic, empirical research or evaluation has provided evidence of effectiveness.

Evidence-informed NSES Program - A Program that uses the best available research and practice knowledge to guide NSES Program design and implementation.

Gender stereotype - A generalized view or preconception about what attributes, characteristics, or roles are or ought to be taught, possessed by, or performed by people based on their gender identity.

Healthy relationships - Relationships between individuals that consist of mutual respect, trust, honesty, support, fairness, equity, separate identities, physical and emotional safety, and good communication.

Identity - People's understanding of how they identify their sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression without stereotypes, shame, or stigma.

Inclusive - Inclusion of marginalized communities that include, but are not limited to, people of color, immigrants, people of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, people who are intersex, people with disabilities, people who have experienced interpersonal or sexual violence, and others.

Interpersonal violence - Violent behavior used to establish power and control over another person.

Medically accurate - Verified or supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals, if applicable, or comprising information recognized as accurate and objective.

Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) - Medications approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and recommended by the United States Public Health Service or the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis and related pre-exposure prophylaxis services, including, but not limited to, HIV and sexually transmitted infection screening, treatment for sexually transmitted infections, medical monitoring, laboratory services, and sexual health counseling, to reduce the likelihood of HIV infection for individuals who are not living with HIV but are vulnerable to HIV exposure.

Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PeP) - Medications that are recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities to help prevent HIV infection after potential occupational or non-occupational HIV exposure.

Sexual violence - Discrimination, bullying, harassment, including sexual harassment, sexual abuse, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, incest, rape, and human trafficking.

Trauma informed - To address vital information about sexuality and well-being that takes into consideration how adverse life experiences may potentially influence a person's well-being and decision making.

NSES Program Curriculum

The District may use guest lecturers or resource persons, including outside consultants, community groups, or organizations, to provide instruction or presentations in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34b, and their materials may not conflict with the provisions of State law. The District may adapt the age and developmentally appropriate, medically accurate, complete, culturally appropriate, inclusive, and trauma-informed curriculums to meet the specific needs of the community. All course materials and instruction for teaching the NSES Program must be:

1. Age and developmentally appropriate, medically accurate, complete, culturally appropriate, inclusive, and trauma informed.
2. A replica of an evidence-based or evidence-informed NSES program or substantially incorporate elements of evidence-based NSES programs or evidence-informed NSES programs or characteristics of effective NSES programs.
3. Inclusive and sensitive to the needs of students based on their status as pregnant or parenting, living with STIs, including HIV, sexually active, asexual, or intersex or based on their gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, sexual behavior, or disability.
4. Accessible to students with disabilities, which may include the use of a modified curriculum, materials, instruction in alternative formats, assistive technology, and auxiliary aids.
5. Helpful to students for developing self-advocacy skills for effective communication with parents or guardians, health and social service professionals, other trusted adults, and peers about sexual health and relationships.
6. Helpful to students by providing them with information to develop skills for developing healthy relationships and preventing and dealing with interpersonal violence and sexual violence.

7. Helpful to students by providing them with information to safely use the Internet, including social media, dating or relationship websites or applications, and texting.
8. Informative about local resources where students can obtain additional information and confidential services related to parenting, bullying, interpersonal violence, sexual violence, suicide prevention, sexual and reproductive health, mental health, substance abuse, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and other related issues.
9. Informative about State laws related to minor confidentiality and minor consent, including exceptions, consent education, mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect, the safe relinquishment of a newborn child, minors' access to confidential health care and related services, school policies addressing the prevention of and response to interpersonal and sexual violence, school breastfeeding accommodations, and school policies addressing the prevention of and response to sexual harassment.
10. Neutral and not reflect or promote bias against any person on the basis of the person's race, ethnicity, language, cultural background, citizenship, religion, HIV status, family structure, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or sexual behavior.
11. Prohibitive of employing gender stereotypes.
12. Inclusive of and may not be insensitive or unresponsive to the needs of survivors of interpersonal violence and sexual violence.
13. Neutral and not proselytize any religious doctrine.
14. Informative and not deliberately withhold health-promoting or life-saving information about culturally appropriate health care and services, including reproductive health services, hormone therapy, and FDA-approved treatments and options, including, but not limited to, Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PeP).
15. Consistent with the ethical imperatives of medicine and public health.

Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) Resource Materials; NSES Program Learning Standards

Rigorous learning standards for (a) comprehensive personal health and safety education for students in grades kindergarten through 5, and (b) comprehensive sexual health education for students in grades 6 through 12, including, but not limited to, all of the National Sex Education Standards, including information on consent and healthy relationships, anatomy and physiology, puberty and adolescent sexual development, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation and identity, sexual health, and interpersonal violence, as authored by the Future of Sex Education Initiative. As the National Sex Education Standards are updated, ISBE shall update these learning standards. ISBE, in consultation with youth, parents, sexual health and violence prevention experts, health care providers, advocates, and education practitioners, including, but not limited to, administrators, regional superintendents of schools, teachers, and school support personnel, shall develop and adopt rigorous learning standards in the area of comprehensive personal health and safety education for students grades K through 5 and comprehensive sexual health education for pupils in grades 6 through 12, including, but not limited to, all of the NSES, including information on consent and healthy relationships, anatomy and physiology, puberty and adolescent sexual development, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation and identity, sexual health, and interpersonal violence, as authored by the Future of Sex Education Initiative. As the NSES are updated, ISBE must update its learning standards.

Reporting NSES Program Instruction to ISBE

When reporting mechanisms exist, the District will report to ISBE:

1. Whether the District provides this NSES Program;
2. Who provided the instruction: a teacher in the school(s), a consultant, or a community group or organization, along with the name of the outside consultant, community group, or organization;
3. The number of students receiving instruction;
4. The number of students excused from instruction; and
5. The duration of instruction.

ISBE reports the results of this inquiry to the General Assembly annually, for a period of five years beginning on 8-20-22.

Adopted 5/10/22

6:60-AP3 Developmentally Appropriate Consent Education

The District offers age and developmentally appropriate consent education in grades K through 12 pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1b, added by P.A. 102-522. This administrative procedure contains two sections as follows:

5. Glossary of Terms
6. Developmentally Appropriate Consent Education Curriculum

Glossary of Terms

The current Definitions of 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1a(a) are incorporated here by reference.

Age and developmentally appropriate - Suitable to particular ages or age groups of children and adolescents, based on the developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group.

Consent - An affirmative, knowing, conscious, ongoing, and voluntary agreement to engage in interpersonal, physical, or sexual activity, which can be revoked at any point, including during the course of interpersonal, physical, or sexual activity.

Developmentally Appropriate Consent Education Curriculum

In grades K through 5, instruction and materials shall include age and developmentally appropriate instruction on consent and how to give and receive consent, including a discussion that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

1. Setting appropriate physical boundaries with others.
2. Respecting the physical boundaries of others.
3. The right to refuse to engage in behaviors or activities that are uncomfortable or unsafe.
4. Dealing with unwanted physical contact.
5. Helping a peer deal with unwanted physical contact.

In grades 6 through 12, instruction and materials shall include age and developmentally appropriate instruction on consent and how to give and receive consent, including a discussion that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

1. That consent is a freely given agreement to sexual activity.
2. That consent to one particular sexual activity does not constitute consent to other types of sexual activities.
3. That a person's lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission resulting from the use or threat of force does not constitute consent.
4. That a person's manner of dress does not constitute consent.
5. That a person's consent to past sexual activity does not constitute consent to future sexual activity.
6. That a person's consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not constitute consent to engage in sexual activity with another person.
7. That a person can withdraw consent at any time.
8. That a person cannot consent to sexual activity if that person is unable to understand the nature of the activity or give knowing consent due to certain circumstances that include, but are not limited to when the person is:
    a. Incapacitated due to the use or influence of alcohol or drugs;
    b. Asleep or unconscious;
    c. A minor; or
    d. Incapacitated due to a mental disability.

9. The legal age of consent in this State.

Adopted 5/10/22

6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is defined as the process through which students enhance their ability to integrate thinking, feeling, and behaving to achieve important life tasks. Students competent in SEL are able to recognize and manage their emotions, establish healthy relationships, set positive goals, meet personal and social needs, and make responsible and ethical decisions.

The Superintendent shall incorporate SEL into the District's curriculum and other educational programs consistent with the District's mission and the goals and benchmarks of the Ill. Learning Standards. The Ill. Learning Standards include three goals for students:

1. Develop self-awareness and self-management skills to achieve school and life success.
2. Use social-awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships.
3. Demonstrate decision-making skills and responsible behaviors in personal, school, and community contexts.

The incorporation of SEL objectives into the District's curriculum and other educational programs may include but is not limited to:

1. Classroom and school-wide programming to foster a safe, supportive learning environment where students feel respected and valued. This may include incorporating scientifically based, age-and-culturally appropriate classroom instruction, District-wide, and school-wide strategies that teach SEL skills, promote optimal mental health, and prevent risk behaviors for all students.
2. Staff development and training to promote students' SEL development. This may include providing all personnel with age-appropriate academic and SEL and how to promote it.
3. Parent/Guardian and family involvement to promote students' SEL development. This may include providing parents/guardians and families with learning opportunities related to the importance of their children's optimal SEL development and ways to enhance it.
4. Community partnerships to promote students' SEL development. This may include establishing partnerships with diverse community agencies and organizations to assure a coordinated approach to addressing children's mental health and SEL development.
5. Early identification and intervention to enhance students' school readiness, academic success, and use of good citizenship skills. This may include development of a system and procedures for periodic and universal screening, assessment, and early intervention for students who have significant risk factors for social, emotional, or mental health conditions that impact learning.
6. Treatment to prevent or minimize mental health conditions in students. This may include building and strengthening referral and follow-up procedures for providing effective clinical services for students with social, emotional, and mental health conditions that impact learning. This may include student and family support services, school-based behavioral health services, and school-community linked services and supports.
7. Assessment and accountability for teaching SEL skills to all students. This may include implementation of a process to assess and report baseline information and ongoing

progress about school climate, students' social and emotional development, and academic performance.

LEGAL REF.: Children's Mental Health Act, 405 ILCS 49/.

CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:270 (Guidance and Counseling Program), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:250 (Student Support Services)

Adopted 4/9/24

6:70 Teaching About Religions

The School District's curriculum may include the study of religions as they relate to geography, history, culture, and the development of various ethnic groups. The study of religions shall give neither preferential nor derogatory treatment to any single religion, religious belief, or to religion in general. The study of religions shall be treated as an academic subject with no emphasis on the advancement or practice of religion.

LEGAL REF.: School Dist. of Abington Twp v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203 (1963).

Allegheny County v. ACLU Pittsburgh Chapter, 492 U.S. 573 (1989).

CROSS REF.: 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:255 (Assemblies and Ceremonies)

Adopted 10/11/22

6:70-AP Administrative Procedure - Teaching About Religions

The following are guidelines for teaching about religions:

1. Instruction must be age-appropriate to ensure that students will not believe the District is sponsoring religion.
2. Instruction may expose students to religious views, but may not impose any particular views.
3. Instruction must be informational, not indoctrination.
4. Instruction must be academic, not devotional.
5. Instruction may study what people believe, but may not teach a student what to believe.
6. Instruction should include a variety of religions, but should not press for student acceptance of any one religion.

Within the parameters of the academic study of religion, teachers may display objects, artifacts, and symbols that illustrate a variety of religious customs, beliefs, and expressions. Any classroom and school display presented as a part of religious studies or holiday activities must meet the following criteria:

1. The display will be exhibited on a temporary basis.
2. The display will be constructed in a manner that presents no endorsement, favoritism, or promotion of a single religion or religious belief.
3. The display will include non-secular as well as secular symbols.
4. The display will include appropriate descriptive labels attached to the symbols.

Individual student participation in the preparation of a religious study display or a religious holiday display is strictly voluntary. If the display is a class activity, any student who wishes not to participate must be given an alternative assignment.

Adopted 10/11/22

6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues

The Superintendent shall ensure that all school-sponsored presentations and discussions of controversial or sensitive topics in the instructional program, including those made by guest speakers, are:

* Age-appropriate. Proper decorum, considering the students' ages, should be followed.
* Consistent with the curriculum and serve an educational purpose.
* Informative and present a balanced view.
* Respectful of the rights and opinions of everyone. Emotional criticisms and hurtful sarcasm should be avoided.
* Not tolerant of profanity or slander.

The District specifically reserves its right to stop any school-sponsored activity that it determines violates this policy, is harmful to the District or the students, or violates State or federal law.

LEGAL REF.: Garcetti v. Ceballos, 547 U.S. 410 (2006).

Mayer v. Monroe Cnty. Cmty. Sch. Corp., 474 F.3d 477 (7th Cir. 2007).

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:255 (Assemblies and Ceremonies)

Adopted 10/11/22

6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program

Animals may be brought into school facilities for educational purposes according to procedures developed by the Superintendent assuring: (a) the animal is appropriately housed, humanely cared for, and properly handled, and (b) students will not be exposed to a dangerous animal or an unhealthy environment.

Animal Experiments

Experiments on living animals are prohibited; however, behavior studies that do not impair an animal's health or safety are permissible.

Animal Dissection

The dissection of dead animals or parts of dead animals shall be allowed in the classroom only when the dissection exercise contributes to or is a part of an illustration of pertinent study materials. All dissection of animals shall be confined to the classroom and must comply with the School Code.

Students who object to performing, participating in, or observing the dissection of animals are excused from classroom attendance without penalty during times when such activities are taking place. No student will be penalized or disciplined for refusing to perform, participate in, or observe a dissection. The Superintendent or designee shall inform students of: (1) their right to refrain from performing, participating in, or observing dissection, and (2) which courses contain a dissection unit and which of those courses offers an alternative project.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.122, 5/27-14, and 112/.

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development)

Adopted 11/9/21

6:100-E1 Exhibit - Guidelines and Application for Using Animals in School Facilities for Educational Purposes

To be submitted to the Building Principal

This application must be approved before an animal may be brought into any school facility. Animals may be brought into the classroom or learning center for educational purposes, provided: 1) prior permission is received from both the supervising teacher and the Building Principal or designee; and 2) the following *Guidelines for Using Animals in School Facilities* are agreed to by the applicant, supervising teacher, and/or the animal owner.

Please print

Name and type of animal	School facility
Materials (i.e., cages, carriers, food, etc.)	Date(s) requested
Educational purpose	

Guidelines for Using Animals in School Facilities

Prohibited Animals

The following animals are prohibited in school facilities:

1. Inherently dangerous animals (e.g., lions, tigers, cougars, and bears)
2. Nonhuman primates (e.g., monkeys and apes)
3. Mammals at high-risk for transmitting rabies (e.g., bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes)
4. Aggressive or unpredictable animals, wild or domestic
5. Stray animals with unknown health and vaccination history
6. Venomous or toxin-producing animals (e.g., certain spiders, insects, reptiles, and amphibians)

Vaccination Requirements

Prior to bringing certain animals into school facilities, current health records and/or proof of current vaccination is required as follows:

1. **Cats** – A health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian showing proof of current vaccination against feline distemper/upper respiratory vaccine (FVRCP), feline leukemia, feline chlamydiosis, and rabies; and proof of a negative fecal exam or successful treatment for internal parasites within the past six months.
2. **Dogs** – A health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian showing proof of current vaccination against canine distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, canine parainfluenza (CPIV), parovirus, Bordatella, and rabies; and proof of a negative fecal exam or successful treatment for internal parasites within the past six months.
3. **Ferrets** – A health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian showing proof of current vaccination against rabies; and proof of a negative fecal exam or successful treatment for internal parasites within the past six months.
4. **Psittacine Birds** – Proof of treatment or negative test results for psittacosis (avian chlamydiosis).

General Guidelines

To protect students and staff from zoonotic diseases, the following guidelines apply to animals brought into school facilities for educational purposes:

1. The Building Principal or designee must approve all animals brought into school facilities.
2. Animals must be clean and free of intestinal parasites, fleas, ticks, and mites.
3. Students must be supervised by District staff during all human-animal contact.
4. Animals should be handled humanely.
5. Animals should be displayed in enclosed cages or under appropriate restraint (e.g., leash).
6. Animals may not roam free, fly free or have contact with wild animals.
7. No animals are allowed in areas where food or drink is prepared or consumed.
8. Food for animals must be stored in air-tight, closed contains (preferably hard plastic) to prevent spills and attracting nuisance animals and/or insects.
9. Anyone handling animals must wash his/her hands thoroughly with warm water and soap afterwards. Hand sanitizer may not be used as a substitute for soap and water.
10. Areas where animals have been present must be cleaned and disinfected by District staff.
11. Animal waste must be appropriately disposed of by a District staff member (e.g., using disposable plastic gloves and plastic bags). **Under no circumstances are students allowed to clean cages/aquariums or handle animal waste**.
12. The supervising teacher must:
    A. Consult with parent(s)/guardian(s) to determine any special considerations needed for students who are immunocompromised or have allergies, asthma, or other health concerns; and
    B. Complete and issue the *Student Permission for Exposure to Animal(s)* form to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of all students who will be exposed to the animal(s).
13. A responsible adult must accompany all animal visits into school facilities.

Procedures for the Housing, Care and Handling of Specific Animals

1. **Dogs** – All dogs must be housebroken.
2. **Farm animals** – Due to the risk of E. coli O157:H7, Salmonella, Campylobacter, and Cryptosporidium, these animals are not appropriate unless meticulous attention to personal hygiene can be assured.
3. **Ferrets** – Ferrets bite when startled, therefore students should not handle ferrets in the classroom. Students under the age of five are prohibited from having contact with these animals.
4. **Fish** – Use disposable gloves when cleaning aquariums. Do not dispose of aquarium water in sinks used for food preparation or for obtaining drinking water.
5. **Hamsters, Guinea pigs, and Gerbils** – Due to the risk of Salmonella bacteria and Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus, special care must be taken when students handle these animals. Students under the age of five are prohibited from having contact with these animals.
6. **Psittacine Birds** – Because these birds (e.g., parrots, parakeets, budgies, and cockatiels) can carry disease, students are prohibited from handling them. Staff members should clean cages when students are not present.
7. **Reptiles and Amphibians** – Due to the risk of Salmonella bacteria, special precautions must be taken when students handle these animals. Students under the age of five are prohibited from having contact with these animals.

Animal-Related Injuries

If an animal bites, scratches, or otherwise injures someone at school and the skin is pierced, the Building Principal or designee will ensure:

1. The teacher immediately reports the incident to the Building Principal or designee and school nurse;
2. If necessary, the school nurse notifies public health authorities;
3. The school nurse notifies the student's parent(s)/guardian(s); and
4. An incident/accident report is completed by the staff member responsible at the time of the injury and forwarded to the school nurse.

Additional Applicant, Supervising Teacher, and Animal Owner Responsibilities

1. Applicant responsibilities:
   A. The applicant must have a plan that assures the animal is appropriately housed, humanely cared for, and properly handled.
   B. The applicant must submit health records and/or proof of current vaccination as set forth in these *Guidelines for Using Animals in School Facilities.*
   C. Animals are not to be transported on school buses.
1. 2. Supervising teacher and/or facility staff responsibilities:
   A. The supervising teacher signing the application must assume primary responsibility for the animal.
   B. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.
   C. If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, the teacher must make arrangements for their care and safety.
3. Animal owner's responsibilities:
   A. The animal's owner agrees to hold the District, its employees, agents, and assigns harmless for any injury to, including death of, the animal.
   B. The animal's owner, if different from the person making the application, must sign below demonstrating that he or she granted permission for the animal to come into the classroom and agrees to the conditions set forth in this application.

I agree to abide by the *Guidelines for Using Animals in School Facilities* outlined above in this application.

Applicant (*please print*)	Telephone number
Address	
Applicant's signature	Date
Supervising teacher (*please print*)	
Supervising teacher's signature	Date
Animal owner's name if different from applicant (*please print*)	
Animal owner's signature	Date

The Building Principal will base his or her decision on the information being provided in this application as well as other criteria deemed important. *Note to Building Principal or designee: after approving or denying this application, return a copy of it to the applicant and keep the original in the school office.*

☐ **Approved** ☐ **Denied**

Building Principal or designee's signature	Date

Adopted 11/9/21

6:100-E2 Exhibit - Student Permission for Exposure to Animals

To be used when animal(s) are brought into the classroom or learning center for educational purposes.

Student:_____ Grade/Teacher:_____

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As allergies, asthma, immune challenges, and/or other health needs may make animal contact inappropriate for some students, District guidelines require prior parent/guardian permission for student contact with animal(s) in school.

On ___*(insert date)*___, the following animal(s) will visit my classroom for educational purposes:

☐ Cat ☐ Bird ☐ Ferret ☐ Guinea Pig
☐ Dog ☐ Rabbit ☐ Hamster ☐ Reptile or amphibian
☐ Rat ☐ Mouse ☐ Gerbil ☐ Other_____

The following animals are prohibited in schools: venomous or toxin-producing animals (e.g., certain spiders, insects, reptiles, and amphibians), wild or exotic animals, mammals at high-risk for transmitting rabies (e.g., bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes), non-human primates, stray animals, or aggressive/unpredictable animals.

The Building Principal or designee will ensure that the District's *Guidelines for Using Animals in School Facilities* are followed. You may find these *Guidelines* in the school office. I will also supervise the entire student-animal contact session, have a clean and disinfected area for showing the animal(s), not allow food or drink in the animal showing area, and appropriately dispose of animal waste. **Under no circumstances are students allowed to clean cages or handle animal waste.**

Please complete and return this form to me by_____*(insert date)*___. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at _____*(insert contact information)*_____.

To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian:

☐ I **do** permit my child identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of my child's exposure to the animal(s) listed above.

☐ I **do not** permit my child identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I understand that when the animal(s) listed above are present, my child will be excused from classroom attendance without penalty and given an alternative educational activity.

_____
Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*)

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Adopted 11/9/21

6:100-AP Administrative Procedure - Dissection of Animals

Actor	Action	Time
Curriculum Director	Identifies: (1) which, if any, courses contain a dissection project, and (2) the available alternative projects. Reports this information to the Building Principal. "Dissection" includes cutting, killing, preserving, or mounting of living or dead animals or animal parts for scientific study; it does not include the cutting, preserving, or mounting of: (1) meat or other animal products that have been processed for use as food or in the preparation of food, or (2) wool, silk, glue, or other commercial or artistic products derived from animals. 105 ILCS 112/10. Students who object to performing, participating in, or observing a dissection must be excused from classroom attendance without penalty. 105 ILCS 112/25.	Throughout the curriculum development process
Building Principal	Ensures that course descriptions indicate which courses contain a dissection unit. For such courses, indicates that objecting students have the right to refrain, and the availability, if any, of an alternative. ISBE guidelines for notifying students, parents, administrators, and teachers are available at: www.isbe.net/Documents/alternatives_dissection_2000.pdf#search=dissection.	Annually when course offerings and descriptions are distributed to students
School Counselors and Teachers	Reminds objecting students to check the expectations and requirements of the post-secondary schools that they may be interested in attending. 105 ILCS 112/20(b).	Whenever a student may choose between dissection and an alternative program
Students	If dissection is objectionable, asks the teacher to be excused from the dissection project and requests an alternative project.	Within the first 10 days of the course, if possible
All Staff Members	Do not penalize or discriminate against a student in any way for refusing to perform, participate in, or observe dissection. 105 ILCS 112/25.	Continuously

Adopted 5/10/22

6:110 Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, maintain, and supervise a program for students at risk of academic failure or dropping out of school. The program shall include education and support services addressing individual learning styles, career development, and social needs, and may include without limitation one or more of the following:

- Parent-teacher conferences
- Counseling services by social workers and/or guidance counselors
- Counseling services by psychologists
- Psychological testing
- Truants' alternative and optional education program
- Alternative school placement
- Community agency services
- Alternative learning opportunities program, in conformity with the Alternative Learning Opportunities Law, as it may be amended from time to time
- Graduation incentives program
- Remediation program

Any student who is below the age of 20 years is eligible to enroll in a graduation incentives program if he or she:

30. Is considered a dropout according to State law;
31. Has been suspended or expelled;
32. Is pregnant or is a parent;
33. Has been assessed as chemically dependent; or
34. Is enrolled in a bilingual education or English Language Learners program.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.41, 5/2-3.66, 5/10-20.9a, 5/13B, 5/26-2a, 5/26-13, 5/26-14, and 5/26-16.

CROSS REF.: 6:280 (Grading and Promotion), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy)

Adopted 2/11/25

6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities

The School District shall provide a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment and necessary related services to all children with disabilities enrolled in the District, as required by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and implementing provisions of the School Code, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans With Disabilities Act. The term *children with disabilities*, as used in this policy, means children between ages 3 and 21 (inclusive) for whom it is determined, through definitions and procedures described in the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) *Special Education* rules, that special education services are needed. Children with disabilities who turn 22 years old during the school year are eligible for such services through the end of the school year.

It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be disabled within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act even though they do not require services pursuant to IDEA.

For students eligible for services under IDEA, the District shall follow procedures for identification, evaluation, placement, and delivery of services to children with disabilities provided in the ISBE *Special Education* rules. For those students who are not eligible for services under IDEA, but, because of disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need or are believed to need special instruction or related services, the District shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards. The safeguards shall cover students' identification, evaluation, and educational placement. This system shall include notice, an opportunity for the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with opportunity for participation by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

The District may maintain membership in one or more cooperative associations of school districts that shall assist the District in fulfilling its obligations to the District's students with disabilities.

If necessary, students may also be placed in nonpublic special education programs or education facilities.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq., Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

29 U.S.C. §794, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504.

42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq., Americans With Disabilities Act.

34 C.F.R. Part 106.

34 C.F.R. Part 300.

105 ILCS 5/14-1.01 et seq., 5/14-7.02, and 5/14-7.02b.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 226.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

Adopted 5/14/22

6:120-AP1 Administrative Procedure - Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities

The District's special education procedures are available at *South Beloit District Office, 850 Hayes Ave, IL 61080 815-389-3478*

Adopted 10/8/24

6:120-AP1, E1 Exhibit - Notice to Parents/Guardians Regarding Section 504 Rights

On District letterhead.

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Re: Section 504 Rights

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly referred to as *Section 504*, is a nondiscrimination statute enacted by the U.S. Congress. The Act's purpose is to: (1) protect the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the U.S. Dept. of Education (ED), and (2) ensure that disabled students have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to non-disabled students.

An eligible student under Section 504 is a student who: has a record of having, or is regarded as having, a *physical or mental impairment* which substantially limits a *major life activity* as defined by 34 C.F.R. §104.3.

This notice describes the rights ensured by Section 504 to those disabled students who do not qualify for special education and related services under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The intent of this notice is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any decisions in reference to Section 504. If you have questions about the identification, assessment, and placement of children eligible for Section 504, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator at *[insert phone number and location]*.

Please keep this explanation for future reference.

Parents/Guardians and/or students have the right to:

- Be informed by the School District of your rights and procedural safeguards under Section 504 in an understandable language. 34 C.F.R. Part 104. The purpose of this notice is to advise parents/guardians and/or students of these rights.
- The services of an interpreter, for parents/guardians who are deaf or do not typically communicate using spoken English and who participate in a Section 504 meeting. 105 ILCS 5/14-6.01.
- A free appropriate public education designed to meet a student's individual educational needs as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students are met. 34 C.F.R. §104.33.
- Free educational services except for those fees that are imposed on non-disabled students or their parents/guardians. Insurers and similar third parties are not relieved from an otherwise valid obligation to provide or pay for services provided to a disabled student. 34 C.F.R. §104.33.
- A placement in the least restrictive environment to the maximum extent appropriate to meet the student's needs. 34 C.F.R. §104.34.
- Facilities, services, and activities comparable to those provided for non-disabled students. 34 C.F.R. §104.34.
- An evaluation prior to an initial Section 504 placement and any subsequent significant change in placement. 34 C.F.R. §104.35.
- Testing and other evaluation procedures conforming to the requirements of 34 C.F.R. §104.35(b) as to validation, administration, areas of evaluation, etc. The District shall consider information from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, teacher recommendations, physical conditions, social and cultural background, adaptive behavior, physical or medical reports, student grades, progress reports,

parent/guardian observations, anecdotal reports and standardized test scores. 34 C.F.R. §104.35(c).

Placement decisions made by a group of persons, i.e., a Section 504 committee, including the parents/guardians and persons knowledgeable about the student, the meaning of the evaluation data, the placement options, and the legal requirements for the least restrictive environment and comparable facilities. 34 C.F.R. §104.35(c).

Periodic reevaluation of students who have been provided special education and related services. 34 C.F.R. §104.35(d).

A notice prior to any action by the District in regard to the identification, evaluation, or placement of the student. 34 C.F.R. §104.36.

Examine relevant records. 34 C.F.R. §104.36.

An impartial hearing regarding the student's identification, evaluation, or educational placement including an opportunity for parental participation in the hearing and representation by an attorney, and a review procedure. 34 C.F.R. §104.36.
[Insert details regarding the district's hearing and review procedures.]

File a grievance under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, regarding any complaints that allege action prohibited by Section 504.

File a complaint with the District's Section 504 coordinator or designee concerning Section 504 matters other than your student's identification, evaluation and/or placement. The Section 504 coordinator or designee will investigate the allegations to the extent warranted by the nature of the complaint in an effort to reach a prompt and equitable resolution.

File a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights. The Illinois regional Office of Civil Rights is located in Chicago at:

Chicago Office
Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Education
John C. Kluczynski Federal Building
200 S. Dearborn Street, 37th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: 312/730-1560
Fax: 312/730-1576
TDD: 800/877-8339
Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

If you would like more information about the differences between Section 504 and IDEA, see *Protecting Students with Disabilities FAQ about Section 504 and the Education of Children with Disabilities,* available at: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

Adopted 12/12/23

6:120-AP1, E2 Exhibit – Special Education Required Notice and Consent Forms

Below is the URL to Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) updated *Special Education Required Notice and Consent Forms* and instructions to understand the purpose and use of each form. The forms are the official versions of the State-required forms. The URL also provides access to each form in languages other than English.

www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Required-Notice-and-Consent-Forms.aspx

Adopted 2/11/25

6:120-AP2 Administrative Procedure - Access to Classrooms and Personnel

Access to classrooms and personnel is permitted in limited situations by 105 ILCS 5/14-8.02(g-5). Guidelines follow:

1. These guidelines apply to access requested by the parent/guardian of a student receiving special education services or being evaluated for eligibility, an independent educational evaluator, or a qualified professional retained by or on behalf of a parent/guardian or student. A *qualified professional* means "an individual who holds credentials to evaluate the child in the domain or domains for which an evaluation is sought or an intern working under the direct supervision of a qualified professional, including a master's or doctoral degree candidate." These individuals are referred to in this procedure as *visitors*.
2. Visitors will be afforded reasonable access to educational facilities, personnel, classrooms, and buildings and to the student. To minimize disruption, reasonable access means that the parent(s)/guardian(s) or qualified professional retained by or on behalf of the parent(s)/guardian(s) or student is allowed access once per school quarter for up to one hour or one class period. A visitor may request the authorized administrator to grant longer or additional observations based on individual circumstances and provide any supporting documentation in support of such a request. A professional evaluator can request longer or additional observations in his or her initial request. The administrator may grant, deny, or modify the request, and the administrator's decision shall be final.
3. Visitors must comply with:
    a. School safety, security, and visitation policies at all times.
    b. Applicable privacy laws, including those laws protecting the confidentiality of education records such as the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Illinois School Student Records Act.
    c. Board policy 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*. Visitors may not disrupt the educational process.
4. If the visitor is a parent/guardian, he or she will be afforded reasonable access as described above for the purpose of:
    a. Observing his or her child in the child's current educational placement, services, or program, or
    b. Visiting an educational placement or program proposed for the child by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team.
5. If the visitor is an independent educational evaluator or a qualified professional retained by or on behalf of a parent/guardian or student, he or she must be afforded reasonable access of sufficient duration and scope for the purpose of conducting an evaluation of the student, the student's performance, the student's current educational program, placement, services, or environment, or any educational program, placement, services, or environment proposed for the student, including interviews of educational personnel, student observations, assessments, tests, or assessments of the student's educational program, services, or placement or of any educational program proposed by the IEP team, services, or placement. If one or more interviews of school personnel are part of the evaluation, the interviews must be conducted at a mutually agreed upon time, date, and place that do not interfere with the school employee's school duties. The Building Principal or designee may limit interviews to

personnel having information relevant to the student's current educational services, program, or placement or to a proposed educational service, program, or placement.

6. Prior to visiting a school, school building, or school facility, a visitor must complete 6:120-AP2, E1, *Request to Access Classroom(s) or Personnel for Special Education Evaluation and/or Observation Purposes*. This form serves to:
    a. Inform the Building Principal or designee in writing of the proposed visit(s), the purpose, and the duration, and
    b. Identify requested dates/times for the visit(s) to facilitate scheduling.
7. The student's parent/guardian must consent in writing to the student being interviewed by the named evaluator as part of a visit. The parent/guardian will grant this consent by completing 6:120-AP2, E1, *Request to Access Classroom(s) or Personnel for Special Education Evaluation and/or Observation Purposes*.
8. The student's parent/guardian, or the student, if he or she is over the age of 18, must execute an Authorization to Release Student Record Information before an independent educational evaluator or a qualified professional retained by or on behalf of a parent/guardian or student will be given access to student school records or to personnel who would likely release such records during discussions about the student. If a student is over the age of 12 and the records contain mental health and/or developmental disability information, the student must also be requested to sign the Authorization to Release Student Record Information before any observation by or disclosure of school student records or information to a visitor.
9. The visitor must acknowledge, before the visit, that he or she is obligated to honor students' confidentiality rights and refrain from any re-disclosure of such records and/or information. The visitor will provide this acknowledgment and agreement by completing 6:120-AP2, E1, *Request to Access Classroom(s) or Personnel for Special Education Evaluation and/or Observation Purposes*.
10. The Building Principal or designee will attempt to arrange the visit(s) at times that are mutually agreeable. The Building Principal or designee will accompany any visitor for the duration of the visit, including during any interviews of staff members.
11. If the visitor is a professional retained by the parent/guardian, the visitor must provide identification and credentials before the visit.
12. This procedure applies to any public school facility, building, or program and to any facility, building, or program supported in whole or in part by public funds. The student's case manager or other School District designee must facilitate such visit(s) when the student attends a program outside of the District, such as at a private day program or residential program, provided it is supported in whole or in part by public funds.

Adopted 2/11/25

6:120-AP2, E1 Exhibit - Request to Access Classroom(s) or Personnel for Special Education Evaluation and/or Observation Purposes

Student name:_____ DOB:_____

School attending:_____ Grade:_____

The following information must be completed by individuals requesting to access a school building, facility, and/or educational programs or to interview School District personnel or the student named above for the purpose of assessing the student's special education needs. Please complete this form and return it to the Building Principal or Program Director where the student is enrolled. He or she will contact you to coordinate your visit:

Parent/Guardian *(Complete this section if the person making the request is the parent/guardian.)*

Name:_____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

Address:_____

☐ I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student and wish to observe my child in the following classroom/settings:_____

for the purpose of:_____

☐ I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student and wish to observe the following classroom/settings which have been recommended for my child: _____

_____

_____

for the purpose of:_____

Observations are limited to one hour or one class period per school quarter.

Independent Evaluator or Other Qualified Professional *(Complete this section if the person making the request is not the parent/guardian.)*

Name:_____ Agency/Company:_____

Phone:_____ Email address: _____

_____

Address:_____

My professional training and/or licensure or certification, if applicable, is (check all that apply):

☐ Teacher, certified in the areas of:_____Illinois certified? ☐Y ☐N

☐ Clinical Psychologist ☐ School Psychologist

☐ Licensed Clinical Social Worker ☐ Licensed Social Worker

☐ School Social Worker ☐ Occupational Therapist

☐ Physical Therapist ☐ Speech/Language Pathologist

☐ Audiologist ☐ Psychiatrist

☐ Registered Nurse ☐ Certified School Nurse

☐ Other qualified professional (*list credentials*):_____

I have been requested by the above named student's parent/guardian to conduct an evaluation of the student for the purpose of:_____

_____

As part of this evaluation, I am requesting the following for the length of time noted (*check all that apply*):

☐ Observation of student in the following classroom(s)/setting(s):_____

_____ Duration:_____

☐ Opportunity to interview the following personnel believed to work with the student: _____

_____ Duration:_____

☐ Opportunity to interview the student.

☐ I will need more than one hour or one class period for my visit for the following reason(s):

_____

☐ Student records, as noted in the attached, signed Authorization to Release Student Record Information.

Acknowledgement *(To be completed by the person making the access request.)*

I understand that the District will allow me reasonable access to the school, school facilities, or educational programs or individual(s) I have requested as related to the purpose of my visit. I have been provided with a copy of 6:120-AP2, *Access to Classrooms and Personnel*, and agree to comply with its terms and conditions. I further understand that during my visit, I must honor all students' confidentiality rights and refrain from any re-disclosure of such records, information, and/or observations.

_____ _____

Individual Requesting Access Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Verification *(Must be completed whenever an independent evaluator or other qualified professional requests access.)*

I, _____, am the parent/guardian of the above-named student, and I confirm that I have requested an evaluation of my child by the individual named herein, for the stated purpose(s). If requested above, I consent to my child being interviewed by the named evaluator as part of this visit understanding that the District has not conducted a background check on the evaluator. I have no reason to believe the evaluator poses a safety risk to my child or others. I further understand and agree that it is my responsibility to notify the District in writing if I end my working relationship with the named evaluator prior to the completion of the tasks outlined herein and that the District otherwise will work with the evaluator to provide reasonable access to the school, school building, school facility, personnel, or my child at mutually agreed upon times and in a manner that is least disruptive to the school setting or my child's academic program.

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Adopted 2/11/25

6:120-AP3 Administrative Procedure – Service Animals

State and federal laws allow a student with a disability to be accompanied by a service animal that is individually trained to perform work or tasks for the benefit of a student. The animal may accompany the student to all school functions, whether in or outside the classroom. Use this procedure to identify and manage legal and practical issues when a student with a disability uses a service animal at school.

Definitions

Service Animal - A dog or miniature horse trained or being trained as a hearing animal, guide animal, assistance animal, seizure alert animal, mobility animal, psychiatric service animal, autism service animal, or animal otherwise trained to assist an individual with a physical, mental or intellectual disability, according to State law. 105 ILCS 5/14-6.02; 720 ILCS 5/48-8. Federal law defines *service animal* as any *dog* or *miniature horse* 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.

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.

For more information about the definition of *service animal*, see the following U.S. Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Div., *Disability Rights Section*, documents:

Service Animals at: www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm.

Frequently Asked Questions about Service Animals and the ADA at: www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html.

Handler - 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.

Actor	Action
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.
Superintendent or designee	Discusses this procedure with the Building Principal, other appropriate administrative and special education staff, and the Board Attorney.

Actor	Action
	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. The Superintendent may want to authorize the Building Principal to consult with the Board Attorney as needed for this issue. Contacts the District's insurance carrier(s) to assess appropriate coverage for issues involving service animals, including a handler. Informs all Building Principals 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 all school facilities or functions. 105 ILCS 5/14-6.02 grants a student with a disability the right to bring a service animal to all school functions, whether in or outside the classroom. 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(a). Discusses 6:120-AP3, E1, *Guidelines for Service Animals in School Facilities*, 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. It 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. See Board policy 6:120, *Education of Children with Disabilities*. If a student does not qualify as a student with a disability, consult the Board Attorney 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 positive, i.e., determines that the service

Actor	Action
	animal will perform tasks for the benefit of a student with a disability. Informs the parent/guardian that the student's service animal may accompany the student to school, and explains that the service animal must be under the control of its handler at all times and housebroken. 28 C.F.R. 35.136(b), and (d). 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 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 226; 34 C.F.R. Parts 104 and 300; and 6:120-AP1, E1, *Notice to Parents/Guardians Regarding Section 504 Rights*. 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 Principal	**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 6:120-AP3, E1, *Guidelines for Service Animals in School Facilities*. 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 6:120-AP3, E1, *Guidelines for Service Animals in School Facilities*, with building staff. 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) pursuant to policy 6:250, *Community Resource Persons and Volunteers*. See 6:250-AP, *Resource Persons and/or School Volunteers; Screening,* and 6:250-E, *Resource Person and Volunteer Information Form and Waiver of Liability*. ADA regulations, 28 C.F.R. §§35.130(f) and 35.136(h), and the Ill. White Cane Law, 775 ILCS 30/3, both prohibit charging a disabled individual a deposit or a surcharge as a condition to allowing a service animal to accompany the disabled individual. Consult the Board Attorney about payment of any criminal background screening fees for an adult handler. Creates a plan with the student's parent/guardian and the handler for:

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	1. Integrating the animal into the classroom and school environment (assemblies, cafeteria, library, etc.), and 2. Meeting the service animal's basic needs during the school day. 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); Alboniga v. Sch. Bd. of Broward Co. Fla., 87 F.Supp.3d 1319 (S.D.FL. 2015). Checks with the school nurse regarding any known allergies among students attending the school. Manages identified students' competing educational interests by: 1. With the Superintendent's permission, consulting the Board Attorney. 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 Kalbfleisch ex rel. v. Columbia Cmty. Unit Sch. Dist., 396 Ill.App.3d 1105 (5th Dist. 2009), for a discussion about the balancing of interests. Other helpful publications include: The U.S. Dept. 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. See: www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/acshbom3.pdf. The Ill. Attorney General Office's *Disability Rights Service Animals: A Guide for Illinois Businesses and Other Public Accommodations* at: www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/servanimals.html. The U.S. Dept. of Justice's *Commonly Asked Questions about Service Animals in Places of Business* at: www.ada.gov/qasrvc.htm.

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	Klein, Thorp and Jenkins, Ltd. and the Ill. Association of School Boards' *Service Animals Factsheet Q & A* at: www.iasb.com/IASB/media/Documents/ServiceAnimalsQA2019.pdf. 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 Principal 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. 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 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and its implementing rules at 34 C.F.R. Part 99; Ill. School Student Records Act, 105 ILCS 10/, and its implementing rules at 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 375. 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 7:340, *Student Records*. 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 the Humane Care of Animals Act, 510 ILCS 70/4.03, 70/4.04, and 70/7.15 (makes it unlawful to meddle or tamper with a service dog or to tease, strike or mistreat one); Ill. White Cane Law, 775 ILCS 30/4 (makes it unlawful to interfere with the rights of a disabled person). Contacts the student's parent/guardian if at any time the animal fails to meet the guidelines listed in 6:120-AP3, E1, *Guidelines for Service Animals in School Facilities*. **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, and 3. Housebroken. Informs staff that the animal may not be taken away from the student.

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	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 6:120-AP3, E1, *Guidelines for Service Animals in School Facilities*. Contacts animal control if the Principal or designee believes the animal is not properly vaccinated, licensed, may be dangerous, or is sick.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/14-6.02.

510 ILCS 70/, Humane Care for Animals Act.

775 ILCS 30/, Ill. White Cane Law.

28 C.F.R. Part 35.

34 C.F.R. Parts 100 and 300.

Adopted 10/11/22

6:120-AP3, E1 Exhibit - Guidelines for Service Animals in School Facilities

For use by Superintendent and Building Principal only.

This exhibit's guidelines are not intended for use as an agreement between the District and its students and their parents/guardians as a condition of the student using a service animal. It is intended for use by the Building Principals to:

1. Ensure that the legitimate safety interests of staff and students are met,
2. Inform their individual building staff of these guidelines when service animals are present in their individual buildings, and
3. Request that staff members inform the Building Principal if they observe a service animal that is not meeting any of the listed guidelines.

These guidelines are not based on speculation, stereotypes, or generalizations about students with disabilities. Each guideline includes an explanation based upon State and federal law with legal citations and resources that provide further information.

☐ **The animal is *individually trained* to perform tasks for the benefit of a student with a disability.**

Explanation	Legal Citation(s) and Resources
A service animal must perform work or an individualized task(s) for the benefit of a student with a disability. When it is not obvious what service the service animal provides, only the following questions may be asked: 1. Is the animal a service animal required because of a disability? 2. What work or task has the service animal been trained to perform?	105 ILCS 5/14-6.02 requires the service animal to be *individually trained* to perform tasks for the benefit of a student with a disability. 28 C.F.R. §§35.104 and 35.136 mirror state law and require that the work or tasks performed by a service animal be directly related to the student's disability. Section 35.104 defines work or tasks, which 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. **Note**: Providing emotional support, well-being, comfort, companionship or being present to deter criminal behaviors does not satisfy the requirement to "perform work or tasks."

☐ **The animal has a current rabies vaccination tag.**

Explanation	Legal Citation(s) and Resources
A service animal must have a current rabies vaccination and tag for the safety interests of all individuals in the school environment.	510 ILCS 5/8 requires a current rabies vaccination, which is verified through a current rabies vaccination tag. Because State law requires animals to receive this vaccination, it is a legitimate safety requirement that is based upon an actual risk for the service animal to access school facilities. 28 C.F.R. §35.130(h).
School officials must always assume that the service animal is properly licensed.	Federal law does not allow the District to ask for proof of a license. This is true even when local municipalities, cities, or villages within the District's boundaries have additional registration requirements. The U.S. Dept. of Justice opines that unlicensed animals do not pose the same safety concern as those that are not vaccinated, i.e., the fundamental nature of the school environment is not affected by failing to obtain a license. The District may call animal control if there is a legitimate suspicion that the animal is not licensed, and the animal's owner may then be subject to a fine. However, the animal must still be allowed in the school.

☐ **The handler(s) may lawfully: 1. Be on school property, and**
2. Have contact with children.

Explanation	Legal Citation(s) and Resources
The animal handler must not be a person who is a *sex offender*, as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a *violent offender against youth*, as defined in the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.	720 ILCS 5/11-9.3 prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property when persons under the age of 18 are present. Because this requirement is State law, it is a legitimate safety requirement based upon an actual risk for the service animal's handler to access school facilities. 28 C.F.R. §35.130(h). The U.S. Dept. of Justice opines that a service animal's handler should be treated the same as the District treats all other resource persons and volunteers. **Note**: Some school boards forbid the use of convicted felons as volunteers. Board policy 6:250, *Community Resource Persons and Volunteers,* requires the Superintendent to establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons and volunteers. 6:250-AP, *Resource Persons and/or School Volunteers; Screening*, requires criminal history records checks for individuals who work in

Explanation	Legal Citation(s) and Resources
	direct contact with students or where a check would be prudent.

☐ **The animal is under the control of the handler and housebroken.**

Explanation	Legal Citation(s) and Resources
A service animal must be under the control of its handler. A service animal must be housebroken.	Federal law allows exclusion of a service animal from the school environment when its handler is not able to take effective action to control the animal or the animal is not housebroken. The U.S. Dept. of Justice opines that one accident, however, will not be sufficient for exclusion of a service animal. 28 C.F.R. §35.136. For more examples and explanation regarding effective action to control a service animal and whether an animal is housebroken, see Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II Regulations, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services, *2010 Guidance and Section-by-Section Analysis* at: www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/titleII_2010_regulations.htm.

Adopted 10/11/22

6:120-AP4 Administrative Procedure - Care of Students with Diabetes

The Ill. Council of School Attorneys prepared material for implementing the Care of Students with Diabetes Act (105 ILCS 145/). This material includes:

1. Sample procedures for the care of students with diabetes
2. Answers to FAQs on: Process for selecting a Delegated Care Aide; Training; Developing a diabetes care plan; Classroom management; and Sample Authorization, Release, and Acknowledgement

The material is posted on the IASB website at: iasb.com/law/diabmats.cfm.

School officials should periodically check the IASB website for updates to the material that are made in response to legislation or other developments.

Adopted 11/9/21

6:130 Program for the Gifted

The Superintendent or designee shall implement an education program for gifted and talented learners that will challenge and motivate academically advanced learners and engage them in appropriately differentiated learning experiences to develop their unique abilities. If the State Superintendent of Education issues a Request for Proposals because sufficient State funding is available to support local programs of gifted education, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board concerning the feasibility and advisability of developing a "plan for gifted education" that would qualify for State funding.

Eligibility to participate in the gifted program shall not be conditioned upon race, religion, sex, disability, or any factor other than the student's identification as gifted or talented learner.

The School Board will monitor this program's performance by meeting periodically with the Superintendent or designee to determine and/or review the indicators and data that evidence whether the educational program for gifted and talented learners is accomplishing its goals and objectives and is otherwise in compliance with this policy.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/14A.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 227.

CROSS REF.: 6:135 (Accelerated Placement Program)

Adopted 5/14/22

6:135 Accelerated Placement Program

The District provides an Accelerated Placement Program (APP). The APP advances the District's goal of providing educational programs with opportunities for each student to develop to his or her maximum potential. The APP provides an educational setting with curriculum options usually reserved for students who are older or in higher grades than the student participating in the APP. APP options include, but may not be limited to: (a) accelerating a student in a single subject; (b) other grade-level acceleration; and (c) early entrance to kindergarten or first grade. Participation in the APP is open to all students who demonstrate high ability and who may benefit from accelerated placement. It is not limited to students who have been identified as gifted and talented. Eligibility to participate in the District's APP shall not be conditioned upon the protected classifications identified in School Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*, or any factor other than the student's identification as an accelerated learner.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement an APP that includes:

1. Decision-making processes that are fair, equitable, and involve multiple individuals, e.g. District administrators, teachers, and school support personnel, and a student's parent(s)/guardian(s);
2. Notification processes that notify a student's parent(s)/guardian(s) of a decision affecting a student's participation in the APP;
3. Assessment processes that include multiple valid, reliable indicators; and
4. The automatic enrollment, in the following school term, of a student into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework offered by the high school if the student meets or exceeds State standards in English language arts, mathematics, or science on a State assessment administered under 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5, as follows:
    a. A student who meets or exceeds State standards in English language arts shall be automatically enrolled into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in English, social studies, humanities, or related subjects.
    b. A student who meets or exceeds State standards in mathematics shall be automatically enrolled into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in mathematics.
    c. A student who meets or exceeds State standards in science shall be automatically enrolled into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in science.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify the community, parent(s)/guardian(s), students, and school personnel about the APP, the process for referring a student for possible evaluation for accelerated placement, and the methods used to determine whether a student is eligible for accelerated placement, including strategies to reach groups of students and families who have been historically underrepresented in accelerated placement programs and advanced coursework. Notification may: (a) include varied communication methods, such as student handbooks and District or school websites; and (b) be provided in multiple languages, as appropriate.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/14A.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 227, Gifted Education.

CROSS REF.: 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:130 (Program for the Gifted), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

Adopted 8/8/23

6:135-AP Administrative Procedure - Accelerated Placement Program Procedures

The District's Accelerated Placement Program (APP) places qualified students in an educational setting that includes curriculum usually reserved for students who are older or in higher grades than the student, and is implemented by the Superintendent or designee. 105 ILCS 5/14A.

This administrative procedure contains seven sections as follows:

1. Definitions
2. Annual Notification
3. Referral Process
4. Evaluation Process
5. Eligibility Determination
6. Automatic Enrollment in Advanced High School Coursework
7. Program Reporting, Review, and Expanded Access Plan

Definitions

Accelerated placement is the placement of a student in an educational setting with curriculum that is usually reserved for students who are older or in higher grades than the student. Accelerated placement includes, but may not be limited to: early entrance to kindergarten or first grade, accelerating a student in a single subject, and grade acceleration.

Early entrance to kindergarten is the admission to kindergarten of a student who: (a) is assessed for and meets the District's readiness standards to attend school; and (b) will not be five years of age on or before September 1 of that school term.

Early entrance to first grade is the admission to first grade of a student who is assessed for and meets the District's readiness standards to attend school. A student may, but is not required to, have attended a non-public preschool and continued his or her education at that school through kindergarten and been taught in kindergarten by an appropriately certified teacher. A student who is younger than six upon starting first grade but who was admitted early to kindergarten does not need to be reevaluated prior to admission to first grade.

Individual subject acceleration is the practice of assigning a student to a specific content area at a higher instructional level than is typical given the student's grade for the purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities in one or more subject areas. It may be accomplished by either: (a) physically moving the student to a higher level class for instruction; or (b) using higher level curricular or study materials in the student's current classroom.

Whole grade acceleration is the practice of assigning a student to a higher grade level than is typical, given the student's age, on a full-time basis for the purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities. Commonly referred to as skipping a grade, grade acceleration may be done at the beginning of or during the school term.

Annual Notification

Actor	Action
Superintendent or designee	Annually notifies the community, including community-based organizations, providers of out-of-school programs, parent(s)/guardian(s), students, and school personnel, about the: 1. APP

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	2. Process for referring a student for possible evaluation for accelerated placement, including: a. Steps to be taken to make a referral; b. Individual(s) to whom a referral may be submitted; c. Deadlines by which a referral must be made; and d. Information that must be provided in the referral. 3. Methods used to determine whether a student is eligible for accelerated placement. 4. Strategies used to reach groups of students and families who have been historically underrepresented in accelerated placement programs and advanced coursework. Provides such notification: 1. By varied communication methods, such as student handbooks and District/school websites; and 2. In multiple languages.

Referral Process

Actor	Action
Parent(s)/Guardian(s), Licensed Educational Professionals, Student (with written consent of a parent/guardian), or Peer (through a licensed educational professional who has knowledge of the student's abilities). In addition to the above-noted individuals, referrals for possible early entrance to kindergarten or first grade may also come from: Preschool Educator, Non-public Kindergarten Teacher, Pediatrician, or Psychologist who knows the student.	Refers a student for possible evaluation for accelerated placement using the process set forth in this procedure.
Student Services Director, Building Principal, or designee	Within [*insert number*] school days after receiving a referral, determines whether an evaluation for accelerated placement is warranted. To determine whether an evaluation is warranted, may review existing data about the student, utilize screening data, and conduct preliminary procedures such as

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	observation of the student, consultation with the teacher or other individual making the request, and a conference with the student. Provides the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) with written notice of the referral determination. For cases not warranting an evaluation, the process ends here. For cases warranting an evaluation, proceed to Evaluation Process, below.

Evaluation Process

Actor	Action
Student Services Director, Building Principal, or designee	Convenes an Evaluation Team (consisting of District teacher(s) and school support personnel, as appropriate) having the knowledge and skills necessary to: 1. Identify multiple valid, reliable indicators to use during the evaluation; 2. Identify appropriate assessment instruments; 3. Administer said assessments; and 4. Interpret evaluation results. The composition of the team may vary depending upon the type of acceleration requested and other relevant factors.
Evaluation Team	Identifies multiple valid, reliable indicators and any assessment instruments appropriate to use during the evaluation. Prepares a written document identifying the evaluation components. This may occur without a meeting.
Student Services Director, Building Principal, or designee	Provides parent(s)/guardian(s) with written notification of the Evaluation Team's conclusions regarding the evaluation components and requests parent(s)'/guardian(s)' written consent to conduct the evaluation.
Parent/Guardian	Provides written consent to conduct the evaluation.
Evaluation Team	Completes the evaluation within [*insert number*] school days following the date of receipt of parent(s)'/guardian(s)' written consent to conduct the evaluation. Ensures the evaluation is nondiscriminatory and follows policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*.

Eligibility Determination

Actor	Action
Evaluation Team	Convenes a meeting with parent(s)/guardian(s) to review evaluation results and determine eligibility for the APP. Provides parent(s)/guardian(s) with written notice of eligibility determination.

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	If the student is found eligible for the APP, prepares and provides parent(s)/guardian(s) with a written plan detailing the type of acceleration the student will receive and strategies to support the student. If the student is not found eligible for the APP, provides parent(s)/guardian(s) with written notice of their right to appeal the eligibility determination, within five calendar days after receiving the determination, by submitting a written request to the Superintendent.
Parent/Guardian	If desired, within [*insert number*] calendar days after receiving written notice that student is not eligible for the APP, submits written appeal to the Superintendent.
Superintendent	Within [*insert number*] calendar days after receiving the written appeal request, reviews the case, and provides parent(s)/guardian(s) with written notice of his/her decision. The Superintendent's decision is final.

Automatic Enrollment in Advanced High School Coursework

Actor	Action
Student Services Director, Building Principal, or designee	Identifies students who qualify for automatic enrollment in the "next most rigorous level of advanced coursework" (NMR) offered by the District, for the following school term, by reviewing State assessment results in English language arts, mathematics, and science. For English language arts, the NMR includes courses in English, social studies, humanities, or related subjects. For a student entering grade 12, the NMR in English language arts or mathematics must be a dual credit course (as defined in the Dual Credit Quality Act, 110 ILCS 27/5), an Advanced Placement course (as defined in the College and Career Success for All Students Act, 105 ILCS 302/10), or an International Baccalaureate course. The same is true for all other subjects, except that the NMR may also include an honors class, an enrichment opportunity, a gifted program, or another program offered by the District. Provides written notice to parent(s)/guardian(s) of a qualified student of the student's eligibility for automatic enrollment in the NMR level of advanced coursework offered by the high school that: 1. Identifies the course(s) the student is eligible for, including the location and schedule, if known, of the course(s); 2. Informs the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the option to instead enroll the student in alternative coursework

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	that better aligns with the student's postsecondary education or career goals; 3. Identifies the alternative coursework the student is eligible for, including the location and schedule, if known, of the alternative coursework; and 4. Requests that the parent(s)/guardian(s) notify the District within [*insert number*] calendar days of their course enrollment decision.
Parent/Guardian	Provides the District with written notice of their course enrollment decision within [*insert number*] calendar days after receiving the written notice.

Program Reporting, Review, and Expanded Access Plan

Actor	Action
Superintendent, Student Services Director, or designee	Submits by July 31 each year to the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) through the Student Information System (SIS): 1. Demographic information for each student participating in the APP; 2. Student participation in the APP; and 3. Type of APP placement. Reviews disaggregated data on APP participation and successful completion rates to address gaps among demographic groups in accelerated placement opportunities. Develops and, as necessary, updates a plan to expand access to the APP and to ensure the teaching capacity necessary to meet any increased demand.

Adopted 8/8/23

6:140 Education of Homeless Children

Each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youths, including a public pre-school education. A *homeless child* is defined as provided in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the Education for Homeless Children Act. The Superintendent or designee shall act as or appoint a Liaison for Homeless Children to coordinate this policy's implementation.

A homeless child may attend the District school that the child attended when permanently housed or in which the child was last enrolled. A homeless child living in any District school's attendance area may attend that school.

The Superintendent or designee shall review and revise rules or procedures that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, consideration shall be given to issues concerning transportation, immunization, residency, birth certificates, school records and other documentation, and guardianship. Transportation shall be provided in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and State law. The Superintendent or designee shall give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youths who are not currently attending school. If a child is denied enrollment or transportation under this policy, the Liaison for Homeless Children shall immediately refer the child or his or her parent/guardian to the ombudsperson appointed by the Regional Superintendent and provide the child or his or her parent/guardian with a written explanation for the denial. Whenever a child and his or her parent/guardian who initially share the housing of another person due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar hardship continue to share the housing, the Liaison for Homeless Children shall, after the passage of 18 months and annually thereafter, conduct a review as to whether such hardship continues to exist in accordance with State law.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
105 ILCS 45/, Education for Homeless Children Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 4:110 (Transportation), 4:140 (Waiver of Student Fees), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:30 (Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students)

ADMIN. PROC.: 6:140-AP (Education of Homeless Children)

Adopted 2/11/25

6:140-AP Administrative Procedure - Education of Homeless Children

Actor	Action
School Board **Preliminary Step**	Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, determines whether to expend transportation funds to provide financial homeless prevention assistance to the parents/guardians (or persons who enroll students) of children who are homeless or *at risk of becoming homeless*, in accordance with the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/29-5 (amended by P.A. 102-539); 105 ILCS 45/1-17. See duties of the Liaison for Homeless Children below for specific eligibility requirements.
Superintendent **Preliminary Steps**	Serves as or designates an appropriate staff person, who may also be a coordinator for other federal programs, to serve as a Liaison for Homeless Children. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(ii). Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. §11434a(2)), *homeless children and youths* means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. §11302(a)(1)). The term includes: 1. Children and youths 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; **Note:** 42 U.S.C. §11434a(2) no longer includes children "awaiting foster care placement" within the definition of *homeless children and youths*. 2. Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. §11302(a)(2)(C)); 3. Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and 4. Migratory children (as such term is defined in 20 U.S.C. §6399) who qualify as homeless for purposes of this part because their living situations are covered by (1), (2), or (3) above. Under the Education for Homeless Children Act, 105 ILCS 45/1-5, *homeless person, child, or youth* includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: 1. An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime place of abode. 2. An individual who has a primary nighttime place of abode that is: a. A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations

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	(including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing); 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 human beings.
Liaison for Homeless Children **Duties**	Reviews and uses the information provided at: www.isbe.net/Pages/Homeless.aspx to become aware of the resources and training materials provided by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) regarding the education of homeless children. For information about federal requirements and technical assistance from the National Center for Homeless Education, funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education, see https://nche.ed.gov/legislation/mckinney-vento/. Ensures that homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel and through coordinated activities with other entities and agencies. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(i). Ensures that homeless children and youths enroll in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, District programs. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(ii). Ensures that homeless families, children, and youths have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible, and make referrals to health care, dental, mental health and substance abuse, housing, and other appropriate services. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(iii)-(iv). Informs parents/guardians of educational and related opportunities available to their children, and provide them with meaningful opportunities to participate in their children's education. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(v). Disseminates public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths in locations where they receive services (such as schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens). 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(vi). Mediates enrollment disputes to: 1. Ensure the child/youth is immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute; 2. Provide the homeless child/youth's parent/guardian with a written explanation of the school's decision regarding school selection or enrollment, including their rights to appeal the decision; 3. Complete the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible; and 4. In the case of an unaccompanied youth, ensure that the youth is immediately enrolled in school pending resolution of the dispute.
Liaison for Homeless Children, cont'd **Duties**	

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Liaison for Homeless Children, cont'd **Duties**	42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E)(i)-(iv) and 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(vii). Fully informs the parent/guardian of a homeless child/youth, and any unaccompanied youth, of all transportation services and assist in accessing transportation services. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(viii). Convene a meeting with the parent/guardian and teacher of the child if the travel time to a homeless child's school of origin is longer than one hour each way, or if the travel time is shorter, but the District wishes to evaluate whether such travel is in the best interest of the child's development and education. 105 ILCS 45/1-15. Assists unaccompanied youth in placement/enrollment decisions, consider the youth's wishes in those decisions, and provide notice to the youth of the right to appeal such decisions. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(B)(iv). Assists children/youths who do not have immunizations or medical records in obtaining necessary immunizations and/or medical records. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)(iii). If needed, verifies children's homeless status so they may obtain free copies of their birth certificates, in accordance with procedures established by the State Registrar of Vital Records. 410 ILCS 535/25.3, amended by P.A. 102-1141. Collaborates with State and local social service agencies that provide services to the homeless as well as with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youths. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(5)(A) and (g)(6)(C). Conducts a hardship review whenever a child and his or her parent/guardian who initially share the housing of another person due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar hardship continue to share the housing; a hardship review should be performed after the passage of 18 months and annually thereafter. 105 ILCS 45/1-25(a-5). Makes a recommendation to the Superintendent regarding whether the Board should authorize financial homeless prevention assistance for families with children who are homeless or *at risk of being homeless*. 105 ILCS 5/29-5, amended by P.A. 102-539; 105 ILCS 45/1-17. In those cases where the parties agree it is in the best interest of the child and District to do so, prepares a written housing plan (Plan) to provide financial assistance in an amount that will allow a child who is homeless or *at risk of being homeless* to remain permanently in his/her home or obtain new housing. Financial assistance may include: (1) mortgage or rental assistance that will allow a child to remain permanently in his/her living situation or obtain a new living situation; and/or (2) assistance with unpaid bills, loans, or other financial debts that result in housing being inadequate. 105 ILCS 45/1-17(a).

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	Before entering into any such Plan, verifies that all of the following requirements have been met in order for the District to claim the financial assistance against its State transportation funds: 1. The District has attempted to provide financial assistance through its local homeless assistance agency that is part of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act's continuum of care. 105 ILCS 45/1-17(b). 2. The amount of financial assistance will not exceed the District's actual costs for providing transportation for the child. 105 ILCS 5/29-5, amended by P.A. 102-539. 3. The District is not otherwise claiming the transportation costs in another State or federal grant. 105 ILCS 5/29-5, amended by P.A. 102-539. 4. If the assistance is to be provided to a child *at risk of becoming homeless*, the parent/guardian, person who enrolled the child, or unaccompanied minor has provided documented evidence showing that the child's living situation will, within eight weeks, cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate and will result in the child becoming homeless. Acceptable proof includes, but is not limited to: foreclosure notice, eviction notice, utility shut-off or discontinuation notice, or written statement from the parent/guardian, person who enrolled the student, or unaccompanied minor. 105 ILCS 45/1-17(d). Refers the child or his/her parent/guardian to the ombudsperson appointed by the Regional Superintendent whenever a school denies a homeless child enrollment or transportation, and provides the child or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) with a written statement of the basis for the denial. 105 ILCS 45/1-25(a).
Parents/guardians **Assignment**	Choose the child's attendance center between the following options (105 ILCS 45/1-10 controls because it exceeds the rights granted to parents/guardians in federal law): 1. Continuing the child's education in the school of origin for as long as the child remains homeless or, if the child becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year during which the housing is acquired; or 2. Enrolling the child in any school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend. The term *school of origin* means the school that the child attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(I) and 105 ILCS 45/1-5. If the child is attending his/her school of origin, make a good faith effort to provide or arrange for transportation to and from the school of origin, including authorizing relatives, friends, or a program for homeless persons to provide the child with transportation.

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Building Principal Where Homeless Student Will be Enrolled **Enrollment**	Immediately enrolls the homeless child/youth, even if the child/youth is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, e.g., previous academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)(i) and 105 ILCS 45/1-20. Immediately contacts the school last attended by the child/youth to obtain relevant academic and other records. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)(ii) and 105 ILCS 45/1-20. If the child/youth needs to obtain immunizations, or immunization or medical records, immediately refers the child/youth's parent/guardian to the Liaison for Homeless Children. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)(iii) and 105 ILCS 45/1-20. Maintains records for the homeless child/youth that are ordinarily kept for students according to District policy and procedure on student school records. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(D). See Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*, and administrative procedure 7:340-AP1, *School Student Records*. Ensures each homeless child/youth is provided services comparable to services offered to other students including the following (42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(4)): 1. Transportation services; 2. Educational services for which the child/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. Requires a parent/guardian of a homeless child/youth, if available, to submit contact information. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(H) and 105 ILCS 45/1-20.
Transportation Director and Building Principal Where Homeless Student Will be Enrolled **Transportation**	Ensure transportation is provided to a homeless child/youth, at the request of the parent/guardian (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the Liaison), to and from the school of origin. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iii); 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(4)(A). State law, found at 105 ILCS 45/1-15, is superseded by federal law. The term *school of origin* means the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(I). Transportation shall be arranged as follows: 1. If the homeless child/youth continues to live in the area served by the school district in which the school of origin is located, the child/youth's transportation to and from the school of origin shall be provided or arranged by the district in which the school of origin is located.

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	2. If the homeless child/youth's living arrangements in the area served by the district of origin terminate and the child/youth, though continuing his or her education in the school of origin, begins living in an area served by another school district, the district of origin and the district in which the homeless child/youth is living shall agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for providing the student with transportation to and from the school of origin. If the local educational agencies are unable to agree upon such method, the responsibility and costs for transportation shall be shared equally. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iii).
Liaison for Homeless Children **Dispute**	If a dispute arises involving any issue related to the homeless status or homelessness-related claim of a child/youth or the child/youth's parent/guardian, attempts to resolve any disagreement. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(b)(1). **Note:** The District must structure dispute resolution as informally as possible to give a child/youth or the child/youth's parent/guardian any necessary assistance navigating the process. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241((b)(2). Does not delay enrollment, transportation, or other services before or during dispute resolution; continues providing those services until the conclusion of the dispute resolution process (including any appeals). 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(b)(3).
Superintendent or Designee **Dispute**	If a dispute is not resolved by the Liaison for Homeless Children, sends a letter to the homeless child/youth or the child/youth's parent/guardian, the Regional Superintendent (or Intermediate Service Center Executive Director), and the State Coordinator of Homeless Children and Youth (State Coordinator) indicating the District's position on the dispute and including information on (23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(c)): 1. The availability of an ombudsperson; 2. Sources of low-cost or free legal assistance; 3. Other advocacy services in the community; and 4. The dispute resolution procedure. The Homeless Family Placement Act governs shelter placement. 310 ILCS 85/1.
Regional Superintendent (or Intermediate Service Center Executive Director) **Dispute**	No later than 10 school days after receiving the Superintendent or Designee's dispute letter, appoints an ombudsperson to provide resource information and resolve disputes at schools within the region relating to the rights of homeless children under 105 ILCS 45/. 105 ILCS 45/1-25(a); 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(d).
Ombudsperson **Dispute**	Within five school days after receiving notice of the dispute, if possible, convenes a meeting with the parties and attempts to

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	resolve the dispute. Id. During dispute resolution, the ombudsperson (23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(d)(1)-(4)): 1. Must set clear rules and timelines for the dispute resolution process and inform each party of their respective expectations; 2. Must provide copies of documents that will be used by the other party before the meeting, if possible; 3. Must allow: a. A complete presentation of relevant facts by all parties; and b. Assistance for the child/youth or the child/youth's parent/guardian from a legal representative knowledgeable of federal and State laws concerning homeless students' educational rights; 4. May: a. Require each party to make an opening statement; b. Limit the amount of time each party may use to present information; c. Pose questions to each party; d. Limit any redundant testimony or testimony that is not directly related to homelessness claims; or e. Make allowances for the child/youth or child/youth's parent/guardian, e.g., in how evidence or arguments are presented. No later than 10 school days after the conclusion of the dispute resolution meeting, if possible, makes a written determination using a form supplied by ISBE. The form must include all components set forth in 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(d)(5)(A)-(I), including notice of the parties' right to appeal the final determination by submitting a written appeal request within five school days to the State Coordinator. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(d), (e).
State Coordinator **Dispute**	After receiving a written appeal request, obtains from the ombudsperson all documents, notes, transcripts, and any other materials used by the parties to present their cases. May request additional relevant information. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(e)(1). No later than 15 school days after receiving a written appeal request, makes a final determination and notifies the parties of its decision. May, if necessary, extend the timeline for an additional five school days but must inform the parties of any extension. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(e)(2).
State Superintendent of Education or Designee **Dispute**	If it is determined that a District's actions giving rise to a dispute are inconsistent with applicable law, may require the District to take any action necessary to comply with the law. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.241(f). If the District does not comply, places the District's recognition status on probation in accordance with 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.20(b). Id.

6:145 Migrant Students

The Superintendent will develop and implement a program to address the needs of migrant children in the District in accordance with federal law.

This program will:

1. Identify migrant students and assess their educational and related health and social needs.
2. Provide a full range of services to migrant students through appropriate local, State, and federal educational programs, including applicable Title I programs, special education, gifted education, vocational education, language programs, counseling programs, and elective classes.
3. Provide migrant children with full and appropriate opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards that all children are expected to meet.
4. Provide, to the extent feasible:
   a. Advocacy and outreach programs to migrant children and their families, including helping such children and families gain access to other education, health, nutrition, and social services,
   b. Professional development programs, including mentoring, for District staff,
   c. Family literacy programs,
   d. The integration of information technology into educational and related programs, and
   e. Programs to facilitate the transition of secondary school students to postsecondary education or employment.
5. Provide programs, activities, and procedures for the engagement of parents/guardians and family members of migrant students in an understandable format and language.

Migrant Education Program for Parent/Guardian and Family Member Engagement

Parents/guardians and family members of migrant students will be involved in and regularly consulted about the development, implementation, operation, and evaluation of the migrant program.

Parents/guardians and family members of migrant students will receive instruction regarding their role in improving the academic achievement of their children.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §6318.

20 U.S.C. §6391 et seq., Education of Migratory Children.

34 C.F.R. §200.81 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 6:170 (Title I Programs)

Adopted 2/11/25

6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction

A student who is absent from school, or whose physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse anticipates that the student will be absent from school, because of a medical condition may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital. Eligibility shall be determined by State law and the Ill. State Board of Education rules governing (1) the continuum of placement options for students who have been identified for special education services or (2) the home and hospital instruction provisions for students who have not been identified for special education services. Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than five school days after receiving a written statement from: (1) a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, (2) a licensed physician assistant, or (3) a licensed advanced practice registered nurse. Instructional or related services for a student receiving special education services will be determined by the student's individualized education program.

A student who is unable to attend school because of pregnancy will be provided home instruction, correspondence courses, or other courses of instruction (1) before the birth of the child when the student's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse indicates, in writing, that she is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction, and (2) for up to three months after the child's birth or a miscarriage.

Periodic conferences will be held between appropriate school personnel, parent(s)/guardian(s), and hospital staff to coordinate course work and facilitate a student's return to school.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05(e), 5/10-22.6a, 5/14-13.01, and 5/18-4.5.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.520, 1.610, and 226.300.

CROSS REF.: 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunity), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease)

Adopted 2/11/25

6:160 English Learners

The District offers opportunities for resident English Learners to achieve at high levels in academic subjects and to meet the same challenging State academic standards that all children are expected to meet. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a program for English Learners that will:

1. Assist all English Learners to achieve English proficiency, facilitate effective communication in English, and encourage their full participation in school activities and programs as well as promote participation by the parents/guardians of English Learners.
2. Appropriately identify students with limited English language proficiency.
3. Comply with State law regarding the Transitional Bilingual Educational Program (TBE) or Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI), whichever is applicable.
4. Comply with any applicable State and federal requirements for the receipt of grant money for English Learners and programs to serve them.
5. Determine the appropriate instructional program and environment for English Learners.
6. Annually assess the English proficiency of English Learners and monitor their progress in order to determine their readiness for a mainstream classroom environment.
7. Include English Learners, to the extent required by State and federal law, in the District's student assessment program to measure their achievement in reading/language arts and mathematics.
8. Provide information to the parents/guardians of English Learners about: (a) the reasons for their child's identification, (b) their child's level of English proficiency, (c) the method of instruction to be used, (d) how the program will meet their child's needs, (e) how the program will specifically help their child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation, (f) specific exit requirements of the program, (g) how the program will meet their child's individualized education program, if applicable, and (h) information on parent/guardian rights. Parents/guardians will be regularly apprised of their child's progress and involvement will be encouraged.

Parent Involvement

Parents/guardians of English Learners will be informed how they can: (1) be involved in the education of their children; (2) be active participants in assisting their children to attain English proficiency, achieve at high levels within a well-rounded education, and meet the challenging State academic standards expected of all students; and (3) participate and serve on the District's Transitional Bilingual Education Programs Parent Advisory Committee.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §§6312, 6314, 6315, and 6318.

20 U.S.C. §6801 et seq.

34 C.F.R. Part 200.

105 ILCS 5/14C-1 et seq.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 228.

CROSS REF.: 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program)

Adopted 4/11/23

6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction

A student who is absent from school, or whose physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse anticipates that the student will be absent from school, because of a medical condition may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital. Eligibility shall be determined by State law and the Illinois State Board of Education rules governing (1) the continuum of placement options for students who have been identified for special education services or (2) the home and hospital instruction provisions for students who have not been identified for special education services. Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than five school days after receiving a physician's written statement. Instructional or related services for a student receiving special education services will be determined by the student's individualized education program.

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LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6a, 5/14-13.01, and 5/18-4.5.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.520, 1.610, and 226.300.

CROSS REF.: 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunity), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease)

6:170 Title I Programs

The Superintendent or designee shall pursue funding under Title I, Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, to supplement instructional services and activities in order to improve the educational opportunities of educationally disadvantaged or deprived children.

All District schools, regardless of whether they receive Title I funds, shall provide services that, taken as a whole, are substantially comparable. Teachers, administrators, and other staff shall be assigned to schools in a manner that ensures equivalency among the District's schools. Curriculum materials and instructional supplies shall be provided in a manner that ensures equivalency among the District's schools.

Title I Parent and Family Engagement

The District maintains programs, activities, and procedures for the engagement of parents/guardians and families of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I. These programs, activities, and procedures are described in District-level and School-level compacts.

District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a *District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact* according to Title I requirements. The *District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact* shall contain: (1) the District's expectations for parent and family engagement, (2) specific strategies for effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, and (3) other provisions as required by federal law. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the *Compact* is distributed to parents/guardians of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I.

School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact

Each Building Principal or designee shall develop a *School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact* according to Title I requirements. This *School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact* shall contain: (1) a process for continually involving parents/guardians in its development and implementation, (2) how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement, (3) the means by which the school and parents/guardians build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards, and (4) other provisions as required by federal law. Each Building Principal or designee shall ensure that the *Compact* is distributed to parents/guardians of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I.

Incorporated by Reference: 6:170-AP1, E1 (District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact) and 6:170-AP1, E2 (School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact)

LEGAL REF.: Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §6301-6514.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 4:110 (Transportation), 5:190 (Teacher Qualifications), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:145 (Migrant Students), 6:160 (English Learners), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:30 (Student Assignment), 7:60 (Residence), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 8:95 (Parental Involvement)

Adopted 11/9/21

6:170-AP1 Administrative Procedure - Checklist for Development, Implementation, and Maintenance of Parent and Family Engagement Compacts for Title I Programs

The development, implementation, and maintenance of parent/guardian and family engagement compacts must be accomplished with meaningful consultation with parents/guardians of children participating in Title I programs. The Superintendent designates a person to be responsible for the process of obtaining meaningful consultation. This checklist includes some measures designed to encourage meaningful consultation.

This is an annual checklist. *Check steps as completed*.

☐ Plan regular meetings throughout the school year with parents/guardians to discuss the District and/or school compacts; identify dates and convenient times, places, and persons whose attendance is desired. Offer meetings in the morning or evening, and, if funds are available under Title I for this purpose, provide transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parent/guardian involvement.

☐ Plan an agenda for meetings to be held to discuss District and/or school compacts.

- Always begin with "introducing where we are now" and end with "next steps."
- Agendas should provide for two-way communication between District and parents/guardians of children participating in Title I programs.
- Agendas can be built around the federal compliance requirements as stated in the IASB sample district- and school-level compacts.
- Agendas should also include a section to inform parents/guardians of their school's participation under Title I and to explain Title I's requirements regarding parent/guardian involvement, including the right of the parents/guardians to be involved.
- Agendas should also include a section to describe and explain the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of challenging State academic standards.
- If requested by a parent/guardian, agendas should also include a section for parents/guardians to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to their children's education.
- Agendas should also include a section to involve parents/guardians in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under 20 U.S.C. §6314(b)(2).
- Another agenda topic is how funds are allotted for parent/guardian involvement in activities; parents/guardians of children receiving services must be involved in these decisions.

☐ Notify interested persons of meeting dates to discuss the District and/or school compacts, including:

- ☐ Parents/guardians of students' participating in Title I programs
- ☐ Staff members
- ☐ Students participating in Title I programs
- ☐ School Board members
- ☐ Media
- ☐ Coordinators for other school programs, e.g., Head Start and preschool programs
- ☐ Other _____

- ☐ Publicize the meeting dates, times, and locations to discuss District and/or school compacts.
- ☐ Make all Open Meetings Act notifications and postings for meetings to be held to discuss District and/or school compacts. Note: it is wise to assume these meetings will be in open session if Board members are expected to attend or if the meetings are conducted by a Board-appointed committee.
- ☐ Appoint a recording secretary to keep meeting minutes.
- ☐ Provide copies of working drafts to parents/guardians in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand.
- ☐ Determine *success* indicators to measure the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement compacts in improving the academic achievement.
- ☐ Review the *success* indicators in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement compacts in improving the academic achievement.
- ☐ Identify:
  - ☐ Barriers to greater participation by parents/guardians, with particular attention to parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background;
  - ☐ The needs of parents/guardians and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
  - ☐ Strategies to support successful school and family interactions.

Use the findings of such evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective

parent/guardian involvement.

- ☐ If the schoolwide program plan under 20 U.S.C. §6314(b)(2) is not satisfactory to the parents/guardians of participating children, submit any parents/guardians comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the Board.
- ☐ Provide status reports to the Board and, periodically, submit updated parent and family engagement compacts to the Board.
- ☐ Revise the applicable parent and family engagement compacts as necessary.

Adopted 11/9/21

6:170-AP1, E1 Exhibit - District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact

This District-level *Compact* provides an understanding of the joint responsibility of the District and parents/guardians and family members to improve students' academic achievement and school performance. To that end, the District provides opportunities for parent/guardian and family engagement at the District level as follows:

1. The District involves parents/guardians and family members in the joint development of the District's plan to help low-achieving children meet challenging achievement and academic standards (20 U.S.C. §6312), and the development of comprehensive and targeted support and improvement plans (20 U.S.C. §§6311(d)(1), (2)) by:
    - Establishing a District-level committee with parent/guardian liaisons from each building as well as representatives from other relevant federal, State, and local programs.
    - Establishing meaningful, ongoing two-way communication between the District, staff and parents/guardians.
    - Developing a District newsletter to communicate to parents/guardians about the plan and seek their input and participation.
    - Training personnel on how to collaborate effectively with families with diverse backgrounds that may impede parent/guardian participation, e.g., illiteracy or language difficulty.
2. The District provides the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent/guardian and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance by:
    - Providing ongoing District-level workshops to assist buildings in planning and implementing improvement strategies.
    - Establishing training programs for building liaisons to bring the communication and facilitation skills to the buildings they represent.
    - Providing information to parents/guardians about the various assessment tools and instruments that will be developed to monitor progress.
    - Seeking input from parents/guardians in developing workshops.
    - Providing ongoing communication about the District-wide committee through District newsletters or other written or electronically communicated means.
    - Engaging the building parent organizations to actively seek out and involve parents/guardians through regular communication updates and information sessions.
    - Utilizing parent organizations to assist in identifying effective communication strategies based on their members' needs.
    - Providing a master calendar of District meetings to discuss pertinent topics.
    - Allowing meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents/guardians and family members in education.
3. The District coordinates and integrates parent/guardian and family engagement strategies under this *Compact*, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with engagement strategies under other relevant federal, State and local programs by:

- Involving District and program representatives to assist in identifying specific population needs.
- Sharing data from other programs to assist in developing new initiatives to improve academic achievement and school improvement.

4. The District conducts, with the meaningful involvement of parents/guardians and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent/guardian and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served under Title I, including identifying: (a) barriers to greater participation by parents/guardians in activities authorized by 20 U.S.C. §6318 (with particular attention to parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background); (b) the needs of parents/guardians and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and (c) strategies to support successful school and family interactions. The District then uses the findings of such evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent/guardian involvement, and to revise, if necessary, its District-level parents/guardians and family engagement policies. The District does these activities by:
    - Evaluating the effectiveness of the content and communication methods through a variety of means, including: focus groups, surveys, workshops, and informal coffees with District and building administrative staff, parents/guardians, and teachers.
    - Identifying barriers to effective evaluation by language support or other assistance as needed.
    - Identifying potential policy and compact changes to revise and improve program(s).
5. The District involves parents/guardians in the activities of the schools served under Title I by:
    - Providing communication and calendar information to parents/guardians of upcoming meetings, discussions or events and encouraging their participation.
    - Providing Building Principal and parent organizations coordination of events.
    - Establishing a parent advisory committee comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents/guardians or family members to adequately represent the needs of the District's population for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent and family engagement policy. **Note:** 20 U.S.C. §6318(a)(2)(F) uses the phrase *parent-advisory board* but this exhibit uses the phrase *parent advisory committee* to align with 2:150-AP, *Superintendent Committees*, which contains a subhead entitled **Title I Parent Advisory Committee**.

Adopted 11/9/21

6:170-AP1, E2 Exhibit - School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact

This school-level parent and family engagement compact provides an understanding of the joint responsibility of the District and parents/guardians for improving student academic achievement and school performance. The District provides opportunities for parent/guardian involvement at the school level by:

Parent/Guardian Involvement

1. Convening an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents/guardians of participating children are invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents/guardians of their school's participation under Title I and to explain the requirements of Title I, and the right of the parents/guardians to be involved. The Building Principal or designee shall:
   - Invite all parents/guardians of participating children to the annual meeting at school.
   - Explain the rights of parents/guardians to be involved in establishing this compact.
   - Introduce and involve the building representatives on the District-level committee.
   - Provide an overview of Title I and give parents/guardians an opportunity to express questions and concerns.
   - Indicate the mechanisms by which the committee work will be communicated.
   - Seek the involvement and input of parents/guardians.
   - Provide child care so that all parents/guardians who would otherwise be unable to attend may attend.
2. Offering a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided by the relevant provision in Title I, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement. The Building Principal or designee shall:
   - Provide parents/guardians with opportunities to ask questions and dialogue informally about student academic achievement and school performance.
   - Engage building-based parent organizations to assist with communication and implementation needs.
   - Develop and use outreach programs to involve community groups and organizations.
3. Involving parents/guardians in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school-wide program plan (under 20 U.S.C. §6314(b)(2), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents/guardians in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents/guardians of participating children. The Building Principal or designee shall:
   - Identify and establish a process by which an adequate representation of parents/guardians of participating children can occur.
   - Establish a schedule for the building-based committee to plan, review, and recommend improvements to the District parent involvement policy.
4. The Building Principal or designee shall:
   - Provide parents/guardians of participating children timely information about programs.
   - Communicate updates through use of school newsletters, the District website, email and telephone contact, and home visits if needed.

5. The Building Principal or designee will provide a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of challenging State academic standards.
6. The Building Principal or designee shall:
    - Provide parents/guardians, upon request, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
    - Develop a feedback loop for parents/guardians to ask questions and receive follow-up.
7. If the school-wide plan under 20 U.S.C. §6314(b) is not satisfactory to the parents/guardians of participating children, the Building Principal or designee shall:
    - Submit any parent/guardian comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the School Board.
    - Provide a process for parents/guardians to express concerns and complaints.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

1. The School is responsible for providing a high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under Title I to meet the State's challenging academic standards. Each parent/guardian is responsible for supporting their children's learning by:
    - Volunteering in their child's classroom.
    - Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to their children's education and positive use of extracurricular time.
2. Communication between teachers and parents/guardians occurs on an ongoing basis through:
    - Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievements.
    - Frequent reports to parents/guardians on their child's progress.
    - Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities.
    - Ensuring regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand.

Building Capacity for Involvement

To ensure effective involvement of parents/guardians and to support a partnership among the school's involved, each school shall:

- Provide assistance to parents/guardians in understanding the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
- Provide materials and training, such as, literacy and technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), to help parents/guardians work with their children to improve their children's achievement.
- Educate teachers, instructional support personnel, principals, other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents/guardians, in: a) the value and utility of contributions of parents/guardians; and b) how to effectively communicate and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent/guardian programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and the school.

- To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent/guardian involvement programs and activities with other federal, State and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent/guardian resource centers, that encourage and support parents/guardians in more fully participating in their children's education.
- Ensure that information is sent to the parents/guardians of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents/guardians can understand.
- Provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents/guardians may request.

In addition, each school may:

- Involve parents/guardians in the development of training for teachers, Building Principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training.
- Provide necessary literacy training from funds provided by the relevant provision in Title I if the District has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training.
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs to enable parents/guardians to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Train parents/guardians to encourage and enhance the involvement of other parents/guardians.
- Arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers and other educators, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation.
- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement.
- Establish a District-wide parent advisory committee to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in supported programs. **Note:** 20 U.S.C. §6318(e)(12) uses the phrase *parent advisory council* but this exhibit uses the phrase *parent advisory committee* to align with 2:150-AP, *Superintendent Committees*, which contains a subhead entitled **Title I Parent Advisory Committee**.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent/guardian involvement activities.

<u>Accessibility</u>

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this compact, the school, to the extent practicable, will provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents/guardians and family members (including those with limited English proficiency, with disabilities, and migratory children),

including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents/guardians understand.

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6:170-AP2 Administrative Procedure - Notice to Parents Required by Elementary and Secondary Education Act, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and Protection of Pupil Rights Act

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento), and Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) mandate that schools receiving federal funds provide parents/guardians with information and notices in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that the parents can understand. This procedure contains the key notifications that districts and schools must provide to the parents/guardians of students. The legal references are provided at the end of the procedure. The only notices applying to districts that do not receive Title I funds are those regarding student privacy. In addition, see:

- ISBE's *Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, published 8-12-16, at: www.isbe.net/Documents/ESSA-faq.pdf.
- U.S. Department of Education's *Frequently Asked Questions regarding Transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, updated 1-18-17, at: https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/02/essatransitionfaqs11817.pdf.

I. Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies

The following information must be provided to parents in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

1. **Annual report cards.** Districts must disseminate an annual report card that includes information on the District as a whole and each school served by the District, with aggregate and disaggregated information for each required subgroup of students including: (a) student achievement on academic assessments (designated by category), (b) graduation rates, district performance, teacher qualifications, and (c) other information required by 20 U.S.C. §6311(h)(2)(C). See 6:170-AP2, E1 *District Annual Report Card Required by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*.

   The District's annual report card shall be: (a) concise, (b) presented in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand, and (c) accessible to the public, which includes placing it on the District's website or, if the District does not operate a website, providing it in another manner determined by the District.

2. **Teacher and paraprofessional qualifications.** At the beginning of each school year, a school district that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the district will provide the parents on request in a timely manner, information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum, whether:

   a. The teacher has met the State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.

   b. The teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status.

   c. The teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

   d. Paraprofessionals provide services to the student and, if so, their qualifications.

3. **Student achievement.** Districts must provide to parents information on the level of academic achievement and growth of the parent's child in each of the State academic assessments.
4. **Non-certificated/licensed teachers.** Districts must provide parents timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.
5. **Testing transparency.** At the beginning of each school year, a school that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the district will provide the parents on request in a timely manner, information regarding any State or District agency policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by 20 U.S.C. §6311(b)(2) and by the State or District, which shall include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.

   In addition, the District shall make widely available through public means (including by posting in a clear and easily accessible manner on the District's website and, where practicable, on each school's website), information on each assessment required by the State to comply with 20 U.S.C. §6311, other assessments required by the State, and (where available and feasible to report) assessments required districtwide, including:

   a. The subject matter assessed;
   b. The purpose for which the assessment is designed and used;
   c. The source of the requirement for the assessment; and
   d. Where such information is available:
      i. The amount of time students will spend taking the assessment, and the schedule for the assessment; and
      ii. The time and format for disseminating results.

II. English Learners

1. **Language instruction educational programs.** Districts must inform a parent of an English learner identified for participation, or participating in, such a program of:
   a. The reasons for their child being identified as an English learner;
   b. Their child's level of English proficiency, how such level was assessed, and the status of the child's academic achievement;
   c. The instructional methods used in their child's program and the instructional methods used in other available programs;
   d. How their child's program will meet their child's educational strengths and needs
   e. How the program will help their child to learn English and meet age-appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation;
   f. Exit requirements for the program, including the expected rate of transition from such program into classrooms not tailored for English learners and the expected rate of high school graduation;
   g. In the case of a child with a disability, how the program meets the objects of their child's individualized education program; and
   h. Information regarding parental rights that includes written guidance:

i. Detailing parents' right to immediately remove their child from the program upon their request;

ii. Detailing parents' options to decline enrollment in the program or to choose another program or instructional method, if available; and

iii. Assisting parents in selecting among various programs and instruction methods, if more than one program/method is offered.

Parents shall be provided this information no later than 30 days after the beginning of the school year or, for students identified as English learners during the school year, within the first two weeks of the child's placement in a language instruction educational program.

2. **Outreach.** Each district shall implement an effective means of outreach to parents of English learners to inform the parents regarding how they can be involved in their children's education, and be active participants in assisting their children to attain English proficiency, achieve at high levels within a well-rounded education, and meet challenging State academic standards expected of all students. In addition, the outreach shall include holding, and sending notice of opportunities for, regular meetings for formulating and responding to parent recommendations.

III. Parent and Family Engagement

1. **Parent and family engagement policies.** Parents and family members shall be notified of the parent and family engagement policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

2. **Meeting and information.** Each school shall:

a. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation, and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;

b. Offer a flexible number of meetings;

c. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs including the planning, review, and improvements of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under 20 U.S.C. §6314(b);

d. Provide parents of participating children:

- Timely information about programs under this part;
- A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

e. If the schoolwide program plan under 20 U.S.C. §6314(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the Board.

IV. Education of Homeless Children and Youths

1. **Notice of rights.** The district shall provide written notice, at the time any homeless child or youth seeks enrollment in such school, and at least twice annually while the child or youth is enrolled in such school, to the parent/guardian of the child or youth (or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth) that:

    a. Shall be signed by the parent/guardian (or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth);

    b. Sets the general rights provided under this subtitle;

    c. Specifically states:

    - The choice of schools homeless children and youths are eligible to attend,
    - That no homeless child or youth is required to attend a separate school for homeless children or youths,
    - That homeless children and youths shall be provided comparable services including transportation services, educational services, and meals through school meals programs;
    - That homeless children and youths should not be stigmatized by school personnel; and
    - Includes contact information for the local liaison for homeless children and youths.

2. **Assistance to unaccompanied youth.** In the case of an unaccompanied homeless youth, the district shall ensure that the homeless liaison assists in placement or enrollment decisions under this subparagraph, considers the views of such unaccompanied youth, and provides notice to such youth of the right to appeal.
3. **Public notice of rights.** Each district shall ensure that public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated where such children and youths receive services under this Act, such as schools, family shelters, and soup kitchens.

A. V. Student Privacy

1. **Notice of privacy policy**. The student privacy policies developed by a district shall provide for reasonable notice of the adoption or continued use of such policies directly to the parents of students enrolled in schools served by that district. At a minimum, the district shall:

    a. Provide such notice at least annually, at the beginning of the school year, and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change in such policies; and

    b. Offer an opportunity for the parent to opt the student out of the activity.

2. **Notification of specific events.** Each district shall directly notify parents/guardians, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates when activities described in 20 U.S.C. §1232h(c)(2)(C) are scheduled.
3. **Notice of existing policy.** All districts shall provide reasonable notice of such existing policies to parents and guardians of students, e.g., “The School Board has adopted and continues to use policies regarding student privacy, parental access to information, and administration of certain physical examinations to minors. Copies of those policies are available on request.”

LEGAL REF.:

I. 1. Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. §6311(h)(2).

2. ESEA, 20 U.S.C. §6312(e)(1)(A).
3. ESEA, 20 U.S.C. §6312(e)(1)(B)(i).
4. ESEA, 20 U.S.C. §6312(e)(1)(B)(ii).
5. ESEA, 20 U.S.C. §6312(e)(2).

II. 1. ESEA, 20 U.S.C. §6312(e)(3)(A), (B).

2. ESEA, 20 U.S.C §6312(e)(3)(C).

III. 1. ESEA, 20 U.S.C. §6318(b).

2. ESEA, 20 U.S.C. §6318(c).

IV. 1. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento), 42 U.S.C. §11432(e)(3)(C).

2. McKinney-Vento, 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(B)(iii).
3. McKinney-Vento, 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(vi).

V. 1. Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. §1232h(c)(2)(A).

2. PPRA, 20 U.S.C. §1232h(c)(2)(B).
3. PPRA, 20 U.S.C. §1232h(c)(3).

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6:170-AP2, E1 Administrative Procedure - District Annual Report Card Required by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Districts must disseminate an annual report card that includes information on the District as a whole and each school served by the District, with aggregate and disaggregated information for each required subgroup of students, including: (a) student achievement on academic assessments (designated by category), (b) graduation rates, district performance, teacher qualifications, and (c) other required information required by 20 U.S.C. §6311(h)(2)(C) of ESSA.

District Annual Report Card

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will ensure that the District:

1. Collects the appropriate data for its annual report card, including:
    a. ISBE's State Report Card Information (see **ISBE Annual Report Card Requirements in 20 U.S.C. §6311(h)(1)(C)**) disaggregated in the same manner as ISBE is required to present it, as that information applies to the District and each of its schools, including:
        i. Information that shows how students in the District achieved on the academic assessments described in 20 U.S.C. §6311(b)(2) (high quality Illinois Assessments) compared to students in the State as a whole (20 U.S.C. §6311(h)(2)(C)(i));
        ii. Information that shows how each student in each of the District's Schools achieved on the academic assessments described in described in 20 U.S.C. §6311(b)(2) (high quality Illinois Assessments) compared to students in the State as a whole (20 U.S.C. §6311(h)(2)(C)(ii)); and
        iii. Any other information that the District determines is appropriate and will best provide parents, students, and other members of the public with information regarding the progress of each school in the District, whether or not such information is included in the annual ISBE report card (20 U.S.C. §6311(h)(2)(C)(iii)).
2. Excludes "results on the Illinois academic assessments in reading and mathematics in grades 4 and 8 of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, compared to the national average of such results (20 U.S.C. §6311(h)(1)(C)(xii))."

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §6311(h)(1)(C) and (h)(2)(C).
Pub. L. 115-224, Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act.

Adopted 2/11/25

6:180 Extended Instructional Programs

The District may offer the following programs in accordance with State law and the District's educational philosophy:

1. Nursery schools for children between the ages of 2 and 6 years.
2. Before-and after-school programs for students in grades K-6.
3. Child care and training center for pre-school children and for students whose parents work.
4. Model day care services program in cooperation with the State Board of Education.
5. Tutorial program.
6. Adult education program.
7. Outdoor education program.
8. Summer school, whether for credit or not.
9. Independent study, whether for credit or not.
10. Support services and instruction for students who are, or whose parents/guardians are, chemically dependent.
11. Anti-bias education and activities to address intergroup conflict resolution.
12. Volunteer service credit program.
13. Vocational academy.
14. Advanced vocational training and/or career education program.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.18a, 5/10-22.18b, 5/10-22.18c, 5/10-22.20, 5/10-22.20a, 5/10-22.20b, 5/10-22.20c, 5/10-22.29, 5/10-22.33A, 5/10-22.33B, 5/10-23.2, 5/27-22.1, 5/27-22.3, 5/27-23.6.

105 ILCS 110/3, Comprehensive Health Education Program.

105 ILCS 433/, Vocational Academies Act.

CROSS REF.: 6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency)

Adopted 5/14/22

6:185 Remote Educational Program [2]

The Superintendent shall develop, maintain, and supervise a remote educational program consistent with 105 ILCS 5/10-29. The remote educational program shall provide an opportunity for qualifying students to participate in an educational program delivered by the District in a location outside of a school.

The remote educational program shall:

1. Align its curriculum with the Ill. Learning Standards and Board policies 6:10, *Educational Philosophy and Objectives* and 6:15, *School Accountability*.
2. Offer instruction and educational experiences consistent with those given to students at the same grade level in the District through compliance with Board policies 6:30, *Organization of Instruction* and 6:300, *Graduation Requirements*.
3. Provide instructors that meet the teacher qualifications in Board policy 5:190, *Teacher Qualifications*. Instructors are responsible for the following elements of the program:
   a. Planning instruction,
   b. Diagnosing learning needs,
   c. Prescribing content delivery through class activities,
   d. Assessing learning,
   e. Reporting outcomes to administrators and parents/guardians, and
   f. Evaluating the effects of instruction.
4. Provide a remote educational program anytime during the period of time from and including the opening date to the closing date of the District's regular school term. It may operate on any calendar day, notwithstanding whether it is a student attendance day or institute day on the District's calendar or any other provision of law restricting instruction on that day. The District's regular school term is established by Board policies 2:20, *Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification*, and 6:20, *School Year Calendar and Day*. The remote educational program may be offered outside of the regular school term as part of any authorized summer school program.
5. Establish a system to determine student participation in instruction in alignment with Board policy 6:20, *School Year Calendar and Day*.
6. Limit participation to students who are juniors or seniors or demonstrate individual educational need(s). Approval of students in the program will be on a space-available basis.
7. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to approve students for participation in the program when the student shows evidence of:
   a. Enrollment in the District pursuant to Board policies 7:60, *Residence* and 7:30, *Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer*.

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[2] This policy is optional, but school boards that wish to implement a remote educational program must adopt a policy with statutorily prescribed content. 105 ILCS 5/10-29. Before adopting this policy school officials should consider how a remote educational program fits into the district's mission statement for instruction. School officials should consult the board attorney and a representative from ISBE for advice when implementing this program. A remote educational program will be subject to ISBE rules once ISBE promulgates and adopts them.

The Illinois Virtual School qualifies as an educational program delivered by the district in a location outside of a school because, as stated on ISBE's website,

> [A]ll students enroll in the Illinois Virtual School (IVS) through their regular school. The student's school (public or private) must first agree to participate in IVS.

See the IVS website at: www.ilvirtual.org/schools/index.cfm.

Homes or other locations outside of a school building for remote educational programs are not "public school facilities." 105 ILCS 5/10-29(e).

b. Prior approval from their individualized educational program (IEP) team, if applicable.
c. How the remote educational program best serves the student's individual learning needs.
d. A consistent, appropriate attendance record, no disciplinary record, and a 2.5 minimum grade point average.

8. Include a process for developing and approving a written remote educational plan for each student participating in the program.
9. Require students to complete their participation in the program within 12 months, unless the student's participation is extended by the District.
10. Require students to participate in all assessments administered by the District pursuant to State and federal law and Board policy 6:340, *Student Testing and Assessment Program*.
11. Align with the requirements of Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*.
12. Comply with other State and federal laws and align with all applicable Board policies. This includes the Superintendent submitting a copy of this policy to the Ill. State Board of Education along with any amendments to it and any data on student participation.
13. Be monitored by the Board pursuant to Board policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, and included as a topic for discussion in the annual report required by Board policy 6:10, *Educational Philosophy and Objectives*. It shall include a discussion of the process for renewal of the program when applicable.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-29.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §226.360.

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 5:190 (Teacher Qualifications), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program), 7:30 (Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer), 7:60 (Residence), 7:340 (Student Records)

Adopted 10/8/24

6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

The Superintendent must approve an activity in order for it to be considered a District-sponsored extracurricular or co-curricular activity, using the following criteria:

1. The activity will contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, or general growth of student-participants.
2. Fees assessed students are reasonable and do not exceed the actual cost of operation.
3. The District has sufficient financial resources for the activity.
4. Requests from students.
5. The activity will be supervised by a school-approved sponsor.

Non-school sponsored student groups are governed by School Board policy, 7:330, *Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access*.

Academic Criteria for Participation

For students in kindergarten through 8th grade, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the student conduct code.

For high school students, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Participation in co-curricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses. In order to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school-supported athletic or extracurricular activity, a student must maintain an overall ___ grade point average. Any student-participant failing to meet these academic criteria shall be suspended from the activity for ___ calendar days or until the specified academic criteria are met, whichever is longer.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.30 and 5/24-24.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics), 7:330 (Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

Adopted 12/12/23

6:190-AP Administrative Procedure - Academic Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Actor	Action
Building Principal	Include the minimum academic criteria for participation in the student handbook.
Coach or Sponsor	Explain the minimum academic criteria for participation to student-participants.
Student	In order to be eligible to participate, maintain an overall _____ grade point average.
Coach or Sponsor	Before allowing a student to join an extracurricular activity, ensure that the student meets the academic criteria.
Building Principal or designee	At the end of each grade-reporting period, arrange for all coaches and sponsors to have access to their student-participants' grades and grade point averages.
Coach or Sponsor	At the end of each grade-reporting period, determine whether any student(s) failed to meet the academic criteria. **For any student who fails to meet the academic criteria:** Determine how long the student will be suspended from the activity; explain to the student the reason for the suspension; send a notice of the suspension to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). **For any student suspended for not meeting the academic criteria:** At the end of the suspension, determine whether the student now meets the District's academic criteria. If so, notify the student and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) that the student is now eligible to participate. If the student does not meet these criteria, notify the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) that the student will remain ineligible to participate until the student meets the academic criteria.

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6:210 Instructional Materials

All District classrooms and learning centers should be equipped with an evenly-proportioned, wide assortment of instructional materials, including textbooks, workbooks, audio-visual materials, and electronic materials. These materials should provide quality learning experiences for students and:

1. Enrich and support the curriculum;
2. Stimulate growth in knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
3. Provide background information to enable students to make informed judgments and promote critical reading and thinking;
4. Depict in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society; and
5. Contribute to a sense of the worth of all people regardless of sex, race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other differences that may exist.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide a list or description of textbooks and instructional materials used in the District to the School Board. Anyone may inspect any textbook or instructional material.

Teachers are encouraged to use age-appropriate supplemental material only when it will enhance, or otherwise illustrate, the subjects being taught. No R-rated movie shall be shown to students unless prior approval is received from the Superintendent or designee, and no movie rated NC-17 (no one 17 and under admitted) shall be shown under any circumstances. These restrictions apply to television programs and other media with equivalent ratings. The Superintendent or designee shall give parents/guardians an opportunity to request that their child not participate in a class showing a movie, television program, or other media with an R or equivalent rating.

Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption

The Superintendent shall approve the selection of all textbooks and instructional materials according to the standards described in this policy. The School Code governs the adoption and purchase of textbooks and instructional materials.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.8 and 5/28-19.1.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:80 (Teaching About Controversial Issues), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Concerns)

6:220 Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct [3]

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a *Bring Your Own Technology* (BYOT) *Program*. The program will:

1. Promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication to enhance (a) technology use skills; (b) web-literacy and critical thinking skills about Internet resources and materials, including making wise choices; and (c) habits for responsible digital citizenship required in the 21st century.
2. Provide sufficient wireless infrastructure within budget parameters.
3. Provide access to the Internet only through the District's electronic networks.
4. Identify approved BYOT devices and what District-owned technology devices may be available; e.g., laptops, tablet devices, E-readers, and/or smartphones.
5. Align with Board policies 4:140, *Waiver of Student Fees*; 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*; 5:125, *Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct*; 5:170, *Copyright*; 6:120, *Education of Children with Disabilities*; 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*; 7:140, *Search and Seizure*; 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*; 7:190, *Student Behavior*; 7:340, *Student Records*; and 7:345, *Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security*.
6. Provide relevant staff members with BYOT professional development opportunities, including the provision of:
   a. Classroom management information about issues associated with the program, e.g., technical support, responsible use, etc.;
   b. A copy of or access to this policy and any building-specific rules for the program;
   c. Additional training, if necessary, about 5:170, *Copyright*; and
   d. Information concerning appropriate behavior of staff members as required by State law and policy 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*.
7. Provide a method to inform parents/guardians and students about this policy.
8. Include the program in the annual report to the Board as required under policy 6:10, *Education Philosophy and Objectives*.

The District reserves the right to discontinue its BYOT program at any time. The District does not provide liability protection for BYOT devices, and it is not responsible for any damages to them.

Responsible Use

The District recognizes students participating in the program as responsible young adults and holds high expectations of their conduct in connection with their participation in the program. Teachers may encourage students to bring their own devices as supplemental in-class materials when: (a) using the devices will appropriately enhance, or otherwise illustrate, the subjects being taught; (b) the Building Principal has approved their use and found that their

[3] This policy is optional. It concerns an area in which the law is unsettled. This policy contains an item on which collective bargaining may be required. Any policy that impacts upon wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment, is subject to collective bargaining upon request by the employee representative, even if the policy involves an inherent managerial right. Consult the board attorney and the district's information technology professional(s) for advice to create a legally sound program that fits your district's mission statement for instruction.

use is age-appropriate; and (c) the student's parent/guardian has signed the *Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program Participation Authorization and Responsible Use Agreement Form*. A student's right to privacy in his or her device is limited; any reasonable suspicion of activities that violate law or Board policies will be treated according to policy 7:140, *Search and Seizure*.

Responsible use in the program incorporates into this policy the individual's *Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks* agreement pursuant to policy 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*. Responsible use also incorporates the established usage and conduct rules in policy 5:125, *Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct,* for staff and 7:190, *Student Behavior,* for students. Failure to follow these rules and the specific BYOT program student guidelines may result in: (a) the loss of access to the District's electronic network and/or student's BYOT privileges; (b) disciplinary action pursuant to 7:190, *Student Behavior*; 7:200, *Suspension Procedures*; or 7:210, *Expulsion Procedures*; and/or (c) appropriate legal action, including referrals of suspected or alleged criminal acts to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

LEGAL REF.: 15 U.S.C. §§6501-6508, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act; 16 C.F.R. Part 312, Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule.

20 U.S.C §6751 et seq., Enhancing Education Through Technology Act.

47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l), Children's Internet Protection Act.

47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart F, Universal Service Support for Schools and Libraries.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.28.

CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 4:140 (Waiver of Student Fees), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:125 (Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct), 5:170 (Copyright), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:340 (Student Records)

Adopted 4/11/23

6:220-E1 Exhibit - Authorization to Participate in the Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct Agreement

This form accompanies policy 6:220, Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT); Responsible Use and Conduct. It must be signed before a student participates in a BYOT Program. Please submit this form to the Building Principal.

Student _____ **School year**_____

To be read and signed by the student-participant and his/her parent/guardian:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our School District allows students to participate in a curriculum-based Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program. You must authorize your child's participation in the program by agreeing to the following terms and discussing them with your child, including using the Internet through the District's electronic network during instructional time (Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) (47 U.S.C. §254)). This authorization and agreement needs to be signed only once while your child is enrolled in the District.

Your child must also sign the *Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks* agreement to participate in the program. If you have not read and signed this document or do not know whether one is already on file in the District, contact your Building Principal. You may also ask your Building Principal for any other forms or exhibits referenced in the BYOT authorization and agreement below.

The violation of any laws or Board policies while participating in the program may result in the loss of your child's privilege to participate in the program. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions. If you agree to allow your child to participate in BYOT program, sign the authorization and agreement below and return it to your school.

The teacher's role in the program is that of instructor in your child's classroom. Teachers cannot spend time fixing technical difficulties with BYOT devices. Parents/guardians and their children share the responsibility for technical support and providing a properly charged BYOT device. If a BYOT device has technical difficulties: (1) a District-owned device may be provided, if available, or (2) students may be asked to partner with another student who has a functioning BYOT device during a lesson. The District will also expect you and your child to keep the BYOT device free from viruses, malware, and/or any other harmful programs that could damage the District's electronic network. Finally, the right to privacy in your child's BYOT device is limited while it is on any school property.

Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program Participation Authorization and Responsible Use Agreement

I hereby request that my child be allowed to participate in the District's BYOT program. (*Please indicate agreement by initialing the checkbox.*)

☐ I have read this *BYOT Participation Authorization and Responsible Use Agreement*. I understand the program is designed for educational purposes and that during instructional times, my child may access the District's Internet only through its electronic networks to minimize access to inappropriate material.

☐ I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, and Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the District's network and compliance with federal law(s) (including, but not limited to CIPA requirements).

☐ I have previously signed the *Student Authorization for Electronic Network Access* form. I have also read and discussed with my child the following documents: (1) the Responsible Use portion of policy 6:220, *Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Programs; Responsible Use and Conduct*; (2) 6:220-E2, *Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program Student Guidelines*; and (3) 6:235-E5, *Children's Online Privacy Protection Act*.

☐ I understand that my child and I share the responsibility for technical support, providing a properly charged BYOT device, and keeping the BYOT device free from viruses, malware and/or any other harmful programs that could infect or harm the District's electronic network.

☐ I understand that the District does not provide liability protection for BYOT devices, and it is not responsible for any damages.

☐ I understand that my child's privacy rights in his/her BYOT device while on any school property are limited as outlined in Board policy.

☐ I consent that my child may share another student's BYOT device, or in the alternative, be asked to share his/her BYOT device with another student, from time to time as directed by the classroom teacher.

Parent/Guardian (*please print*)	Date
Parent/Guardian signature	Student signature

To be read and signed by student and parent/guardian who is not participating:

I have decided **not to participate** in the BYOT program sponsored by the School District for the remainder of this school year. In order for me to participate in the BYOT program at a later date, I understand that I must contact the Building Principal and sign the above *Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program Participation Authorization and Responsible Use Agreement*.

Parent/Guardian (please print)	Date
Parent/Guardian signature	Student signature

Enclosures: 6:220, *Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct*; 6:220-E2, *Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program Student Guidelines*; 6:235-E5, *Children's Online Privacy Protection Act*

Adopted 12/12/23

6:220-E2 Exhibit - Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program Student Guidelines

This exhibit accompanies policy 6:220, Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct. It should be sent home with students along with 6:220-E1, Authorization to Participate in the Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct Agreement, and 6:235-E5, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act. It outlines BYOT guidelines. Building Principals may want to include this in the student handbook. Modify this exhibit to reflect the District's and any building-specific guidelines.

The purpose of the District's BYOT program is to extend and enrich the learning environment. The following guidelines apply to students who participate in the program:

Access only the District's Internet gateway. The District filters access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate at school pursuant to policy 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*. Make no attempts to bypass the District's Internet gateway. Similar to when a filter is disabled or malfunctions, it is impossible to control all Internet material, and a BYOT participant may discover inappropriate material. It may also be discovered if and/or when sharing a BYOT device with another student. Report inappropriate content and conduct to your classroom teacher.

Follow the standards of your parents/guardians. The District respects each family's right to decide whether or not to participate. District-provided technology may be an alternative.

Access only authorized data or files on the computer or Internet sites that are relevant to the classroom curriculum and suggested by a teacher. Students are strictly prohibited from infecting the District's network(s) with a virus or malware program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or otherwise compromise the network, and hacking, altering, or bypassing security policies or measures. Installing and updating anti-virus and anti-malware software and keeping the operating system on BYOT devices updated is required. The District may examine any BYOT device that it suspects is causing network problems or may be the source of an attack or virus infection.

Use of a BYOT device is subject to policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*.

Transmit only appropriate content while using the District's electronic network. At no time, may a photographic image or video of any person on campus be made, posted, or shared, unless authorized by the teacher for instructional purposes. Any reasonable suspicion of an activity that violates law or Board policies will be treated according to policy 7:140, *Search and Seizure*. Bullying, harassment, or sexual material will not be tolerated and will be managed pursuant to policies 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*, or 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*, as appropriate. Retrieval of devices that become involved in a law enforcement investigation is the student and parent/guardian's responsibility.

Charge all BYOT devices prior to school every day. Turn off and keep BYOT devices in the sight of the teacher during assessments, unless otherwise directed by a teacher. Immediately follow any teacher's instruction to shut down BYOT devices or close the

screen. All BYOT devices must be in silent mode and put away when directed by teachers.

Sharing BYOT devices with other students is allowed only when a parent/guardian has approved this in writing through the *Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program Participation Authorization and Responsible Use Agreement* and the teacher has directed it.

Adopted 12/12/23

6:230 Library Media Program

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the District's library media program to comply with (1) State law and Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) rule and (2) the following standards:

1. The program includes an organized collection of resources available to students and staff to supplement classroom instruction, foster reading for pleasure, enhance information literacy, and support research, as appropriate to students of all abilities in the grade levels served.
2. Financial resources for the program's resources and supplies are allocated to meet students' needs.
3. Students in all grades served have equitable access to library media resources.
4. The advice of an individual who is qualified according to ISBE rule is sought regarding the overall direction of the program, including the selection and organization of materials, provision of instruction in information and technology literacy, and structuring the work of library paraprofessionals.
5. The program adheres to the principles of the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, which indicate that materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
6. Staff members are invited to recommend additions to the collection.
7. Students may freely select resource center materials as well as receive guided selection of materials appropriate to specific, planned learning experiences.

Parents/guardians, employees, and community members who believe that library media program resources violate rights guaranteed by any law or Board policy may file a complaint using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria consistent with this policy for the review of objections. Parents/guardians, employees, and community members with suggestions or complaints about library media program resources may complete a *Library Media Resource Objection Form*. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian, employee, or community member, as applicable, of the District's decision.

LEGAL REF.: 75 ILCS 10/8.7.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(o).

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs)

Adopted 2/11/25

6:230-AP Administrative Procedure - Responding to Complaints About Library Media Resources

Actor	Action
Parents/Guardians, Employees, or Community Members	Submits any feedback or complaints about the District's library media resources to the Building Principal, using exhibit 6:230-AP, E, *Library Media Resource Objection Form*.
Building Principal	Directs any parent/guardian, employee, or community member wishing to submit formal feedback or a complaint regarding the District's library media resources to complete exhibit 6:230-AP, E, *Library Media Resource Objection Form*. If the complaint alleges a violation of law or board policy, refers the complaint to the District Complaint Manager for processing under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. Transmits the *Library Media Resource Objection Form* to the Superintendent or designee for further action.
Superintendent, in consultation with the School Librarian	Determines on a case-by-case basis what action, if any, will be taken in response to a complaint about a library media resource. In making a determination, considers whether the library media resource is aligned with the criteria set forth in Board policy 6:230, *Library Media Program*, specifically, does the resource in question: 1. Supplement classroom instruction 2. Foster reading for pleasure 3. Enhance information literacy 4. Support research 5. Align with the principles of the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights* regarding selection of materials, which include: a. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation. b. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. c. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment. Consults with the Board Attorney regarding responses to complaints about library resources. Prepares and sends a written response to the person who submitted the *Library Media Resource Objection Form*, informing the person of the District's decision.

Actor	Action
	Notes on the *Library Media Resource Objection Form* the date on which the response was provided and attaches the response to the form.

Adopted 2/11/25

6:230-AP, E Exhibit - Library Media Resource Objection Form

Use this form to submit feedback and/or complaints about the District's library media resources. Please complete this form and return it to the Building Principal, who will submit it to the Superintendent or designee. Please print.

Book/Library Resource Title

School

Please explain why you object to this library resource and state your desired outcome, if any. Please be specific.

Complainant name (*please print*)

Telephone

Email

Address

Complainant represents: ☐ Student ☐ Parent/guardian of student ☐ Other

Complainant address

Complainant signature

Date

Completed by the Superintendent or designee.

Written response provided to Complainant on:_____ (attach response to this form)

_____

Superintendent or Designee Signature Date

Adopted 8/8/23

6:235 Access to Electronic Networks

Electronic networks are a part of the District's instructional program and serve to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The term *electronic networks* includes all of the District's technology resources, including, but not limited to:

1. The District's local-area and wide-area networks, including wireless networks (Wi-Fi), District-issued Wi-Fi hotspots, and any District servers or other networking infrastructure;
2. Access to the Internet or other online resources via the District's networks or to any District-issued online account from any computer or device, regardless of location;
3. District-owned or District-issued computers, laptops, tablets, phones, or similar devices.

The Superintendent shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint system administrator(s).

The School District is not responsible for any information that may be lost or damaged, or become unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

Curriculum and Appropriate Online Behavior

The use of the District's electronic networks shall: (1) be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students, and (2) comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library resource center materials. As required by federal law and Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including but not limited to: (1) interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and (2) cyberbullying awareness and response. Staff members may, consistent with the Superintendent's implementation plan, use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

The District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

Acceptable Use

All use of the District's electronic networks must be: (1) in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the goals stated herein, or (2) for a legitimate school business purpose. Use is a privilege, not a right. Users of the District's electronic networks have no expectation of privacy in any material that is stored on, transmitted, or received via the District's electronic networks. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks. The District's administrative procedure, *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*, contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

Internet Safety

Technology protection measures shall be used on each District computer with Internet access. They shall include a filtering device that protects against Internet access by both adults and minors to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or

inappropriate for students, as defined by federal law and as determined by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall enforce the use of such filtering devices. An administrator, supervisor, or other authorized person may disable the filtering device for bona fide research or other lawful purpose, provided the person receives prior permission from the Superintendent or system administrator. The Superintendent or designee shall include measures in this policy's implementation plan to address the following:

1. Ensure staff supervision of student access to online electronic networks,
2. Restrict student access to inappropriate matter as well as restricting access to harmful materials,
3. Ensure student and staff privacy, safety, and security when using electronic communications,
4. Restrict unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities, and
5. Restrict unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information, such as, names and addresses.

Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each staff member must sign the *Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks* as a condition for using the District's electronic network. Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the *Authorization* before being granted unsupervised use.

Confidentiality

All users of the District's computers to access the Internet shall maintain the confidentiality of student records. Reasonable measures to protect against unreasonable access shall be taken before confidential student information is loaded onto the network.

Violations

The failure of any user to follow the terms of the District's administrative procedure, *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks,* or this policy, will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7131, Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l), Children's Internet Protection Act.

47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart F, Universal Service Support for Schools and Libraries.

115 ILCS 5/14(c-5), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

720 ILCS 5/26.5.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:170 (Copyright), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 6:220 (Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct), 6:230 (Library Media Program), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 7:315 (Restrictions on Publications; High Schools), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

ADMIN. PROC.: 6:235-AP1 (Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks), 6:235-AP1, E1 (Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks), 6:235-AP1, E2 (Staff Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks)

Adopted 11/9/21

6:235-E3 Exhibit - Online Privacy Statement

Post the content of this exhibit on the District's website to inform website visitors of the information the District collects through its website and how it uses that information. Modify this exhibit as needed to reflect the District's practices.

Online Privacy Statement

The School District respects the privacy of all website visitors to the extent permitted by law. This Online Privacy Statement is intended to inform you of the ways in which this website collects information, the uses to which that information will be put, and the ways in which we will protect any information you choose to provide us.

There are four types of information that this site may collect during your visit: network traffic logs, website visit logs, cookies, and information voluntarily provided by you.

Network Traffic Logs

In the course of ensuring network security and consistent service for all users, the District employs software programs to do such things as monitor network traffic, identify unauthorized access or access to nonpublic information, detect computer viruses and other software that might damage District computers or the network, and monitor and tune the performance of the District network. In the course of such monitoring, these programs may detect such information as email headers, addresses from network packets, and other information. Information from these activities is used only for the purpose of maintaining the security and performance of the District's networks and computer systems. Personally identifiable information from these activities is not released to external parties without your consent unless required by law.

Website Visit Logs

District websites routinely collect and store information from online visitors to help manage those sites and improve service. This information includes the pages visited on the site, the date and time of the visit, the Internet address (URL or IP address) of the referring site (often called "referrers"), the domain name and IP address from which the access occurred, the version of browser used, the capabilities of the browser, and search terms used on our search engines. This site makes no attempt to identify individual visitors from this information; any personally identifiable information is not released to external parties without your consent unless required by law.

Cookies

Cookies are pieces of information stored by your web browser on behalf of a website and returned to the website on request. This site may use cookies for two purposes: to carry data about your current session at the site from one webpage to the next and to identify you to the site between visits. If you prefer not to receive cookies, you may turn them off in your browser, or you may set your browser to ask you before accepting a new cookie. Some pages may not function properly if the cookies are turned off. Unless otherwise notified on this site, we will not store data, other than for these two purposes, in cookies. Cookies remain on your computer, and accordingly we neither store cookies on our computers nor forward them to any external parties. We do not use cookies to track your movement among different websites and do not exchange cookies with other entities.

Information Voluntarily Provided by You

In the course of using this website, you may choose to provide us with information to help us serve your needs. For example, you may send us an email to request information, an application or other material, and you may sign up for a mailing list. Any personally identifiable information you send us will be used only for the purpose indicated. Requests for information will be directed to the appropriate staff and may be recorded to help us update our site. We will not sell, exchange, or otherwise distribute your personally identifiable information without your consent, except to the extent required by law. We do not retain the information longer than necessary for normal operations.

Each webpage requesting information discloses the purpose of that information. If you do not wish to have the information used in that manner, you are not required to provide it. Please contact the person listed on the specific page, or listed below, with questions or concerns on the use of personally identifiable information.

While no system can provide guaranteed security, we take reasonable efforts to keep information you provide to us secure, including encryption technology (if any), and physical security at the location of the server where the information is stored.

Communication Preferences

You can stop the delivery of informational emails from the District by following the specific instructions in the email you receive. Depending on the respective service, you may also have the option of proactively making choices about the receipt of email, telephone calls, and postal mail for particular District information and activities.

Links to Non-District Websites

District websites provide links to other websites or resources. We do not control these sites and resources, do not endorse them, and are not responsible for their availability, content, or delivery of services. In particular, external sites are not bound by this Online Privacy Statement; they may have their own policies or none at all. Often, you can tell you are leaving a District website by noting the URL of the destination site. Links to external websites open a new browser window.

Please email your questions or concerns to the System Administrator [*insert contact information*].

Adopted 11/9/21

6:235-E4 Exhibit - Keeping Yourself and Your Kids Safe On Social Networks

For students:

* Put everything behind password protected walls, where only friends can see.
* Protect your password and make sure you really know who someone is before you allow them onto your friend's list.
* Blur or morph your photos a bit so they won't be abused by cyberbullies or predators.
* Don't post anything your parents, principal or a predator couldn't see.
* What you post online stays online - forever!!!! So ThinkB4UClick!
* Don't do or say anything online you wouldn't say offline.
* Protect your privacy and your friends' privacy too...get their okay before posting something about them or their pics online.
* Check what your friends are posting/saying about you. Even if you are careful, they may not be and may be putting you at risk.
* That cute 14-year old boy may not be cute, may not be 14 and may not be a boy! You never know!
* And, unless you're prepared to attach your blog to your college/job/internship/scholarship or sports team application…don't post it publicly!
* Stop, Block and Tell! (don't respond to any cyberbullying message, block the person sending it to you and tell a trusted adult).
* R-E-S-P-E-C-T! (use good netiquette and respect the feelings and bandwidth of others).
* Keep personal information private (the more information someone has about you, the more easily they can bully you).
* Google yourself! (conduct frequent searches for your own personal information online and set alerts … to spot cyberbullying early).
* Take 5! (walk away from the computer for 5 minutes when something upsets you, so you don't do something you will later regret).

And for parents:

* Talk to your kids - ask questions (and then confirm to make sure they are telling you the truth!)
* Ask to see their profile page (for the first time)…tomorrow! (It gives them a chance to remove everything that isn't appropriate or safe…and it becomes a way to teach them what not to post instead of being a gotcha moment! Think of it as the loud announcement before walking downstairs to a teen party you're hosting.)
* Don't panic…there are ways of keeping your kids safe online. It's easier than you think!
* Be involved and work with others in your community. (Think about joining WiredSafety.org and help create a local cyber-neighborhood watch program in your community.)
* Remember what you did that your parents would have killed you had they known, when you were fifteen.
* This too will pass! Most kids really do use social networks just to communicate with their friends. Take a breath, gather your thoughts and get help when you need it. (You can reach out to WiredSafety.org.)
* It's not an invasion of their privacy if strangers can see it. There is a difference between reading their paper diary that is tucked away in their sock drawer…and reading their blog. One is between them and the paper it's written on; the other between them and 700 million people online!
* Don't believe everything you read online - especially if your teen posts it on her blog!

For more information, visit www.WiredSafety.org.

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Resources for Students and Parents

Resources for students:

Federal Trade Commission - www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/kids-online.

Connect Safely - Tips for Safe Social Networking for Teens www.connectsafely.org/social-web-tips-for-teens/ (2017).

NetSmartz - www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources.

Resources for parents:

National Crime Prevention Council – Social Networking Safety, Tips for Parents http://archive.ncpc.org/topics/internet-safety/social-networking-safety.html. Great comprehensive article for parents.

Connect Safely - Social Web Tips for Parents https://www.connectsafely.org/social-web-tips-for-parents/ (2017).

National Cyber Security Alliance - Raising Digital Citizens https://staysafeonline.org/get-involved/at-home/raising-digital-citizens/.

Illinois Attorney General – Stay Connected Stay Informed https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/cyberbullying/.

Federal Trade Commission – COPPA: A few tips to keep your child safe online https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/04/coppa-few-tips-keep-your-child-safe-online (2019).

DHS U.S. CERT - Socializing Securely: Using Social Networking Services www.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/publications/safe_social_networking.pdf.

DHS U.S Computer Emergency Readiness Team - Staying Safe on Social Network Sites https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/tips/ST06-003 (2019).

Safe Chat Room and Social Sites for Kids https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/safe-chat-rooms-and-social-sites-for-kids.

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6:235-AP1 Administrative Procedure - Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks

All use of the District's *electronic networks* shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. These procedures do not attempt to state all required or prohibited behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow these procedures will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action.**

Terms and Conditions

The term *electronic networks* includes all of the District's technology resources, including, but not limited to:

1. The District's local-area and wide-area networks, including wireless networks (Wi-Fi), District-provided Wi-Fi hotspots, and any District servers or other networking infrastructure;
2. Access to the Internet or other online resources via the District's networking infrastructure or to any District-issued online account from any computer or device, regardless of location;
3. District-owned and District-issued computers, laptops, tablets, phones, or similar devices.

Acceptable Use - Access to the District's electronic networks must be: (a) for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the District's educational objectives, or (b) for legitimate business use.

Privileges - Use of the District's electronic networks is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action. The system administrator or Building Principal will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated these procedures and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time. His or her decision is final.

Unacceptable Use - The user is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the electronic networks. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:

a. Using the electronic networks for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other intellectual property rights or contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any State or federal law;

b. Using the electronic networks to engage in conduct prohibited by board policy;

c. Unauthorized downloading of software or other files, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or scanned for malware;

d. Unauthorized use of personal removable media devices (such as flash or thumb drives);

e. Downloading of copyrighted material for other than personal use;

f. Using the electronic networks for private financial or commercial gain;

g. Wastefully using resources, such as file space;

h. Hacking or attempting to hack or gain unauthorized access to files, accounts, resources, or entities by any means;

i. Invading the privacy of individuals, including the unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, and use of information about anyone that is of a personal nature, such as a photograph or video;

j. Using another user's account or password;

k. Disclosing any network or account password (including your own) to any other person, unless requested by the system administrator;

l. Posting or sending material authored or created by another without his/her consent;

m. Posting or sending anonymous messages;

n. Creating or forwarding chain letters, spam, or other unsolicited messages;

o. Using the electronic networks for commercial or private advertising;

p. Accessing, sending, posting, publishing, or displaying any abusive, obscene, profane, sexual, threatening, harassing, illegal, or knowingly false material;

q. Misrepresenting the user's identity or the identity of others; and

r. Using the electronic networks while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

Network Etiquette - The user is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Be polite. Do not become abusive in messages to others.

b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.

c. Do not reveal personal information, including the addresses or telephone numbers, of students or colleagues.

d. Recognize that the District's electronic networks are not private. People who operate District technology have access to all email and other data. Messages or other evidence relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

e. Do not use the networks in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.

f. Consider all communications and information accessible via the electronic networks to be private property.

No Warranties - The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages the user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or the user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Indemnification - By using the District's electronic networks, the user agrees to indemnify the District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any violation of these procedures.

Security - Network security is a high priority. If the user can identify or suspects a security problem on the network, the user must promptly notify the system administrator or Building Principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep user account(s) and password(s) confidential. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the network as a system administrator will result in

cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the networks.

Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of malware, such as viruses and spyware.

Telephone Charges - The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, texting or data use charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.

Copyright Web Publishing Rules - Copyright law and District policy prohibit the re-publishing of text or graphics found on the Internet or on District websites or file servers/cloud storage without explicit written permission.

a. For each re-publication (on a website or file server) of a graphic or a text file that was produced externally, there must be a notice at the bottom of the page crediting the original producer and noting how and when permission was granted. If possible, the notice should also include the web address of the original source.

b. Students and staff engaged in producing web pages must provide library media specialists with email or hard copy permissions before the web pages are published. Printed evidence of the status of *public domain* documents must be provided.

c. The absence of a copyright notice may not be interpreted as permission to copy the materials. Only the copyright owner may provide the permission. The manager of the website displaying the material may not be considered a source of permission.

d. The *fair use* rules governing student reports in classrooms are less stringent and permit limited use of graphics and text.

e. Student work may only be published if there is written permission from both the parent/guardian and student.

Use of Email - The District's email system, and its constituent software, hardware, and data files, are owned and controlled by the District. The District provides email to aid students and staff members in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, and as an education tool.

a. The District reserves the right to access and disclose the contents of any account on its system, without prior notice or permission from the account's user. Unauthorized access by any student or staff member to an email account is strictly prohibited.

b. Each person should use the same degree of care in drafting an email message as would be put into a written memorandum or document. Nothing should be transmitted in an email message that would be inappropriate in a letter or memorandum.

c. Electronic messages transmitted via the District's Internet gateway carry with them an identification of the user's Internet *domain*. This domain is a registered name and identifies the author as being with the District. Great care should be taken, therefore, in the composition of such messages and how such messages might reflect on the name and reputation of the District. Users will be held personally responsible for the content of any and all email messages transmitted to external recipients.

d. Any message received from an unknown sender via the Internet, such as spam or potential phishing emails, should either be immediately deleted or forwarded to the system administrator. Downloading any file attached to any Internet-based message

is prohibited unless the user is certain of that message's authenticity and the nature of the file so transmitted.

e. Use of the District's email system constitutes consent to these regulations.

Internet Safety

Internet access is limited to only those *acceptable uses* as detailed in these procedures. Internet safety is supported if users will not engage in *unacceptable uses*, as detailed in these procedures, and otherwise follow these procedures.

Staff members shall supervise students while students are using District Internet access to ensure that the students abide by the *Terms and Conditions* for Internet access contained in these procedures.

Each District computer with Internet access has a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

The system administrator and Building Principals shall monitor student Internet access.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7131, Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l), Children's Internet Protection Act.

720 ILCS 135/, Harassing and Obscene Communications Act.

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6:235-AP1, E1 Exhibit - Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks

This form accompanies Administrative Procedure 6:235-AP1, Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks. It must be signed when students will have unsupervised Internet access or when supervision will be minimal. Please submit this form to the Building Principal.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our School District has the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of its electronic networks, including the Internet. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Students and their parents/guardians need only sign this *Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks* once while the student is enrolled in the School District.

The District *filters* access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. If a filter has been disabled or malfunctions it is impossible to control all material and a user may discover inappropriate material. Ultimately, parents/guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child should follow, and the School District respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize Internet access.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. The use of inappropriate material or language, or violation of copyright laws, may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions. If you agree to allow your child to have a network account, sign the *Authorization* form below and return it to your school.

Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks Form

Students must have a parent/guardian read and agree to the following before being granted unsupervised access:

All use of the electronic networks shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of the *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks* will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.** The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

I have read this *Authorization* form. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks* with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's electronic networks, including the Internet.

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Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*)

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Students must also read and agree to the following before being granted unsupervised access:

I understand and will abide by the *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*. I understand that the District and/or its agents may access and monitor my use of the District's electronic networks, including the Internet, my email, and downloaded material, without prior notice to me. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's electronic network connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use of, or inability to use the District's electronic networks, including the Internet.

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Student Name (*please print*)

_____ _____

Student Signature Date

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6:235-AP1, E2 Exhibit - Staff Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks

This form accompanies Administrative Procedure 6:235-AP1, Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks. Each staff member must sign this Authorization as a condition for using the District's Electronic Networks. Please submit this form to the Building Principal.

All use of the electronic networks shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Administrative Procedure 6:235-AP1, *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*, does not attempt to state all required or prohibited behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks,* will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action.** The signature at the end of this document is legally binding and indicates that the individual has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

Staff members need only sign this *Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks* once while employed by the School District.

I understand and will abide by the *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*. I understand that the District and/or its agents may access and monitor my use of the District's electronic networks, including the Internet, my email, and downloaded material, without prior notice to me. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and disciplinary action and/or legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's electronic network connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its School Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use of, or inability to use the District's electronic networks, including the Internet.

_____
User Name (*please print*)

_____ _____
User Signature Date

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6:235-AP2 Administrative Procedure - Web Publishing Guidelines

General Requirements

All material published on the District's website must have educational value and/or support the District guidelines, goals, and policies. Material appropriate for web publishing includes information about the District and its School Board members, agendas, policies, appropriate administrative procedures, Department activities or services, schools, teachers or classes, student projects, and student extracurricular organizations. Personal information, not related to education, will not be allowed on the District's website.

The District webmaster shall implement a centralized process for review and uploading of material onto the District's website to ensure that, before material is published, it complies with District policy and procedures. The District webmaster shall supervise the efforts of all staff members responsible for web publishing at each level of District web publishing and, when appropriate, hold in-service opportunities for those staff members. The staff members responsible for web publishing are identified in these procedures in the section **Different Levels of Web Publication**. The District webmaster shall provide regular feedback and suggestions to the Superintendent regarding these Guidelines.

All content published on the District's website must:

1. Comply with all State and federal law concerning copyright, intellectual property rights, and legal uses of network computers.
2. Comply with Board policies, administrative procedures, these Guidelines, and other District guidelines provided for specific levels of publishing. This specifically includes the Board's *Access to Electronic Networks* policy and the District's procedures on *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*.
3. Due to limited storage space and varying network speeds, file sizes may be limited by the District webmaster.
4. Comply with the publishing expectations listed below.

Material that fails to meet these Guidelines or is in violation of Board policy and/or procedures shall not be published on the District's website. The District reserves the right to remove any material in violation of its policy or procedures. Failure to follow these Guidelines or Board policy and/or procedures may result in loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

Publishing Expectations

The following are minimum expectations for all District web pages:

1. The style and presentation of web published material should be of high quality and designed for clarity and readability. Material shall not be published in violation of the District's procedures on *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*, including material that is abusive, obscene, profane, sexual threatening, harassing, knowingly false or invades the privacy of any individual. Anonymous messages are prohibited.
2. Correct grammar and spelling are expected.
3. All information must be verifiable.
4. Publications must include a statement of copyright when appropriate and indicate that permission has been secured when including copyrighted materials.
5. Publications must identify affiliation with the District, school, and/or department.

6. Widespread use of external links to non-District websites is discouraged, but if used, the external sites must contain appropriate educational materials and information as exclusively determined by the District. Every effort should be made to ensure that all links are operational. Every link to an external website must open a new browser window.
7. Relevant dates are required on all publications, including the date on which the publication was placed on the District's website. Each site should contain the date the page was last updated.
8. All publications must include the District email address of the staff member responsible for the page. This provides a contact person for questions or comments. If a student is the publisher, the sponsoring staff member's email must be included as the responsible person. Only District staff members may act as student sponsors.
9. Use of the District's website for personal or financial gain is prohibited. No commercial or private accounts should be listed on any District web pages.
10. All documents should be previewed on different web browsers, especially Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Microsoft Edge, before being posted on the District's website.

For more information about these expectations or other issues related to web publishing, please contact the System Administrator.

Protecting Student and Staff Privacy

Personal information concerning students or staff members, including home addresses and telephone numbers, shall not be published on District web pages.

A student's last name, last name initial, and grade-level shall not be published on District web pages. In addition, student records shall not be disclosed. In special circumstances (e.g., where accolades are warranted), the sponsoring staff member should contact the Building Principal who may seek permission from the student's parents/guardians. Web pages shall not display student pictures with a student identified by his or her name unless written parental permission was first granted (e.g., by executing the form *Using a Photograph or Videotape of a Student*). Student email addresses, whether a personal or District account, shall not be listed on any District web page.

Submitting Material to Be Published

Everyone submitting material for publication on the District's website shall have signed an *Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks*. Before material is published on the District's website, the author must authorize the District in writing to publish the material, unless the District owns the copyright. All material submitted by a teacher or other staff member for publication on the District's website is deemed "work for hire," and the copyright in those works vests in the District. All material submitted for the District's website is subject to treatment as a District-sponsored publication.

Different Levels of Web Publication

The following guidelines provide specific information regarding web publishing at different levels within the District. At each level, a staff member is identified as being responsible for web publishing at that level. This individual's web publishing efforts are supervised by the District webmaster.

District-Level

The District webmaster conducts the District-level web publishing efforts and supervises other levels of web publishing. District-level publishing includes the District's homepage

as well as any publishing activities representing the District as a whole, e.g., information about Board meetings, Board policy, and schedules. The District homepage shall have a link to an Online Privacy Statement.

Department-Level

District departments (e.g., Transportation, Personnel, or Curriculum) may publish their own web pages as part of the District's website. The department supervisor or director is ultimately responsible for his or her respective department's web pages, but may appoint a staff member as the department's webmaster to fulfill the maintenance, reviewing, and uploading tasks. The department supervisor or director shall keep the District webmaster informed of who is the department webmaster.

The web-published material should coincide with that department's printed material. The District webmaster should be consulted before publishing potentially sensitive material, e.g., school comparisons or student data.

The department front pages should maintain the look and feel of the District homepage: – the connection to the District should be obvious. Links to the main website's homepage must be included at the bottom of main pages, and the District's logo must be included at the top of main front pages of each department.

School-Level

The Building Principal is ultimately responsible for his or her respective school's webpages, but may appoint a staff member as the school webmaster to fulfill the maintenance, reviewing, and uploading tasks. The Building Principal shall keep the District webmaster informed of who is the school webmaster. All official material originating from the school will be consistent with the District style and content guidelines. The Building Principal or school webmaster may develop guidelines for the various sections of and contributors to the school's web pages.

Staff-Level

Any teacher or other staff member wanting to create web pages for use in class activities or to provide a resource for other teachers or staff members shall notify the school webmaster of his or her desired publishing activities.

Student-Level

A student wanting to create web pages on the District's website as part of a class or school-sponsored activity should request a teacher or staff member to sponsor the student's publishing efforts. The sponsoring teacher or staff member shall notify the school webmaster of the desired publishing activities. The student's web page must include an introduction written by the sponsor that describes the intent of the student's web page and contains the sponsor's District email address. Student web pages will be removed at the end of the school year unless special arrangements are made. Personal web pages are not allowed on the School District's web server. Likewise, student web pages may not contain commercial or advertising links, including links to games and advertisements for games.

CROSS REF.: 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:315 (Restrictions on Publications; High Schools)

ADMIN. PROC.: 5:170-AP1 (Copyright Compliance), 6:235-AP1 (Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks), 6:235-AP1, E1 (Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks), 6:235-AP1, E2 (Staff Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks), 6:235-E3 (Online Privacy Statement)

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6:235-E3 Exhibit - Online Privacy Statement

Online Privacy Statement

The School District respects the privacy of all website visitors to the extent permitted by law. This Online Privacy Statement is intended to inform you of the ways in which this website collects information, the uses to which that information will be put, and the ways in which we will protect any information you choose to provide us.

There are four types of information that this site may collect during your visit: network traffic logs, website visit logs, cookies, and information voluntarily provided by you.

Network Traffic Logs

In the course of ensuring network security and consistent service for all users, the District employs software programs to do such things as monitor network traffic, identify unauthorized access or access to nonpublic information, detect computer viruses and other software that might damage District computers or the network, and monitor and tune the performance of the District network. In the course of such monitoring, these programs may detect such information as e-mail headers, addresses from network packets, and other information. Information from these activities is used only for the purpose of maintaining the security and performance of the District's networks and computer systems. Personally identifiable information from these activities is not released to external parties without your consent unless required by law.

Website Visit Logs

District websites routinely collect and store information from online visitors to help manage those sites and improve service. This information includes the pages visited on the site, the date and time of the visit, the Internet address (URL or IP address) of the referring site (often called "referrers"), the domain name and IP address from which the access occurred, the version of browser used, the capabilities of the browser, and search terms used on our search engines. This site makes no attempt to identify individual visitors from this information; any personally identifiable information is not released to external parties without your consent unless required by law.

Cookies

Cookies are pieces of information stored by your web browser on behalf of a website and returned to the website on request. This site may use cookies for two purposes: to carry data about your current session at the site from one webpage to the next and to identify you to the site between visits. If you prefer not to receive cookies, you may turn them off in your browser, or may set your browser to ask you before accepting a new cookie. Some pages may not function properly if the cookies are turned off. Unless otherwise notified on this site, we will not store data, other than for these two purposes, in cookies. Cookies remain on your computer, and accordingly we neither store cookies on our computers nor forward them to any external parties. We do not use cookies to track your movement among different websites and do not exchange cookies with other entities.

Information Voluntarily Provided by You

In the course of using this website, you may choose to provide us with information to help us serve your needs. For example, you may send us an email to request information, an application or other material, and you may sign up for a mailing list. Any personally identifiable information you send us will be used only for the purpose indicated. Requests for information

will be directed to the appropriate staff and may be recorded to help us update our site. We will not sell, exchange, or otherwise distribute your personally identifiable information without your consent, except to the extent required by law. We do not retain the information longer than necessary for normal operations.

Each webpage requesting information discloses the purpose of that information. If you do not wish to have the information used in that manner, you are not required to provide it. Please contact the person listed on the specific page, or listed below, with questions or concerns on the use of personally identifiable information.

While no system can provide guaranteed security, we take reasonable efforts to keep information you provide to us secure, including encryption technology (if any), and physical security at the location of the server where the information is stored.

Communication Preferences

You can stop the delivery of informational emails from the District by following the specific instructions in the email you receive. Depending on the respective service, you may also have the option of proactively making choices about the receipt of email, telephone calls, and postal mail for particular District information and activities.

Links to Non-District Websites

District websites provide links to other websites or resources. We do not control these sites and resources, do not endorse them, and are not responsible for their availability, content, or delivery of services. In particular, external sites are not bound by this Online Privacy Statement; they may have their own policies or none at all. Often you can tell you are leaving a District website by noting the URL of the destination site. These links to external websites open a new browser window as well.

Please email your questions or concerns to the System Administrator [*insert contact information*].

6:235-E4 Exhibit - Keeping Yourself and Your Kids Safe On Social Networks

For students:

* Put everything behind password protected walls, where only friends can see.
* Protect your password and make sure you really know who someone is before you allow them onto your friend's list.
* Blur or morph your photos a bit so they won't be abused by cyberbullies or predators.
* Don't post anything your parents, principal or a predator couldn't see.
* What you post online stays online - forever!!!! So ThinkB4UClick!
* Don't do or say anything online you wouldn't say offline.
* Protect your privacy and your friends' privacy too...get their okay before posting something about them or their pics online.
* Check what your friends are posting/saying about you. Even if you are careful, they may not be and may be putting you at risk.
* That cute 14-year old boy may not be cute, may not be 14 and may not be a boy! You never know!
* And, unless you're prepared to attach your blog to your college/job/internship/scholarship or sports team application…don't post it publicly!
* Stop, Block and Tell! (don't respond to any cyberbullying message, block the person sending it to you and tell a trusted adult).
* R-E-S-P-E-C-T! (use good netiquette and respect the feelings and bandwidth of others).
* Keep personal information private (the more information someone has about you, the more easily they can bully you).
* Google yourself! (conduct frequent searches for your own personal information online and set alerts … to spot cyberbullying early).
* Take 5! (walk away from the computer for 5 minutes when something upsets you, so you don't do something you will later regret).

And for parents:

* Talk to your kids - ask questions (and then confirm to make sure they are telling you the truth!)
* Ask to see their profile page (for the first time)…tomorrow! (It gives them a chance to remove everything that isn't appropriate or safe…and it becomes a way to teach them what not to post instead of being a gotcha moment! Think of it as the loud announcement before walking downstairs to a teen party you're hosting.)
* Don't panic…there are ways of keeping your kids safe online. It's easier than you think!
* Be involved and work with others in your community. (Think about joining WiredSafety.org and help create a local cyber-neighborhood watch program in your community.)
* Remember what you did that your parents would have killed you had they known, when you were fifteen.
* This too will pass! Most kids really do use social networks just to communicate with their friends. Take a breath, gather your thoughts and get help when you need it. (You can reach out to WiredSafety.org.)
* It's not an invasion of their privacy if strangers can see it. There is a difference between reading their paper diary that is tucked away in their sock drawer…and reading their blog. One is between them and the paper it's written on; the other between them and 700 million people online!
* Don't believe everything you read online - especially if your teen posts it on her blog!

For more information, visit www.WiredSafety.org; www.stopcyberbulling.org.

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Resources for Students and Parents

Resources for students:

Federal Trade Commission - Kids and Socializing Online www.onguardonline.gov/articles/0012-kids-and-socializing-online.

Connect Safely - Social Web Tips for Teens www.connectsafely.com/Safety-Tips/social-web-tips-for-teens.html (2014).

Life online (Girls Scouts and Windows) - lmk.girlscouts.org/Online-Safety-Topics/Social-Networking/Is-It-Safe-/Test-Your-Knowledge-on-Social-Networking-Safety.aspx. Test for knowledge of networking safety. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children – Teens Talk Back, Social Networking www.netsmartz.org/TeensTalkBack/SocialNetworking.

Resources for parents:

National Crime Prevention Council – Social Networking Safety, Tips for Parents www.ncpc.org/topics/internet-safety/social-networking-safety. Great comprehensive article for parents.

Connect Safely - Social Web Tips for Parents www.connectsafely.com/Safety-Tips/social-web-tips-for-parents.html (2014).

National Cyber Security Alliance - Raising Digital Citizens www.staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/for-parents/raising-digital-citizens.

Illinois Attorney General – Stay Connected Stay Informed www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/cyberbullying/.

DHS U.S. CERT - Socializing Securely: Using Social Networking Services www.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/publications/safe_social_networking.pdf.

DHS U.S Computer Emergency Readiness Team - Staying Safe on Social Network Sites www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST06-003 (January 26, 2011).

Internet Safety: Social Networking Sites for Children blog.privatewifi.com/internet-safety-social-networking-sites-for-children/ (March 30, 2011).

8 Safe Social Networks for Kids kommein.com/8-safe-social-networks-for-kids/ (Jan. 5, 2011). List of sites that are compliant with Children's Online Privacy Protection Act and have parental controls.

6:235-E5 Exhibit - Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

On District letterhead:

RE: Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is being sent as part of the District's continuing effort to educate parents and students about privacy protection and Internet use that occurs outside of the protections required for use of educational technology in school.

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) gives parents/guardians control over what information companies can collect from their children online. However, not all companies are transparent about what data a mobile app or website collects, who will have access to that data, and how it will be used. Allowing your child access to games and other seemingly harmless applications on a smartphone or computer risks his or her exposure to intrusive marketing and access to personal information.

The following suggestions may help keep children from being bombarded by unwanted advertising, from making unwanted purchases and from disclosing personal information and location:

* Talk to your child early and often about online behavior, safety, and security, and encourage your child to make good choices.
* Be choosy about the applications that you let your child use. Try the app yourself to check for advertising messages and/or social networking and purchase options before allowing your child access.
* Select activities that do not require access to the Internet or an application, such as looking at family pictures or listening to preselected music, screened and approved by you.
* Make certain that the ability to make purchases is password protected.
* Set up family rules and consequences explaining that all purchases made via a smartphone or computer must have parent/guardian consent.
* Caution children about the use of social networking and other sites and/or apps that can pinpoint locations.
* Monitor computer and smartphone use whenever and wherever possible.

For more information on the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act and protecting your child online, please see the following links:

www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0031-protecting-your-childs-privacy-online#breakingrules
www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0002-parents

Sincerely,

Adopted 6/22/21

6:240 Field Trips

Field trips are permissible when the experiences are a part of the school curriculum and/or contribute to the District's educational objectives.

All field trips must have the Superintendent or designee's prior approval, except that field trips beyond a 200-mile radius of the school or extending overnight must have the prior approval of the School Board. The Superintendent or designee shall analyze the following factors to determine whether to approve a field trip: educational value, student safety, parent concerns, heightened security alerts, and liability concerns. On all field trips, a bus fee set by the Superintendent or designee may be charged to help defray the transportation costs.

Parents/guardians of students: (1) shall be given the opportunity to consent to their child's participation in any field trip; and (2) are responsible for all entrance fees, food, lodging, or other costs, except that the District will pay such costs for students who qualify for a fee waiver under Board policy 4:140, *Waiver of Student Fees*. All non-participating students shall be provided an alternative experience. Any field trip may be cancelled without notice due to an unforeseen event or condition.

Privately arranged trips, including those led by District staff members, shall not be represented as or construed to be sponsored by the District or school. The District does not provide liability protection for privately arranged trips and is not responsible for any damages arising from them.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/29-3.1.CROSS REF.: 4:140 (Waiver of Student Fees), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students)

Adopted 12-12-23

6:240-AP Administrative Procedure - Field Trip Guidelines

Actor	Action
Teacher(s) or administrator who seeks consent for a school-sponsored trip with students	Submits a trip proposal to the Building Principal. The proposal must specifically describe each of the following: The trip, including possible dates, location, and experience The trip's educational value Transportation requirements Supervision plans that include, among other things, plans for at least two adult supervisors to be present with every grouping of students The students who will be involved The alternative experience that will be provided non-participating students A summary and evaluation of any previous similar trip
Building Principal	Prepares a recommendation for the Superintendent or Board, as appropriate, using the following factors to analyze the trip proposal: Educational value Distance to be traveled Location Travel arrangements Fees Parent concerns Insurance carrier's liability feedback Safety considerations Heightened security alerts Whether trip is an annual event
Appropriate teacher(s) and Building Principal	Makes final transportation arrangements. Recruits parents/guardians for supervisory roles, as appropriate. Collects signed consent forms and fees from all participating students' parents/guardians. Makes sure all supervisors have a list of the following: Names of all student participants and supervisors Names and specifics of students with special needs Name/phone number of emergency contacts for all students and supervisors Date/time and specific destination of trip Departure/arrival times both to and from destination Name and phone number of transportation company and primary contact in case of emergency Name/phone number of contact at destination Once at destination, where to go in case of an emergency Make final supervisor assignments and inform all supervisors of their individual assignments

Actor	Action
Parent(s)/guardian(s)	Decides whether to consent to their child's participation. If the student is participating, pays all applicable fees for entry, food, lodging, transportation, or other costs. The District will pay such costs for students who qualify for free and reduced school lunches in accordance with policy 4:140, *Waiver of Student Fees*.
Teacher(s) or administrator proposing the trip	After a trip, evaluates the trip and provides the Building Principal with the evaluation.

Adopted 12/12/23

6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers [4]

The School Board encourages the use of resource persons and volunteers to: (1) increase students' educational attainment; (2) provide enrichment experiences for students; (3) increase the effective utilization of staff time and skills; (4) give more individual attention to students; and (5) promote greater community involvement.

Resource persons and volunteers may be used:

1. For non-teaching duties not requiring instructional judgment or evaluation of students;
2. For supervising study halls, long distance teaching reception areas used incident to instructional programs transmitted by electronic media (such as computers, video, and audio), detention and discipline areas, and school-sponsored extracurricular activities;
3. To assist with academic programs under a licensed teacher's immediate supervision;
4. To assist in times of violence or other traumatic incidents within the District by providing crisis intervention services to lessen the effects of emotional trauma on staff, students, and the community, provided the volunteer meets the qualifications established by the Ill. School Crisis Assistance Team Steering Committee;
5. As a guest lecturer or resource person under a licensed teacher's direction and with the administration's approval; or
6. As supervisors, chaperones, or sponsors for non-academic school activities.

The Superintendent shall follow Board policy 4:175, *Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications,* to establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons and volunteers. A person who is a *sex offender*, as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a *violent offender against youth*, as defined in the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, is prohibited from being a resource person or volunteer. All volunteer coaches must comply with the requirement to report hazing in policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*.

[4] State or federal law controls this policy's content.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b.

720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1, Failure to Report Hazing.

730 ILCS 150/1 et seq., Sex Offender Registration Act.

730 ILCS 152/101 et seq., Sex Offender Community Notification Law.

730 ILCS 154/75 et seq., Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law.

730 ILCS 154/101 et seq., Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:95 (Parental Involvement)

Adopted 4/11/23

6:250-AP Administrative Procedure - Securing and Screening Resource Persons and Volunteers

The Building Principal or designee directs the use of resource persons and school volunteers within the school building. The use of any individual as a resource person or volunteer is subject to School Board policy 4:170, *Safety*; administrative procedure 4:175-AP1, *Criminal Offender Notification Laws; Screening*; and Board policy 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*. Specifically, the Principal or designee directs recruitment, screening, placement, and training within the following parameters:

Qualifications - Resource persons and volunteers may come from all backgrounds and all age groups. The main qualification is for the individual to have a desire to give his or her time and talent to enrich student learning opportunities and the school community generally.

Individuals Prohibited from Serving as a Volunteer or Resource Person - No individual who is a *sex offender*, as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a *violent offender against youth*, as defined in the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, may serve as a resource person or volunteer.

Screening - Whenever a potential resource person or volunteer submits a new information form, the Principal or designee shall screen that individual's name and address against the: (1) Ill. Sex Offender Registry, www.isp.state.il.us/sor/, and (2) the Violent Offender Against Youth Registry maintained by the Ill. Dept. of State Police (ISP), www.isp.state.il.us/cmvo/. The Principal may also request an individual to submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history records information check in situations where it would be prudent, e.g., extended direct, daily contact with students. In addition, the Principal or designee shall review monthly the names of individuals who are serving as resource persons or volunteers to determine if any resource person or volunteer appears on the Ill. Sex Offender or Violent Offender Against Youth Registries.

Recruitment - School personnel may recruit resource persons and volunteers through the following resources: parents/guardians, parent organizations, retired teachers and other senior citizen groups, community businesses, local volunteer centers, and universities. If a staff member, other than the Principal, recruits someone, the staff member must provide the individual's name and address to the Principal.

Role - Resource persons and volunteers serve only in an auxiliary capacity under the direction and direct supervision of a staff member; they are not a substitute for a member of the school staff. Resource persons and volunteers do not have access to confidential student school records.

Selection, Placement, and Supervision - Selection and placement shall be on the basis of an individual's qualifications and availability and the school's needs. The individual will be assigned to a staff member only with the staff member's consent. The relationship between the individual and staff member should be one of mutual respect and confidence.

Requirements - Each resource person and volunteer must register in the school's main office at the beginning of each visit and wear identifying information, e.g., a name tag, etc., while in the building or serving. Unless he or she has already done so during the current academic year, the individual must complete an information form and

waiver. Absent an indication on the form that the individual may not qualify, the individual may proceed to the assigned activity.

An individual is prohibited from being a resource person or volunteer if he or she behaves in any manner that does not align with the District and/or school building's vision, mission, policy and/or procedures or is otherwise detrimental to the school environment, e.g., swearing, failing to be dependable, failing to follow the supervisor's instructions, committing any criminal act on school grounds or at a school activity, touching a student in a rude or overly forceful manner, failing to dress in an appropriate manner, or violating any school rule, etc.

Training - Each academic year, when an individual first completes the volunteer information form, the Principal or designee will give the individual a copy of this administrative procedure along with other pertinent information. The staff member to whom the individual is assigned is responsible for explaining what is expected of the individual. The Principal or designee should arrange appropriate training opportunities for those volunteer activities requiring a skill or knowledge base, e.g., working in the computer lab.

Adopted 11/9/21

6:250-E Exhibit - Resource Person and Volunteer Information Form and Waiver of Liability

Volunteers must complete this form one time each school year. Please print clearly in ink.

Name _____ _____
Last First Middle Telephone

Address _____
Street City Zip Code

Personal physician _____ Telephone _____

Emergency adult contact _____ Telephone _____

Are you now or have you ever been a school volunteer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, at which school? _____ Year? _____

Name(s) of any child(ren) attending this school _____

Criminal Conviction Information: Are you a child sex offender? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, list all offenses.

Offense	Date	Location

If requested, are you willing to consent to a criminal history records check? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Waiver of Liability

The School District does not provide insurance coverage to non-District personnel serving as volunteers for the School District. The purpose of this waiver is to provide notice to prospective volunteers that they do not have insurance coverage by the School District and to document the volunteer's acknowledgment that they are providing volunteer service at their own risk.

By your signature below:

You acknowledge that the School District does not provide insurance coverage for any loss, injuries, illness, or death resulting from your unpaid service to the School District.

You agree to assume all risk for death or any loss, injury, illness, or damage of any nature or kind, arising out of your supervised or unsupervised service to the School District. You also agree to waive any and all claims against the School Board, its members, employees, agents or assigns, for loss due to death, injury, illness or damage of any kind arising out of your supervised or unsupervised service to the School District.

For volunteer coaches only: I understand that while fulfilling my coaching responsibilities, I am *a school official* under State law. In accordance with policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*, I will report to the Building Principal any hazing, which includes any unsanctioned or unauthorized act that results in bodily harm to any person. If the act results in death or great bodily harm, I will make a report to law enforcement and promptly notify the Building Principal that a report has been made (720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1).

_____
Volunteer Name (*please print*)

_____ _____
Volunteer Signature Date

For School Use Only

General description of assignment(s):

- ☐ Supervising students as needed by a teacher
- ☐ Supervising students during a regularly scheduled activity
- ☐ Assisting with academic programs
- ☐ Assisting at the resource center or main office
- ☐ Other _____

Name of supervising staff member _____

Illinois Sex Offender Database Registry at: https://isp.illinois.gov/Sor/Disclaimer

Registry checked by:_____ Date:_____ (*mandatory*)

Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry at: https://isp.illinois.gov/MVOAY/Disclaimer

Registry checked by:_____ Date:_____ (*mandatory*)

Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) at: https://www.nsopw.gov/

NSOPW checked by:_____ Date:_____ (*mandatory*)

To be completed by the Building Principal:

Will the individual be working over a long period of time in direct contact with students where no staff member is continuously present or in other situations where a fingerprint-based criminal history records check would be prudent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If *yes*, and provided the individual authorized the fingerprint-based criminal history records check, please provide the following:

Date that the background check was requested _____

Date that the background check was received and reviewed _____

Check reviewed by (*please print*) _____

Signature of Reviewer

Date

Adopted 10/11/22

6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies

Assemblies must be approved by the Superintendent or designee and be consistent with the District's educational objectives.

While the District respects an individual's brief, quiet, personal religious observance(s), it shall not endorse or otherwise promote invocations, benedictions, and group prayers at any school assembly, ceremony, or other school-sponsored activity.

LEGAL REF.: Lee v. Weisman, 505 U.S. 577 (1992).

Santa Fe Independent Sch. Dist. v. Doe, 530 U.S. 290 (2000).

Kennedy v. Bremerton Sch. Dist., 142 S.Ct. 2407 (2022).

Jones v. Clear Creek Independent Sch. Dist., 930 F.2d 416 (5th Cir. 1991), *cert. granted, judgement vacated*, 505 U.S. 1215 (1992), *remand*, 977 F.2d 963, *reh'g denied*, 983 F.2d 234 (5th Cir. 1992), and *cert. denied*, 508 U.S. 967 (1993).

CROSS REF.: 6:70 (Teaching About Religion), 6:80 (Teaching About Controversial Issues)

Adopted 4/11/23

2:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

Parents/guardians have the right to inspect any instructional material used as part of their child's educational curriculum pursuant to School Board policy 7:15, *Student and Family Privacy Rights*.

Parents/guardians, employees, and community members who believe that curriculum, instructional materials, or programs violate rights guaranteed by any law or Board policy may file a complaint using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Parents/guardians, employees, and community members with other suggestions or complaints about curriculum, instructional materials, or programs should complete a *Curriculum Objection Form*. A parent/guardian may request that his/her child be exempt from using a particular instructional material or program by completing a *Curriculum Objection Form*. The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria for the review of objections and inform the parent/guardian, employee, or community member, as applicable, of the District's decision.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1232h, Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Concerns)

Adopted 4/11/23

6:260-AP Administrative Procedure – Responding to Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

Actor	Action
Parents/Guardians, Employees, and/or Community Members	Submits any feedback or complaints about the District's curriculum, instructional materials, or programs to the Building Principal, using 6:260-AP, E, *Curriculum Objection Form*.
Building Principal	Directs any parent/guardian, employee, or community member wishing to submit formal feedback or a complaint regarding curriculum, instructional materials, or programs to complete 6:260-AP, E, *Curriculum Objection Form*. If the complaint alleges a violation of law or board policy, refers the complaint to the District Complaint Manager for processing under policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure.* Transmits the *Curriculum Objection Form* to the Superintendent or designee for further action.
Superintendent or designee (such as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction)	Determines on a case-by-case basis what action, if any, will be taken in response to a complaint about curriculum, considering whether, as applicable: 1. The curriculum, instructional material, or program is aligned with the criteria set forth in Board policy 6:40, *Curriculum Development*, specifically, regarding: a. The district's educational philosophy and goals; b. Student needs as identified by research, demographics, and student achievement and other data; c. The knowledge, skills, and abilities required for students to become life-long learners; d. Minimum requirements of State and federal law and regulations for curriculum and graduation requirements; e. The curriculum of non-District schools that feed into or from a District school, provided that the necessary cooperation and information is available; f. Illinois State Learning Standards and any District learning standards; and g. Any required State or federal student testing. 2. The law and/or the District already provides a means for parents/guardians to opt their child out; 3. The curriculum, instructional material, or program is optional or supplemental in nature; 4. Reasonable and appropriate alternatives exist; and

Actor	Action
	5. Individual circumstances that support a need for an accommodation exist. Consults with the Board Attorney as needed regarding responses to curriculum-related complaints. Prepares and sends a written response to the person who submitted the *Curriculum Objection Form*, informing the person of the District's decision. Notes on the *Curriculum Objection Form* the date on which the response was provided and attaches the response to the form.

Adopted 4/11/23

6:260-AP,E Exhibit - Curriculum Objection Form

Use this form to submit feedback and/or objections about the District's curriculum, instructional material, or programs. Please complete this form and return it to the Building Principal, who will submit it to the Superintendent or designee. Please print.

_____ _____
Subject area Classroom teacher

Please state, as precisely as possible, the specific curriculum area, instructional material, or program to which you object (*include name, title, author, and any other identifying information*).

_____

_____

How did you become aware of the curriculum area, instructional material, or program?

☐ By information provided by the teacher ☐ By review

☐ By word-of-mouth ☐ Other _____

Please explain why you object to the curriculum area, instructional material, or program, and state your desired outcome, if any. Please be specific.

_____

_____

_____

_____

(If applicable) Do you want your child to be excluded from participation? **Please note parents/guardians may request exclusion and provide ideas for alternative education, but the District makes the final decision regarding such requests.**

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If applicable) In place of participation in the curriculum area, what course of study would you suggest for your child?

_____

_____

_____

Complainant name (*please print*) Telephone

Complainant represents: ☐ Student ☐ Parent/guardian of student ☐ Other

Complainant address

Complainant signature Date

Completed by the Superintendent or designee.

Written response provided to Complainant on:_____(attach response to this form)

Superintendent or Designee Signature Date

Adopted 4/11/23

6:260-E Exhibit - Curriculum Objection

Please complete this form and return it to the Building Principal, who will submit it to the District Complaint Manager. Please print.

Subject area _____ Classroom teacher _____

Please state, as precisely as possible, the specific curriculum area, instructional material, or program to which you object (*include name, title, author, and any other identifying information*).

_____

_____

How did you become aware of the curriculum area, instructional material, or program?

☐ by classroom observation ☐ by review

☐ by word-of-mouth ☐ other _____

To what in the curriculum area, instructional material, or program do you object? Be specific.

_____

_____

Do you want your child excluded from participation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

In place of participation in the curriculum area, what course of study would you recommend for your child?

_____

_____

Complainant name (*please print*) _____ Telephone _____

Complainant represents: ☐ Student ☐ Parent/guardian of student

☐ Other _____

_____

Complainant address

_____ _____

Complainant signature Date

Adopted 11/9/21

6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program

The School District provides a guidance and counseling program for students. The Superintendent or designee shall direct the District's guidance and counseling program. School counseling services, as described by State law, may be performed by a qualified guidance specialist or any certificated staff member.

[For Elementary and Unit Districts]

Each staff member is responsible for effectively guiding students under his/her supervision in order to provide early identification of intellectual, emotional, social, or physical needs, diagnosis of any learning disabilities, and development of educational potential. The District's counselors shall offer counseling to those students who require additional assistance.

[For High School and Unit Districts]

The guidance program will assist students to identify career options consistent with their abilities, interests, and personal values. Students shall be encouraged to seek the help of counselors to develop specific curriculum goals that conform to the student's career objectives. High school juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to receive career-oriented information. Representatives from colleges and universities, occupational training institutions and career-oriented recruiters, including the military, may be given access to the school campus in order to provide students and parents/guardians with information.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a and 5/10-22.24b.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(q).

CROSS REF.: 6:50 (School Wellness), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:130 (Program for the Gifted), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:290 (Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention)

ADMIN. PROC.: 7:340-AP1 (School Student Records), 7:340-AP1, E1 (Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records), 7:340-AP1, E3 (Letter to Parents and Eligible Students Concerning Military Recruiters and Postsecondary Institutions Receiving Student Directory Information)

Adopted 4/9/24

6:280 Grading and Promotion

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a system of grading and reporting academic achievement to students and their parents/guardians. The system shall also determine when promotion and graduation requirements are met. The decision to promote a student to the next grade level shall be based on successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and performance on the standardized tests required by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) and/or other assessments. A student shall not be promoted based upon age or any other social reason not related to academic performance. The administration shall determine remedial assistance for a student who is not promoted.

Every teacher shall maintain an evaluation record for each student in the teacher's classroom. A District administrator cannot change the final grade assigned by the teacher without notifying the teacher. Reasons for changing a student's final grade include:

- A miscalculation of test scores,
- A technical error in assigning a particular grade or score,
- The teacher agrees to allow the student to do extra work that may impact the grade,
- An inappropriate grading system used to determine the grade, or
- An inappropriate grade based on an appropriate grading system.

Should a grade change be made, the administrator making the change must sign the changed record.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5, 5/10-20.9a, 5/10-21.8, and 5/27-27.

CROSS REF.: 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

Adopted 4/9/24

6:280-AP Administrative Procedure - Evaluating and Reporting Student Achievement

Actor	Action
Teacher	Informs students about the grading system at the beginning of each school year or term, whichever is applicable. Explains that grades: (1) assess progress toward education goals and assist in the improvement of that progress, (2) will be given by the teacher, using his or her professional judgment, in an impartial and consistent manner, and (3) will reflect excessive absences. Assesses student achievement as demonstrated through such performance indicators as the following (these are not listed in order of importance and are not exclusive): 35. Preparation of assignments, including completeness, accuracy, legibility, and promptness. 36. Contribution to classroom discussions. 37. Demonstrated understanding of concepts. 38. Application of skills and knowledge to new situations. 39. Organization, presentation, and content of written and oral reports. 40. Originality and reasoning ability when working through problems. 41. Accomplishment in class presentations and projects. 42. Performance on tests, quizzes, and final examinations. Assigns grades for academic improvement and achievement using standardized criterion-referenced test scores, letter grades, and/or other assigned numerical criteria. A grade of *incomplete* should be assigned when a student experiences an excused, extended absence at the end of the term or during final examinations; an incomplete grade, if not satisfied within two weeks, will be changed to a failure. Whenever it becomes evident that a student is in danger of failing, arranges a special conference with the parent(s)/guardian(s) or sends the parent(s)/guardian(s) a written report.
Building Principal or designee	Supervises implementation of this administrative procedure. Ensures that parent(s)/guardian(s) are informed of their child's progress at regular intervals, but at least four times a year, and whenever the student's performance requires special attention. Divorced or separated parents will both be informed unless a court order requires otherwise. For further information, see *Answers to FAQs Regarding Students with Divorced or Divorcing Parents*, published by the Ill. Council of School Attorneys and available at: www.iasb.com/IASB/media/Documents/FAQDivorcedorDivorcingParents.pdf. All grades and symbols must be appropriately explained. Establishes an appropriate means of communication whenever he or she becomes aware that a parent/guardian is unable to understand written

Actor	Action
	communications from the school or oral communications made during conferences related to his/her child's progress or school activities. Develops a timetable for deficiency reports. Supervises the various methods for communicating with parents/guardians including: 43. Parent-teacher conferences, conducted on a regular basis. They may be scheduled on different days and at different times to accommodate the various grade levels and attendance centers. 44. Open houses, parent education meetings, and newsletters. 45. Interim reports, through which teachers contact parents/guardians whenever teachers believe additional information should be shared. Teachers shall try to be available to meet with parents/guardians at a mutually agreed upon time.
Building Principal or designee *[Elementary schools only]*	Makes the final decision regarding a student's retention or promotion with input from the classroom teacher, parent/guardian, and other school personnel as appropriate. Retention and promotion decisions are based on quantitative measures (e.g., maturity level, ability, and level of academic achievement), supplemented by a qualitative assessment of the student's motivation, self-image, and social adjustment. Students shall not be promoted for purely social reasons. Ensures placement, promotion, or retention decisions are based on the student's best interests after a careful evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of alternatives. For each student who does not qualify for promotion to the next higher grade, determines appropriate remedial assistance, that may include, without limitation, a summer bridge program of no less than 90 hours, tutorial sessions, increased or concentrated instructional time, modifications to instructional materials, and retention in grade. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.9a(b).
Building Principal or designee *[Secondary schools only]*	Makes a recommendation to the Superintendent regarding: 46. Whether a 4.0 or a 5.0 (or another alternative) system should be used for calculating grade point average (GPA); 47. Whether advanced placement, honors, and accelerated courses will have additional points added toward calculating GPA and class rank, i.e., weighted grades; 48. Which courses' grades will be used in computing GPA and class rank; 49. How to determine academic scholars, class valedictorian, salutatorian, and/or honor roll; and 50. Whether a pass/fail option will be offered and, if so, the guidelines for that option.
Parents/ Guardians	Attend parent-teacher conferences. Provide a study-conducive atmosphere and supervise their child's completion of course work.

Actor	Action
	Sign or otherwise acknowledge receipt of their child's report cards and other assessment notices and provide appropriate feedback to their child. Whenever a question or concern arises, leave a message at the school for the appropriate teacher or other school staff member. In order to object to a grade or retention/promotion decision, first confer with the appropriate teacher and, if still not satisfied, contact the Building Principal.
Building Principal or designee *[All schools]*	Confers with any parent/guardian and/or student who objects to a grade or to a retention/promotion decision. Discusses with the teacher the reason(s) why an objection was made to a grade or to a retention/promotion decision and requests the teacher's perspective. Determines whether to change the grade or retention/promotion decision based on the existence of any of reasons authorized in Board policy 6:280, *Grading and Promotion*, i.e.: • A miscalculation of test scores; • A technical error in assigning a particular grade or score; • The teacher agrees to allow the student to do extra work that may impact the grade; • An inappropriate grading system used to determine the grade; or • An inappropriate grade based on an appropriate grading system. Decides whether to change the grade or retention/promotion decision and, if so, notifies the teacher of the nature and reason for the change and signs the changed record.

Adopted 2/11/25

6:290 Homework

Homework is part of the District's instructional program and has the overarching goal of increasing student achievement. Homework is assigned to further a student's educational development and is an application or adaptation of a classroom experience. The Superintendent shall provide guidance to ensure that homework:

1. Is used to reinforce and apply previously covered concepts, principles, and skills;
2. Is not assigned for disciplinary purposes;
3. Serves as a communication link between the school and parents/guardians;
4. Encourages independent thought, self-direction, and self-discipline; and
5. Is of appropriate frequency and length, and does not become excessive, according to the teacher's best professional judgment.

Missed Homework

Students absent for a valid cause may make up missed homework in a reasonable timeframe per policy 7:70, *Attendance and Truancy*.

CROSS REF.: 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy)

Adopted 10/11/22

6:300 Graduation Requirements

To graduate from high school, unless otherwise exempted, each student is responsible for:

1. Completing all District graduation requirements that are in addition to the State requirements.
2. Completing all courses as provided in the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-22.
3. Completing all minimum requirements for graduation as specified in State law.
4. Passing an examination on patriotism and principles of representative government, proper use of the flag, methods of voting, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Participating in State assessments that are required for graduation by State law.
6. Filing one of the following: (1) a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S. Dept. of Education, (2) an application for State financial aid, or (3) an Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) waiver form indicating that the student understands what these aid opportunities are and has chosen not to file an application. If the student is not at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student's parent/guardian must file one of these documents on the student's behalf.

   A student is exempt from this requirement if: (1) the student is unable to file a financial aid application or an ISBE waiver due to extenuating circumstances, (2) the Building Principal attests the District made a good faith effort to assist the student or the student's parent/guardian with filing a financial aid application or an ISBE waiver form, and (3) the student has met all other graduation requirements.

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for:

1. Maintaining a description of all course offerings that comply with the above graduation requirements.
2. Notifying students and their parents/guardians of graduation requirements.
3. Developing the criteria for #4 above.
4. Complying with State law requirements for students who transfer during their senior year because their parent(s)/guardian(s) are on active military duty. This includes making reasonable adjustments to ensure graduation if possible, or efforts to ensure that the original (transferor) school district issues the student a diploma.
5. Taking all other actions needed or necessary to implement this policy.

Early Graduation

The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures for students to graduate early, provided they finish seven semesters of high school and meet all graduation requirements.

Certificate of Completion

A student with a disability who has an Individualized Education Program prescribing special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services beyond the student's four years of high school, qualifies for a certificate of completion after the student has completed four years of high school. The student is encouraged to participate in the graduation ceremony of his or her high school graduation class. The Superintendent or designee shall provide timely written notice of this requirement to children with disabilities and their parents/guardians.

Service Member Diploma

The District will award a diploma to a service member who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the U.S. Armed Forces or an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict, provided that he or she (1) resided within an area currently within the District at the time he or she left high school, (2) left high school before graduating in order to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, and (3) has not received a high school diploma.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5, 5/22-27, 5/22-87, 5/27-3, 5/27-22, and 5/27-22.10.

105 ILCS 70/, Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students), 6:315 (High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

Adopted 4/11/23

RENAMED

6:300-E1 Exhibit - Application for a Diploma for a Service Member Killed in Action or for Veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict

Complete and submit to the Superintendent.

Please print:

Name to Appear on Diploma Phone

Address Birth Date

City State Zip

For Veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict

The applicant is requesting a high school diploma and attests that he or she meets the following criteria as established by School Board policy:

1. Served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict.
   Please check one or more of the following:
   - ☐ World War II: December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946, including the induction period of September 16, 1940 – December 6, 1941
   - ☐ Korean Conflict: June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955, including the induction period of January 1, 1947 – June 26, 1950
   - ☐ Vietnam Conflict: January 1, 1961 – May 7, 1975
2. Left high school in order to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.
3. Resided within an area currently within the School District at the time he or she withdrew from high school.
4. Has not received a high school diploma or a GED (high school equivalency).

Applicant's Name (*printed*) Signature Date

For Service Members Killed in Action

The applicant is requesting a high school diploma on behalf of a service member who was killed in action and attests that the deceased service member meets each of the following criteria as established by Board policy:

1. Was killed in action while performing active military duty with the U.S. Armed Forces.
2. Left high school in order to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.
3. Resided within an area currently within the School District at the time he or she withdrew from high school.
4. Has not received a high school diploma or a GED (high school equivalency).

Applicant's Name (*printed*) Signature Date

Adopted 2-11-25

6:300-E2 Exhibit - State Law Graduation Requirements

The School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-22, amended by P.A.s 101-464, 101-654, 101-643, 102-366, 102-551, and 102-864, and 105 ILCS 5/22-87, added by P.A. 101-180, contains the following course requirements for a student in Illinois to receive a high school diploma. Other graduation requirements, including additional course requirements, if any, are contained in School Board policy 6:300, *Graduation Requirements*. For guidance in offering the coursework necessary to meet the State graduation requirements, see the Ill. State Board of Education, *State Graduation Requirements, Guidance Document* (2016), available at: www.isbe.net/Documents/grad_require.pdf.

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State Law Graduation Requirements

105 ILCS 5/27-22, amended by P.A.s 101-464, 101-643, 101-654, 102-366, 102-551, and 102-864.

Required high school courses.

A. (a) - (d) are not listed because they are blank in the statute.

(e) **Through the 2023-2024 school year**, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully complete all of the following courses:

(1) Four years of language arts.

(2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of which must be English and the other of which may be English or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

(3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I and one of which must include geometry content, and one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science course. A mathematics course that includes geometry content may be offered as an integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, or career and technical education course that prepares a student for a career readiness path.

(3.5) For pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2022-2023 school year and 2023-2024 school year, one year of a course that includes intensive instruction in computer literacy, which may be English, social studies, or any other subject and which may be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

(4) Two years of science.

(5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one year must be history of the United States or a combination of history of the United States and American government and, beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, at least one semester must be civics, which shall help young people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their lives. Civics course content shall focus on government institutions, the discussion of current and controversial issues, service learning, and simulations of the democratic process. School districts may utilize private funding available for purposes of offering civics education. Beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2021-2022 school year and each school year thereafter, one semester, or part of one semester, may include a financial literacy course.

(6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C) foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American Sign Language, (D) vocational education, or (E) forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech course used to satisfy the course requirement under subdivision (1) may not be used to satisfy the course requirement under this subdivision (6).

(f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform school districts of standards for writing-intensive coursework.

A. (e-5) **Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year**, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully complete all of the following courses:

(1) Four years of language arts.

(2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of which must be English and the other of which may be English or any other subject. If applicable, writing-intensive courses may be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

(3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I, one of which must include geometry content, and one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science course. A mathematics course that includes geometry content may be offered as an integrated, applied, interdisciplinary, or career and technical education course that prepares a student for a career readiness path.

(3.5) One year of a course that includes intensive instruction in computer literacy, which may be English, social studies, or any other subject and which may be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

(4) Two years of laboratory science.

(5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one year must be history of the United States or a combination of history of the United States and American government and at least one semester must be civics, which shall help young people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their lives. Civics course content shall focus on government institutions, the discussion of current and controversial issues, service learning, and simulations of the democratic process. School districts may utilize private funding available for the purposes of offering civics education. One semester, or part of one semester, may include a financial literacy course.

(6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C) foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American Sign Language, (D) vocational education, or (E) forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech course used to satisfy the course requirement under subdivision (1) may not be used to satisfy the course requirement under this subdivision (6).

(e-10) Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully complete 2 years of foreign language courses, which may include American Sign Language. A pupil may choose a third year of foreign language to satisfy the requirement under paragraph (6) of subsection (e-5).

(f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform school districts of standards for writing- intensive coursework.

(f-5) If a school district offers an Advanced Placement computer science course to high school students, then the school board must designate that course as equivalent to a high school mathematics course and must denote on the student's transcript that the Advanced

Placement computer science course qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative course for students in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this Section.

(g) This amendatory Acts of 1983 and of the 94th General Assembly do not apply to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an Individualized Education Program.

Subdivision (3.5) of subsection (e) does not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2021-2022 school year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an individualized education program.

Subsection (e-5) does not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2023-2024 school year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an individualized education program. Subsection (e-10) does not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2027-2028 school year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an individualized education program.

(h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the provisions of Section 27-22.05 [substitutions for required courses].

(i) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to modify the requirements of this Section for any students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 if the Governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Management Agency Act.

105 ILCS 5/22-87, added by P.A. 101-180.

Graduation requirements; Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

(a) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, in addition to any other requirements under this Code, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma from a public high school, the parent or guardian of each student or, if a student is at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student must comply with either of the following:

    (1) File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid with the United States Department of Education or, if applicable, an application for State financial aid.

    (2) On a form created by the State Board of Education, file a waiver with the student's school district indicating that the parent or guardian or, if applicable, the student understands what the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and application for State financial aid are and has chosen not to file an application under paragraph (1).

(b) Each school district with a high school must require each high school student to comply with this Section and must provide to each high school student and, if applicable, his or her parent or guardian any support or assistance necessary to comply with this Section. A school district must award a high school diploma to a student who is unable to meet the requirements of subsection (a) due to extenuating circumstances, as determined by the school district, if (i) the student has met all other graduation requirements under this Code and (ii) the principal attests that the school district has made a good faith effort to assist the student or, if applicable, his or her parent or guardian in filing an application or a waiver under subsection (a).

(c) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to implement this Section.

Adopted 4/11/23

6:300-E3 Exhibit – Form for Exemption from Financial Aid Application Completion

This form is to be used to document a parent/guardian or student's exemption from the State law requirement to file, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma:

- *A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at https://studentaid.gov/;*
- *An application for State financial aid at www.isac.org/students/before-college/financial-aid-planning/retention-of-illinois-rise-act/; or*
- *An Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) FAFSA Nonparticipation Form at* www.isbe.net/Documents/FAFSA-Non-Participation-Form.pdf*. 105 ILCS 5/22-87(b) (added by P.A. 101-180).*

Return a copy of the completed form to the parent/guardian or student, and keep a copy in the student's file.

Completed by Student's parent/guardian or Student, if 18 years or older or legally emancipated.

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

I am unable to file a FAFSA, an application for State financial aid, or an ISBE FAFSA Nonparticipation Form because of the following:

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Completed by the High School Principal.

Extenuating circumstances exist and the Student is exempt from the requirement to file a FAFSA, an application for State financial aid, or an ISBE FAFSA Nonparticipation Form:

☐ Yes ☐ No, exemption denied

(Complete next portion only if the answer is Yes above)

I attest that the District has made the following good faith efforts to assist the Student's parent/guardian or Student in filing an application or a waiver from this requirement:

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The student has met all other graduation requirements and receive a diploma.

☐ Yes, exemption approved ☐ No, exemption denied

High School Principal Signature

Date

Adopted 5/14/22

6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students

Credit for Non-District Experiences

A student may receive high school credit for successfully completing any of the listed courses or experiences even when it is not offered in or sponsored by the District:

1. Distance learning course, including a correspondence, virtual, or online course
2. Courses in an accredited foreign exchange program
3. Summer school or community college courses
4. College or high school courses offering dual credit at both the college and high school level
5. Foreign language courses taken in an ethnic school program approved by the Illinois State Board of Education
6. Work-related training at manufacturing facilities or agencies in a Tech Prep Program
7. Credit earned in a Vocational Academy

The student must seek approval from the Superintendent or designee to receive graduation credit for any non-District course or experience. The Superintendent or designee shall determine the amount of credit and whether a proficiency examination is required before the credit is awarded. As approval is not guaranteed, students should seek conditional approval of the experience before participating in a non-District course or experience. The student assumes responsibility for any fee, tuition, supply, or other expense. The student seeking credit is responsible for (1) providing documents or transcripts that demonstrate successful completion of the experience, and (2) taking a proficiency examination, if requested. The Superintendent or designee shall determine which, if any, non-District courses or experiences, will count toward a student's grade point average, class rank, and eligibility for athletic and extracurricular activities. When applicable, the Building Principal or designee shall, prior to the first day of class, inform individual high school students enrolled in a mixed enrollment dual credit course that includes students who have and have not met the community college's criteria for dual credit coursework of whether or not they are eligible to earn college credit for the course. This section does not govern the transfer of credits for students transferring into the District.

Substitutions for Required Courses

Vocational or technical education. A student in grades 9-12 may satisfy one or more high school courses (including physical education) or graduation requirements by successfully completing related vocational or technical education courses if:

1. The Building Principal approves the substitution(s) and the vocational or technical education course is completely described in curriculum material along with its relationship to the required course; and
2. The student's parent/guardian requests and approves the substitution(s) in writing on forms provided by the District.

Registered Apprenticeship Program. The Superintendent or designee will ensure that the District complies with State law requirements for registered apprenticeship programs. The opportunities and requirements for registered apprenticeship programs contained in this policy will be posted on the District's website, and parents/guardians and students will also be notified of such opportunities in the appropriate school handbook(s).

A student in grades 9-12 who is 16 years or older may satisfy one or more high school courses (including physical education) or graduation requirements by successfully completing a registered apprenticeship program if:

1. The registered apprenticeship program meets all criteria contained in State law;
2. The registered apprenticeship program is listed by the District, or the student identifies a registered (but not listed) apprenticeship program with a business or organization if one is not offered in the District;
3. The student enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program has the opportunity to earn post-secondary credit toward a certificate or degrees, as applicable;
4. The student's parent/guardian requests and approves the substitution(s) in writing on forms provided by the District and on its website;
5. The Building Principal approves the substitution(s); and
6. All non-academic requirements mandated by the School Code for high school graduation that would otherwise prohibit or prevent the student from participating in the registered apprenticeship program are waived.

Advanced placement computer science. The advanced placement computer science course is equivalent to a high school mathematics course. A student in grades 9-12 may substitute the advanced placement computer science course for one year of mathematics, in accordance with Section 27-22 of the School Code. The transcript of a student who completes the advanced placement computer science course will state that it qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative course.

Substitutions for physical education. A student in grades 9-12, unless otherwise stated, may submit a written request to the Building Principal to be excused from physical education courses for the reasons stated below. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records showing that the criteria set forth in this policy were applied to the student's individual circumstances, as appropriate.

1. Ongoing participation in a marching band program for credit;
2. Enrollment in Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program sponsored by the District;
3. Ongoing participation in an *interscholastic* or *extracurricular athletic program*;
4. Enrollment in academic classes that are required for admission to an institution of higher learning (student must be in the 11th or 12th grade); or
5. Enrollment in academic classes that are required for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take such classes will result in the student being unable to graduate (student must be in the 11th or 12th grade).

A student who is eligible for special education may be excused from physical education courses pursuant to 7:260, *Exemption from Physical Education*.

Volunteer service credit. A student participating in the District's Volunteer Service Credit Program, if any, may earn credit toward graduation for the performance of community service. The amount of credit given for program participation shall not exceed that given for completion of one semester of language arts, math, science, or social studies.

Re-Entering Students

Individuals younger than 21 years of age may re-enter high school to acquire a high school diploma or an equivalency certificate, subject to the limitations in Board policy 7:50, *School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools*. Re-entering students

may obtain credit through the successful completion of the following (not all of these may be available at any one time):

1. District courses
2. Non-District experiences described in this policy
3. Classes in a program established under Section 10-22.20 of the School Code, in accordance with the standards established by the Illinois Community College Board
4. Proficiency testing, correspondence courses, life experiences, and other nonformal educational endeavors
5. Military service, provided the individual making the request has a recommendation from the American Council on Education

The provisions in the section **Credit for Non-District Experiences**, above, apply to the receipt of credit for any non-District course.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.44, 5/2-3.108, 5/2-3.115, 5/2-3.142, 5/2-3.175, 5/10-22.43a, 5/10-20.62, 5/27-6, 5/27-22.3, and 5/27-22.05.

110 ILCS 27/, Dual Credit Quality Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.425(e), 1.440(f), 1.470(c), and Part 255.

CROSS REF.: 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:315 (High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:260 (Exemption from Physical Education)

Adopted 4/11/23

6:310-E Exhibit - Class Substitution Request

Students in grades 9-12 may satisfy one or more high school courses or graduation requirements by successfully completing related vocational or technical education courses, or a registered apprenticeship program. Students participating in a registered apprenticeship program must be at least 16 years old.

This request for class substitution must be completed by the student's parent/guardian (or by the student who is at least 18 years of age) and submitted to the Building Principal for approval. Such requests will be kept in the student's temporary school record in accordance with 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.445 (as applicable) and Section 4 of the Ill. School Student Records Act (105 ILCS 10/4).

Student Name *(please print)* _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name *(please print)* _____ Telephone _____ Student Birthdate _____

Class Requesting to Substitute	**Vocational/Technical Course/Registered Apprenticeship Program Substitute**

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature *(For students under age 18)* _____ Date _____

1. Request for class substitution: ☐ **Approved**

2. ☐ **Denied**

3.

4.

5.

Building Principal _____ Date _____

Adopted 6/22/21

6:135 High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8

The Superintendent or designee may investigate, coordinate, and implement a program for students in grades 7 and 8 to enroll in a course required for a high school diploma.

[*The next two paragraphs are only for unit and high school districts; the final paragraph is only for elementary districts.*]

If a program is available, students in grades 7 and 8 may enroll in a course required for a high school diploma when the course is offered by the high school that the elementary student would attend and either of the following is satisfied: (1) the student participates in the course at the high school and the elementary student's enrollment in the course would not prevent a high school student from being able to enroll, or (2) the student participates in the course where the student attends school as long as the course is taught by a teacher who holds a professional educator license with an endorsement for the grade level and content area of the course.

A student who successfully completes a course required for a high school diploma while in grades 7 and 8 shall receive academic credit for the course. That academic credit shall satisfy the requirements of Section 27-22 of the School Code for purposes of receiving a high school diploma, unless evidence about the course's rigor and content show that the course did not address the relevant Illinois learning standard at the level appropriate for the high school grade during which the course is usually taken.The student's grade in the course shall also be included in the student's grade point average.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.43 and 5/27-22.10.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.460.

CROSS REF.: 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency)

Adopted 6/22/21

6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency

Proficiency Credits

Subject to the limitations in this policy and State law, the Superintendent or designee is authorized to establish and approve a program for granting credit for proficiency with the goal of allowing a student who would not benefit from a course because the student is proficient in the subject area to receive credit without having to take the course. A student who demonstrates competency under this program will receive course credit for the applicable course and be excused from any requirement to take the course as a graduation prerequisite. No letter grade will be given for purposes of the student's cumulative grade point average. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students of the availability of and requirements for receiving proficiency credit.

Proficiency credit will be offered in the following subject areas:

Foreign language **-** A student is eligible to receive one year of foreign language credit if the student has graduated from an accredited elementary school and can demonstrate proficiency, according to this District's academic criteria, in a language other than English. A student who demonstrates proficiency in American Sign Language is deemed proficient in a foreign language and will receive one year of foreign language credit. A student who studied a foreign language in an approved ethnic school program is eligible to receive appropriate credit according to the level of proficiency reached; the student may be required to take a proficiency examination.

Other proficiency testing **-** The program for granting credit for proficiency may allow, as the Superintendent deems appropriate, course credit to be awarded on the basis of a local examination to a student who has achieved the necessary proficiency through independent study or work taken in or through another institution. Proficiency testing may also be used to determine eligible credit for other subjects whenever students enter from non-graded schools, non-recognized or non-accredited schools, or were in a home-schooling program.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.43, 5/10-22.43a, 5/27-22, and 5/27-24.3.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 680.

CROSS REF.: 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students), 6:315 (High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8)

Adopted 5/14/22

6:330 Achievement and Awards

[*High school and unit districts only*]

Grade Point Average, Class Rank, and Class Honor Roll

The Superintendent shall maintain a uniform process for secondary schools to calculate, on at least a yearly basis, each student's grade point average and class rank, as well as an honor roll for each class.

[*All districts*]

Awards and Honors

The Superintendent shall maintain a uniform process for presenting awards and honors for outstanding scholarship, achievement, and/or distinguished service in school activities in such a way as to minimize bias and promote fairness. The Superintendent shall supervise the selection of the recipient(s).

All donations for awards, honors, and scholarships must receive the School Board's prior approval.

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6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program

The District student assessment program provides information for determining individual student achievement and instructional needs, curriculum and instruction effectiveness, and school performance measured against District student learning objectives and statewide norms.

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the student assessment program that, at a minimum:

1. Administers to students all standardized assessments required by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) and/or any other appropriate assessment methods and instruments, including norm and criterion-referenced achievement tests, aptitude tests, proficiency tests, and teacher-developed tests.
2. Informs students of the timelines and procedures applicable to their participation in every State assessment.
3. Provides each student's parents/guardians with the results or scores of each State assessment and an evaluation of the student's progress. See policy 6:280, *Grading and Promotion*.
4. Utilizes professional testing practices.

Overall student assessment data on tests required by State law will be aggregated by the District and reported, along with other information, on the District's annual report card. All reliable assessments administered by the District and scored by entities outside of the District must be (1) reported to ISBE on its form by the 30th day of each school year, and (2) made publicly available to parents/guardians of students. Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*, and its implementing procedures govern recordkeeping and access issues.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

105 ILCS 10/, Illinois School Student Records Act.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.63, 5/2-3.64a-5, 5/2-3.64a-10, 5/2-3.64a-15, 5/2-3.107, 5/2-3.153, 5/10-17a, 5/22-82, and 5/27-1.

23 Ill. Admin. Code §§1.30(b) and 375.10.

CROSS REF.: 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:280 (Grading and Promotion), 7:340 (Student Records)

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