

Pleasant Hill Middle School Student Handbook 2026-2027



Safe, Respectful, Responsible

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Nondiscrimination Statement:

Pleasant Hill School District does not discriminate and prohibits discrimination in any programs or activities on the basis of protected class, including age, citizenship status, color, disability, gender identity, immigration status, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation. See Policy AC Nondiscrimination and Policy AC-AR Discrimination Complaint Procedure and Complaint Form. Complaints and/or inquiries regarding discrimination based on any protected class listed here may be directed to the appropriate Coordinator specified below. Unresolved complaints may be appealed to the Oregon Department of Education. Complaints and/or inquiries regarding discrimination based on age, color, disability, national origin, race, and/or sex may be referred to the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

The following employees are designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Title IX Coordinator (sex discrimination):

Name and/or Title: Jim Crist, Superintendent

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Phone Number: 541-746-9646

Email Address: jcrist@pleasanthill.k12.or.us

Section 504/ADA Coordinator (disability discrimination):

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Civil Rights Coordinator (any discrimination):

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Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct Acknowledgment

By enrolling and attending school within the Pleasant Hill School District, students and parents/guardians acknowledge their shared commitment to maintaining a safe, respectful, and effective learning environment.

Attendance and participation in school programs, activities, or district-provided transportation constitute agreement to comply with all district policies, school rules, and the expectations outlined in this handbook, including the **Student Rights and Responsibilities** and the **Student Code of Conduct**.

- **Student Responsibilities:** Students are expected to understand their rights, fulfill their responsibilities, observe all behavioral standards, and follow lawful staff directions.
- **Parent/Guardian Role:** Parents and guardians are responsible for supporting their student's regular attendance, reviewing district expectations with their student, and partnering with school staff to maintain a positive educational community.
- **Accountability:** Failure to abide by the Student Code of Conduct or district policies may result in disciplinary action up to and including detention, suspension, expulsion, or referral to law enforcement as permitted by law.

This document serves as annual notice of district policies, rights, and administrative procedures pursuant to state and federal law. Hard copies or translation services are available upon request through the main office

INTRODUCTION

Pleasant Hill School District prohibits discrimination and harassment on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's perceived or actual race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, mental or physical disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation¹, age, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veterans' status or genetic information in providing education or access to benefits of education services, activities and programs in accordance with Title VI, Title VII, Title IX and other civil rights or discrimination issues; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination act of 2008. The following have been designated to coordinate compliance with these legal requirements and may be contacted at the district office for additional information and/or compliance issues:

Jim Crist, Superintendent
[Email-jcrist@pleasanthill.k12.or.us](mailto:jcrist@pleasanthill.k12.or.us)
541-736-9646

District Mission Statement: To graduate all students with high levels of academic and personal achievement, who are ready for post-secondary excellence, and who are prepared for productive, compassionate citizenship, through research-based instruction and a collaborative system of support.

Pleasant Hill Middle School Vision Statement: Every student, every day, all the time.

Staff non negotiables:

1. We believe all students can learn.
2. We actively engage and support all students where they're at.
3. We take collective responsibility for the success of all students.

PREFACE

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

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



2026-2027 PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 CALENDAR

Approved on 3/9/2026

M	T	W	T	F
July 2026				
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
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August 2026				
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31				

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September 2026				
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June 2027				
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28	29	30		

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 28: New Teachers Report
Aug 31-Sep 3: Teacher Work Days/In-service
Sep 4: Non Contract Day
Sep 7: Holiday (Labor Day) - No School
Sep 8: Teacher Work Day - No School
Sep 9: Start of 1st Quarter (Staggered K, Grades 1-5, 6th and 9th only)
Sep 10: All Grades Start
Sep 18 (D), 25 (T): Early Release - Teacher/Learning Teams
Oct 2 (B), 9 (T), 16 (B), 23 (T), 30 (D): Early Release - Teacher/Learning Teams
Nov 5: End of 1st Quarter (42 Days)
Nov 6: Teacher Grading Day - No School
Nov 9: Start of 2nd Quarter
Nov 11: Holiday (Veterans Day) - No School
Nov 13 (B), 20 (T): Early Release - Teacher/Learning Teams
Nov 23 & 24: Parent Conference - 1/2 Day School
 (Conferences 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
Nov 25: Teacher Comp Day for Conferences - No School
Nov 26 & 27: Holiday (Thanksgiving) - No School
Dec 4 (B), 11 (D), 18 (T): Early Release - Teacher/Learning Teams
Dec 21-Jan 1: (Winter Break) - No School
Jan 4: Teacher Work Day - No School/Float Day for Emergency Closure
Jan 8 (B), 15 (D), 22 (T): Early Release - Teacher/Learning Teams
Jan 18: Holiday (MLK, Jr. Day) - No School
Jan 28: End of 2nd Quarter (43 Days)
Jan 29: Teacher Grading Day - No School
Feb 1: Start of 3rd Quarter
Feb 5 (B), 12 (T), 19 (D), 26 (T): Early Release - Teacher/Learning Teams
Feb 15: Non-Contract Day (Presidents' Day) - No School/Float Day for Emergency Closure
Mar 5 (B), 12 (D), 19 (T): Early Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
Mar 22-26: Spring Break - No School
Apr 2 (B), 16 (T), 23 (B), 30 (T): Early Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
Apr 8: End of 3rd Quarter (43 Days)
April 9: Teacher Work Day/Grading - No School
Apr 12: Start of 4th Quarter / Returning Student Registration Opens
May 7 (D), 14 (T), 21 (B), 28 (T): Early Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
May 31: Holiday (Memorial Day) - No School
Jun 4 (B), 11 (T): Early Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
Jun 11: High School Graduation
Jun 16: End of 4th Quarter (47 Days)
Jun 16: Returning Student Registration Closes
Jun 17: Teacher Grading Day- No School
 Student Contact Days = 175 / Teacher Days = 191 (5 Paid Holidays) / Early Release Days = 32 (D=7, B=11, T=14)

Green = New teachers report 8/28, returning teachers 8/31

Yellow = No School

Blue = Friday Release Time: Elem 1:25 pm, HS 1:35 pm
 No Friday Release if late start

Red = Parent-Teacher Conferences

Gray = 1st day of the nine weeks

*Please Note: There are two float days for emergency closure built into the calendar on January 4 and February 15. Barring any additional days that may be needed in June then the last day for students would be June 16.

Bell Schedules

Day	High School	Middle School
Monday-Thursday	Breakfast: 8:05-8:15 1st Period: 8:19-9:10 Announcements: 9:10-9:12 2nd Period: 9:16-10:07 3rd Period: 10:11-11:02 4th Period: 11:06-11:57 High School Lunch: 11:57-12:27 5th Period: 12:29-1:20 6th Period: 1:24-2:15 7th Period: 2:19-3:10	Breakfast: 8:05-8:15 1st Period: 8:19-9:10 Announcements: 9:10-9:12 2nd Period: 9:16-10:07 3rd Period: 10:11-11:02 Middle School Lunch: 11:02-11:32 4th Period: 11:34-12:25 5th Period: 12:29-1:20 6th Period: 1:24-2:15 7th Period: 2:19-3:10
Friday Early Release	Breakfast: 8:05-8:15 1st Period: 8:19-8:56 Announcements: 8:56-8:58 2nd Period: 9:02-9:39 3rd Period: 9:43-10:20 4th Period: 10:24-11:01 5th Period: 11:05-11:42 High School Lunch: 11:42-12:15 6th Period: 12:17-12:54 7th Period: 12:58-1:35	Breakfast: 8:05-8:15 1st Period: 8:19-8:56 Announcements: 8:56-8:58 2nd Period: 9:02-9:39 3rd Period: 9:43-10:20 4th Period: 10:24-11:01 Middle School Lunch: 11:01-11:34 5th Period: 11:36-12:13 6th Period: 12:17-12:54 7th Period: 12:58-1:35
Advisory	Breakfast: 8:05-8:15 1st Period: 8:19-9:03 Advisory: 9:03-9:54 2nd Period: 9:58-10:42 3rd Period: 10:46-11:30 4th Period: 11:34-12:18 High School Lunch: 12:18-12:48 5th Period: 12:50-1:34 6th Period: 1:38-2:22 7th Period: 2:26-3:10	Breakfast: 8:05-8:15 1st Period: 8:19-9:03 Advisory: 9:03-9:54 2nd Period: 9:58-10:42 3rd Period: 10:46-11:30 Middle School Lunch: 11:30-12:00 4th Period: 12:02-12:46 5th Period: 12:50-1:34 6th Period: 1:38-2:22 7th Period: 2:26-3:10

Academics

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are expected to put forth their best effort on tests and assignments. Assisting others is prohibited when it would constitute academic dishonesty. Prohibited events include, but are not limited to, using or sharing prohibited study aides or other written materials on tests and assignments. Academic dishonesty also includes sharing, collaborating or communicating with others on tests or assignments, before or during tests or assignments in violation of directions by the class instructor. Academic dishonesty may also include knowingly sharing false information or knowingly misleading another to reach a false answer or conclusion.

Violation of the policy may result in discipline as deemed appropriate by the instructor or administration, based on the nature and seriousness of the offense.

Blatant plagiarism or cheating - 1st Offense – No grade on assignment, 2nd Offense – Additional discipline, up to and including failure of class (may result in forfeiture of membership in NHS and/or class ranking of Valedictorian and Salutatorian).

Credit by Examination

A student who has had sufficient prior formal instruction, as determined by the district and on the basis of a review of the student's educational records, may gain credit for a course by passing an examination designed to measure proficiency or mastery of identified standards (knowledge and skills). A student may not use credit by examination to regain eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

Credit for Proficiency

In addition to credit by completing classroom or equivalent work in a course, a student may receive credit toward a diploma or a modified diploma by one or more of the following options, if the student demonstrates defined levels of proficiency or mastery of recognized standards through:

1. Classroom or equivalent work that meets Common Curriculum Goals and academic content standard required by OAR 581-022-1210;
2. Classroom or equivalent work;
3. Passing an appropriate exam;
4. Providing a collection of work or other assessment evidence; and/or
5. Providing documentation of prior learning experiences.

Transcript Evaluation

Transfer credits and attendance may be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the district consistent with Oregon Administrative Rules and established district policy, administrative regulation and/or

school rules.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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

The district will provide alternative education programs for students expelled for violation of applicable state or federal weapons laws.

In-District Alternative Education Programs

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

1. Evening classes;
2. Tutorial instruction;
3. Small group instruction;
4. Professional technical programs;
5. Work experience;
6. Instructional activities provided by other accredited institutions;
7. Community service;
8. Independent study;
9. Expanded Options Program;
10. Others as approved by the district.

Parents may request additional in-district alternative education programs by submitting written requests to the principal.

Nondistrict Alternative Education Programs

1. Other school(s)/program(s);
2. Community college;
3. Others as approved by the district.

The district pays the alternative education program cost or an amount equal to 80 percent of the district's estimated current year's average per student cost, whichever is less, for placing students in

non district alternative education programs. The student's placement must have the prior approval of the district.

The district will not assume alternative education costs for any student not placed in an alternative program according to procedures established by the district and Oregon law.

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

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

ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL

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

Companion and comfort animals are not considered service animals.

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

ASSEMBLIES

A student's conduct in assemblies must meet the same standard as in the classroom. A student who does not abide by the district's Student Code of Conduct during an assembly shall be subject to disciplinary action.

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES

Students are assigned to classes based on the individual needs of the student, staffing and scheduling considerations. Parent requests to place a student in a particular class may be submitted to the principal or a counselor within the first 10 days of the respective semester. Requests to change a student's assigned class at other times must be directed to the Assistant Principal. Final decisions are the responsibility of the Assistant Principal or designee.

ATTENDANCE

All students between the ages of 6 and 18, who have not completed grade 12, are required to regularly attend a public full-time school, unless otherwise exempted by law. Staff will monitor and

report violations of the state compulsory attendance law. All students five years of age who have been enrolled in a public school are required to attend regularly.

Any person who fails to send a student to school within three days of notification by the district that their student is not complying with compulsory attendance requirements may be issued a citation by the district for the student's failure to attend school. Failure to send a student to school is a Class C violation of law and is punishable by a court imposed fine, as provided by ORS 339.095.

The district will notify the parent in writing that, in accordance with law, the superintendent will schedule a conference with the non attending student and their parent(s) to discuss attendance requirements. The written notice will include the following:

1. The superintendent or the designee has the authority to enforce the provisions of the compulsory attendance laws;
2. Failure to send a student to school is a Class C violation;
3. A citation may be issued by the district;
4. The parent has the right to request:
 - a. An evaluation to determine if the student should have an individualized education program (IEP), if the student does not have one; or
 - b. A review of the student's current Individualized Education Program (IEP).
5. A conference with the parent and student is required. The conference may not be scheduled until after an evaluation or review as described in item 4 above, if requested by the parent, has been completed.

The written notification will be in the native language of the parent.

Additionally, a parent or guardian, or other person lawfully charged with the care or custody of a student under 15 years of age, may, under ORS 163.577(1)(c), be found by the courts to have committed the offense of failing to supervise a child who has not attended school as required. Failing to supervise a child is a Class A violation. Violations, as determined by the court, may be punishable by a requirement to complete a parent effectiveness program approved by the court and/or a fine.

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

When returning to school after an absence, a student must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. Absence from school or class will be excused under the following circumstances:

1. Illness of the student;

2. Illness of an immediate family member when the student's presence at home is necessary;
3. Emergency situations that require the student's absence;
4. Field trips and school-approved activities;
5. Medical or dental appointments. Confirmation of appointments may be required; 6. Other reasons deemed appropriate by the school administrator when satisfactory arrangements have been made in advance of the absence.

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

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

A student who leaves school during the day must bring a note from their parent/guardian. A student who becomes ill during the school day should, with the teacher's permission, report to the school nurse. The school nurse will decide whether or not the student should be sent home and will notify the student's parent, as appropriate.

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

Absenteeism will not be used as a sole criterion for the reduction of grades.

TARDY POLICY

To encourage punctuality and ensure that all students benefit from a full day of learning, we have implemented the following tardy policy:

When a student accumulates 5 tardies across all classes in a one-week period:

- 1st Offense - Conference with student and call home to parent from the attendance team.
- 2nd Offense - Conference with the student, lunch detention assigned, and a call home to the parent by the attendance team.

- 3rd Offense - Conference with the student, Friday school assigned, and call made to parents by the attendance team.
- All Future Offenses - Conference with the student, Friday school assigned, and call made to parents by the attendance team.

** If a student skips their assigned lunch detention, they will be required to attend Friday School.*

** If a student fails to attend Friday School, they will face an in-school suspension.*

TRUANCY

A student who is absent from school or from any class without permission will be considered truant and will be subject to disciplinary action including detention, suspension, ineligibility to participate in athletics or other activities and/or loss of driving privileges.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Pleasant Hill Middle School will honor students for their accomplishments regularly throughout the academic year.

BICYCLES ON CAMPUS

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

The district assumes no liability for loss or damage to bicycles.

CLOSED CAMPUS/OPEN CAMPUS

Campus is closed for Middle School at all times. High School students only have an open campus.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

COMPUTER USE

Students may be permitted to use the district's electronic communications system only to conduct business related to the management or instructional needs of the district or to conduct research related to education consistent with the district's mission or goals. Personal use of district computers,

including e-mail access, is strictly prohibited for personal use, in addition to official district business consistent with Board policy, the general use prohibitions/guideline/etiquette and other applicable provisions set forth in administrative regulations.

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

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

The district retains ownership and control of its computers, hardware, software and data at all times. All communications and stored information transmitted received or contained in the district's information system are the district's property and are to be used for authorized purposes only. Use of district equipment or software for unauthorized purposes is strictly prohibited.

To maintain system integrity, monitor network etiquette and ensure that those authorized to use the district's system are in compliance with Board policy, administrative regulations and law, school administrators may routinely review user files and communications.

Files and other information, including e-mail, sent or received, generated or stored on district servers are not private and may be subject to monitoring. By using the district's system, individuals consent to have that use monitored by authorized district personnel. The district reserves the right to access and disclose, as appropriate, all information and data contained on district computers and district-owned e-mail system.

Students who violate Board policy, administrative regulations, including general system user prohibitions, shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or revocation of district

system access up to and including permanent loss of privileges. Violations of law will be reported to law enforcement officials.

CONDUCT

Safe, Respectful, Responsible- PHMS students are expected to be safe, act respectfully and responsible at all times. Students are responsible for conducting themselves properly, in accordance with the policies and administrative regulations of the district, school rules and the lawful direction of staff. The district has the responsibility to afford students certain rights as guaranteed under federal and state constitutions and statutes.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The district has authority and control over a student at school during the regular school day, at any school-related activity, regardless of time or location and while being transported in district-provided transportation.

Students are subject to discipline for conduct while traveling to and from school, at the bus stop, at school-sponsored events, while at other schools in the district and while off campus, whenever such conduct causes a substantial and material disruption of the educational environment or the invasion of the rights of others.

Students will be subject to discipline including detention, suspension, expulsion, denial and/or loss of awards and privileges and/or referral to law enforcement officials for the following, including but not limited to:

1. Assault;
2. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing or teen dating violence, as prohibited by Board policy JFCF – Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence/Domestic Violence - Student, and accompanying administrative regulation; Coercion;
4. Violent behavior or threats of violence or harm as prohibited by Board policy JFCM - Threats of Violence;
5. Disorderly conduct, false threats and other activity causing disruption of the school environment;
6. Bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon as prohibited by Board policy JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools;
7. Vandalism, malicious mischief and theft, as prohibited by Board policies ECAB – Vandalism, Malicious Mischief or Theft and JFCB - Care of District Property by Students including willful

damage or injury to district property; or to private property on district premises or at district-sponsored activities;

8. Sexual harassment as prohibited by Board policy JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment and accompanying administrative regulation;
9. Use of tobacco**, alcohol** or drugs**, including drug paraphernalia as prohibited by Board policy(ies) JFCG/JFCH/JFCI - Use of Tobacco Products, Alcohol, Drugs or Inhalant Delivery Systems. JFCG/KGC/GBK – Prohibited Use, Possession, Sale or Distribution of Tobacco Products and Inhalant Delivery Systems, JFCH - Alcohol and JFCI - Substance/Drug Abuse;
10. Use or display of profane or obscene language;
11. Disruption of the school environment;
12. Open defiance of a teacher's authority, including persistent failure to comply with the lawful directions of teachers or school officials;
13. Violation of district transportation rules;
14. Violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules.

* Under state and federal law, expulsion from school is required for a period of not less than one year for any student who is determined to have brought, possessed, concealed or used a firearm on school property or at a school sponsored activity. The superintendent may modify the expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, in accordance with Oregon law, any person who intentionally possesses a firearm, unless the person possesses a valid license under ORS 166.291 and 166.292, or other dangerous weapon in or on district property or recklessly discharges a firearm in school is subject to criminal prosecution, a maximum five years imprisonment, a fine and forfeiture of firearm and/or other dangerous weapon or both. Any person 13 to 17 years of age convicted of intentionally possessing a firearm in a public building is subject to denial of driving privileges for 90 days.

** In accordance with Oregon law, any person under age 18 possessing a tobacco product or an inhalant delivery system commits a Class D violation and is subject to a court-imposed fine, as provided by ORS 167.400. Any person who distributes, sells or allows to be sold, a tobacco product in any form, a tobacco-burning device or an inhalant delivery system, to a person under 18 years of age commits a Class A violation and is subject to a fine, as provided by ORS 163.575. An unlawful drug is any drug not prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner. Unlawful delivery of a controlled substance to a student or minor within 1,000 feet of district property is a Class A felony, as provided by ORS 475.999.

“Dangerous weapon” is defined by Oregon law as any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance which, under the circumstance in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used, is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

“Deadly weapon” is defined as any instrument, article or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

“Firearm” is defined by federal law as any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. This includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon or firearm, muffler or silencer, or any destructive device.

“Destructive device” is defined as any explosive, incendiary or poison gas component or any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device or from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. A destructive device does not include any device which is designed primarily or redesigned primarily for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line-throwing, safety or similar device.

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

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Among these student rights and responsibilities are the following:

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

CONFERENCES

Regular conferences are scheduled annually in the fall to review student progress.

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

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

COUNSELING

Our counselor is available to assist students with a wide range of personal concerns, including such areas as social, family, emotional, academic, drug, alcohol or tobacco dependency. The counselor may also make available information about community resources to address personal concerns. Ms. Hill can be reached at jhill@pleasanthill.k12.or.us and (541) 736-0774.

DAMAGE TO DISTRICT PROPERTY

A student who is found to have damaged district property will be held responsible for the reasonable cost of repairing or replacing that property. If the cost is \$50 or more, the district will notify the student and parent. The district will notify students and parents of all such charges. If the amount due is not paid within 10 calendar days of receipt of the district's notice, the amount will become a debt owed and certain penalties and/or restrictions may be imposed. See Fees, Fines and Charges.

DANCES/SOCIAL EVENTS

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

DISCIPLINE/DUE PROCESS

A student who violates the Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action.

A student's due process rights will be observed in all such instances, including the right to appeal the discipline decisions of staff and administrators.

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

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

Disciplinary measures are applied, without bias, depending on the nature of the offense. The age and past pattern of behavior of a student will be considered prior to any suspension or expulsion.

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

Discipline of Students with Disabilities

When a student being served by an individualized education program (IEP) engages in conduct which would warrant suspension of more than 10 days or expulsion for a student without disabilities, the student's parents will be notified immediately (within 24 hours) of the circumstances of the misbehavior and the time and location of the student's IEP team meeting addressing the infraction and its relationship to the disability.

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

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

A student may be removed from the current educational placement to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for the same amount of time that a student without a disability would be subject to discipline, but for not more than 45 calendar days in a school year, for a drug or weapon violation as provided in district procedures. Additionally, the district may request an expedited due process hearing to obtain a hearings officer's order to remove a student to an interim alternative educational setting for not more than 45 days if the student is exhibiting injurious behavior. For the purpose of this request, "injurious behavior" is defined as behavior that is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or to others.

Detention

A student may be detained outside of school hours for not more than two hours on one or more days if the student violates the Student Code of Conduct. The detention shall not begin, however, until the student's parents have been notified of the reason for the detention and can make arrangements for the student's transportation on the day(s) of the detention.

Suspension

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

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

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

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

While under suspension, a student may not attend after-school activities and athletic events, be present on district property without a parent or participate in activities directed or sponsored by the district, in accordance with board policy JGD.

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

Expulsion

Students may be expelled for any of the following circumstances: a) when a student's conduct poses a threat to the health or safety of students or employees; b) when other strategies to change the

student's behavior have been ineffective, except that expulsion may not be used to address truancy; or c) when required by law.

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

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

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

An expulsion shall not extend beyond one calendar year.

The district will provide appropriate expulsion notification including expulsion hearing procedures, student and parent rights and alternative education provisions as required by law. See alternative education programs and alternative education notice in this handbook.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL

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

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

Materials not under the editorial control of the district may be subject to administrative review, restricted or prohibited, based on legitimate educational concerns. Such concerns include whether the material is defamatory; age appropriate to the grade level and/or maturity of the reading audience; poorly written, inadequately researched, is biased or prejudiced; not factual; or not free of racial, ethnic, religious or sexual bias. Materials include advertising that is in conflict with public school laws,

rules and/or Board policy, deemed inappropriate for students or may be reasonably perceived by the public to bear the sanction for approval of the district.

All materials requested for distribution require approval of the administration.

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

If material is not approved within 24 hours of the time that it was submitted, it must be considered disapproved.

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

DRESS AND GROOMING

Responsibility for dress and grooming rests primarily with students and their parents. However, the district expects student dress and grooming to meet standards which ensure that the following conditions do not exist:

1. Disruption or interference with the classroom learning environment;
2. Threat to the health and/or safety of the student concerned or of other students.

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

In accordance with Board Policy JFCG/JFCH/JFCI, "Clothing, bags, hats and other personal items used to display, promote or advertise tobacco products, inhalant delivery systems, alcohol or unlawful drugs are prohibited on all district grounds, including parking lots, at school-sponsored activities and in district vehicles."

DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PREVENTION PROGRAM

The possession, selling and/or use of illegal and harmful drugs, alcohol, tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems are strictly prohibited. This includes substance abuse and drug paraphernalia. This prohibition applies during the regular school day and/or at any district-related activity, regardless of time or location and while being transported on district-provided transportation. Students in violation of the district's policy will be subject to disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement officials, as appropriate, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Since drug, alcohol and tobacco use is illegal for students and interferes with both effective learning and the healthy development of students, the district has a fundamental and ethical obligation to prevent drug, alcohol and tobacco use and to maintain a drug-free educational environment.

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

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

The district's drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention program will be reviewed and updated annually. Parents are encouraged to contact the counseling office for information on district and community resources available to assist students in need.

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

Pleasant Hill School District uses the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) procedures: Hold: This action restricts movement within the building, keeping hallways clear during a situation like a medical emergency or altercation. Secure (Lockout): This action focuses on preventing individuals from entering the building, such as when there is a threat outside the school. Lockdown: This action requires everyone to remain in their current location, securing the room and remaining out of sight. Evacuate. This action involves moving people from one location to another, usually to a designated safe area. Shelter. This action focuses on taking cover in a safe location, such as during severe weather or hazardous materials incidents.

⁽¹⁾Instruction on fire, earthquake, safety threats, dangers and drills for students shall be conducted for at least 30 minutes each school month.

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

⁽³⁾At least two drills on earthquakes and two drills for safety threats for students will be conducted each year for students in grades K-12. Drills and instruction on safety threats shall include procedures related to lockdown, lockout, shelter in place and evacuation and other actions to take when there is a threat to safety.

⁽⁴⁾A map/diagram of the fire escape route to be followed is posted near all classroom doorways and reviewed with students. When the fire alarm is sounded, students must follow the direction of staff quickly, quietly and in an orderly fashion.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

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

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

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

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

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

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All students, regardless of their ability levels, are encouraged to take part in extracurricular activities and the many worthwhile learning experiences that involvement in student government, student clubs, organizations, athletics and other activities has to offer.

Interested students should contact the office for additional information.

FEES, FINES AND CHARGES

Materials that are part of the basic educational program are provided without charge to a student. A student is expected to provide their own supplies of pencils, paper, erasers and notebooks and may be required to pay certain other fees or deposits, including:

1. Club dues;
2. Security deposits;

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

Any required fee or deposit may be waived if the student and parent are unable to pay. Application for such a waiver may be made to the principal.

The district may impose certain restrictions and/or penalties until fees, fines or damages are paid. All such restrictions and/or penalties shall end upon payment of amount owed. Fees, fines and charges owed to the district may be waived at the discretion of the superintendent or designee if:

1. The district determines that the parent of the student is unable to pay the debt;
2. The payment of the debt could impact the health or safety of the student;
3. The creation of the notice of the debt owned would cost more than the potential total debt collected relating to the notice;
4. There are mitigating circumstances as determined by the superintendent or designee that preclude the collection of the debt.

A written notice will be provided to the student and their parent(s) of the district's intent to collect fees, fines and damages owed. Notice will include the reason the student owes money to the district, and itemization of the fees, fines or damages owed and the right of the parent to request a hearing. The district may pursue possible restrictions and/or penalties through a private collection agency or other method available to the district.

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

debt must be submitted in writing to the superintendent or designee. Such requests must be received no later than 10 calendar days following the district's notice.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips may be scheduled for educational, cultural or other extracurricular purposes. All students are considered to be "in school" while participating in district-sponsored field trips. This means students are subject to the school's student conduct rules, applicable Board policy and such other rules as may be deemed appropriate by the field trip supervisor.

FLAG SALUTE

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

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

FUND RAISING

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

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

GANGS

The presence of gangs and the violent activities and drug abuse that often accompany gang involvement can cause a substantial disruption of school, district activities and a student's ability to meet curriculum and attendance requirements.

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

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

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

Students in violation of the district's gang policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with the district's Student Code of Conduct.

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

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

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

Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

“Hazing” includes, but is not limited to, any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any district-sponsored or grade level attainment. [i.e., forced consumption of any drink, alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance, forced exposure to the elements, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact, sleep deprivation or any other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental or physical health or safety of a student; requires, encourages, authorizes or permits another to be subject to wearing or carrying any

obscene or physically burdensome article; or assignment of pranks to be performed or other such activities intended to degrade or humiliate. It is not a defense against hazing that the student subjected to hazing consented to or appeared to consent to the hazing.

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

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

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

“Teen dating violence” means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The employee position title¹ will take reports and conduct a prompt investigation of any reported acts of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, [menacing,] cyberbullying, or teen dating violence. Any employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy shall immediately report their concerns to the [employee position title] who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Any student who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy or feels they have been subjected to an act of [hazing,] harassment, intimidation or bullying, [menacing,] or cyberbullying or feel they have been a victim of teen dating violence in violation of this policy, is encouraged to immediately report concerns to the employee position title who has overall responsibility for all investigations. A report made by a student or volunteer may be made anonymously. A student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate district official.

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

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

- Step 1 Any reports or information on acts of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, acts of cyberbullying, or incidents of teen dating violence (e.g., complaints, rumors) shall be presented to [employee position title]. Reports against the principal shall be filed with the superintendent. Reports against the superintendent shall be filed with the Board chair. Information may be presented anonymously. All such information will be reduced to writing and will include the specific nature of the office and corresponding dates.
- Step 2 The employee receiving the report shall promptly investigate. Parents will be notified of the nature of any report involving their student. The employee will arrange such meetings as may be necessary with all concerned parties within five working days after receipt of the information or report. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses. All findings related to the report will be reduced to writing. The employee conducting the investigation shall notify the person making the report within 10 working days of receipt of the information or report, and parents as appropriate, in writing when the investigation is concluded and a decision regarding disciplinary action, as warranted, is determined.

A copy of the notification letter or the date and details of notification to the person making the report, together with any other documentation related to the incident, including disciplinary action taken or recommended, shall be forwarded to the superintendent.

Step 3 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, they may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within [10] working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the person making the report and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the appeal within [10] working days.

Step 4 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, a written appeal may be filed with the Board. Such appeal must be filed within [10] working days after receipt of the Step 3 decision. The Board shall, within [20] working days, conduct a hearing at which time the person making the report shall be given an opportunity to present the report. The Board shall provide a written decision to the person making the report within [10] working days following completion of the hearing.

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

Documentation related to the incident may be maintained as a part of the student's education records. [Additionally, a copy of all reported acts of [hazing,] harassment, intimidation or bullying, [menacing] or cyberbullying, or incidents of teen dating violence and documentation will be maintained as a confidential file in the district office.]

HOMEWORK

Homework is assigned to provide students an opportunity to practice independently what has been presented in class, to improve the learning processes, to aid in the mastery of skills and to create and stimulate interest. Whatever the task, the experience is intended to be complementary to the classroom process.

IMMUNIZATION, VISION SCREENING AND DENTAL SCREENING

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

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

INFECTION CONTROL/HIV, HBV AND AIDS

Although HIV, AIDS and HBV* are serious illnesses, the risk of contracting the disease in school is extremely low and generally limited to situations where nonintact skin or mouth, eye or other mucous membranes would be exposed to blood or any body fluids contaminated with blood from an infected person. Since any risk is serious, however, the district requires that staff and students approach infection control using standard precautions. That is, each student and staff member is to assume all direct contact with human blood and body fluids is regarded as known to be infectious for HIV, AIDS, HBV and/or other infectious diseases.

HIV, HBV, AIDS – Students

A student infected with HIV¹, HBV or AIDS is entitled to remain in a regular classroom setting and eligible for all rights, privileges and services as provided by law and Board policy. The district recognizes that a student (parent) has no obligation to report an HIV, HBV or AIDS condition diagnosis to the district.

If the district is informed, the district is also prohibited by law from releasing information unless the infected person or parent gives permission for such release.

If a student (parent) wishes to divulge such information and continues attending school, the district will meet with the infected individual or representative to develop appropriate procedures.

Individuals with questions regarding these requirements of law or district procedures should contact the superintendent.

Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV and Sexually Transmitted Disease Instruction

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

INSURANCE

At the beginning of the school year, the district will make available to students and parents a low-cost student accident insurance program. Parents are responsible for paying premiums (if coverage is desired) and for submitting claims through the district office. The district shall not be responsible for costs of treating injuries or assume liability for any other costs associated with an injury.

Before school-sponsored athletics, students and parents must have: (1) purchased the student accident insurance; (2) shown proof of insurance; or (3) signed a form rejecting the insurance offer.

LOCAL WELLNESS

Students may be encouraged or required to participate in physical activity or receive instruction on nutrition or maintaining healthy lifestyles.

LOCKERS

Lockers and other district storage areas provided for student use remain under the jurisdiction of the district even when assigned to an individual student. The district reserves the right to inspect all lockers. A student has full responsibility for the security of the locker and is responsible for making certain it is locked and that the combination is not available to others. Valuables should never be stored in the student's locker. Lockers may be routinely inspected without prior notice to ensure no item which is prohibited on district premises is present; maintenance of proper sanitation, mechanical condition and safety; and to reclaim district property including instructional materials.

LOST AND FOUND

Any articles found in the school or on district grounds should be turned in to the school office. Unclaimed articles will be disposed of at the end of the school year.

Loss or suspected theft of personal or district property should be reported to the school office.

MEAL PROGRAMS

The district participates in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk and Commodity Programs and offers free meals based on a student's financial need.

Additional information can be obtained in the office.

MEDIA ACCESS TO STUDENTS

Media representatives may interview and photograph students involved in instructional programs and school activities, including athletic events. Information obtained directly from students does not require parental approval prior to publication.

Parents who do not want their student interviewed or photographed should direct their student accordingly.

District employees may release student information only in accordance with applicable provisions of the education records law and Board policies governing directory information and personally identifiable information.

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL (Prescription/Nonprescription)

Students may be permitted to take prescription or nonprescription medication, and/or self-medicate at school, at school-sponsored activities, under the supervision of school personnel, and in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

District-Administered Medication

Requests for the district to administer medication shall be made by the parent in writing and shall include permission from the parent.

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

Written instructions, with permission of the parent, which include the information above are required for all requests to administer nonprescription medication.

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

In situations when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available, designated trained staff may administer to students, by means of injection, epinephrine, glucagon or other medications as prescribed and allowed by Oregon law (OAR 851-047-0030).

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

Naloxone (Narcan)

ORS 339.871: protections against school staff against criminal or civil liability if use naloxone: “Naloxone or any similar medication that is in any form available for safe administration and that is designed to rapidly reverse an overdose of an opioid drug to a student or other individual who the school administrator, school nurse, teacher or other school employee believes in good faith is experiencing an overdose of an opioid drug.”

Pre Measured Doses of Epinephrine

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

Self-Medication

Students in grades K-12 are permitted to self-medicate prescription and nonprescription medication upon written request and permission of the parent and principal permission, subject to age appropriate guidelines. In the case of prescription medication, permission from the physician or other licensed health care provider is also required. Such permission may be indicated on the prescription label. An instruction for a student to self-medicate with a prescription or nonprescription medication during school hours will include an assurance the student has been instructed in the correct and responsible use of the medication from the prescribing physician.

Other students who must carry medication may also be permitted to self-medicate when the necessary permission form and written instructions have been submitted.

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

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

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

Contact the school office for additional information and forms.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

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

1. Encourage their students to put a high priority on their education and to commit themselves to making the most of the educational opportunities the district provides;
2. Keep informed on district activities and issues. The district newsletter published quarterly, "Back to School" nights in the fall and parent/booster club meetings provide opportunities for learning more about the district;
3. Become a district volunteer. For further information contact the principal;
4. Participate in district parent organizations. The activities are varied, ranging from graduation activities to the building's site council, with its emphasis on instructional improvement.

PARENTAL RIGHTS

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

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

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

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

Requests to review materials or to excuse students from participation in these activities, including any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screenings administered by the school and not

otherwise permitted or required by state law should be directed to the office during regular school hours.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

Students permitted to possess a personal electronic device are prohibited from having the device on active mode during class time. Personal electronic devices brought to school may be used for appropriate/approved classroom or instructional related activities. Devices which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a student is engaged in sponsored activities, unless expressly authorized in advance by the district administrator.

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

Students found in violation of the personal electronic device use and possession prohibitions of Board policy and rules as established by the administrator will be subject to disciplinary action. The device may be confiscated and will be released to the student’s parents.

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

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS (Athletics)

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

The physical examination is the responsibility of the parent/student and is to be paid for by the parent/student.

Records of the examination must be submitted to the district and will be kept on file and reviewed by the coach prior to the start of any sports season.

Students shall not participate without a completed school sports preparticipation examination form on file with the district.

POSTERS

Signs, banners or posters that a student wishes to display must first be approved by the administration. Signs, banners or posters displayed without authorization will be removed. Any student who posts printed material without prior approval shall be subject to disciplinary action.

PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

RELEASE OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

A student shall not be released from school at times other than regular dismissal hours except with the administration's permission or according to school sign-out procedures. The teacher will determine that permission has been granted before allowing the student to leave. A student will not be released to any person without the approval of their parent or as otherwise provided by law.

REPORTS TO STUDENT AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Written reports of student grades/progress reports shall be issued to parents at least annually informing parents of their student's progress toward achieving the academic content standards. Parents will receive reports on their student's absences. Letter grades will be used. Grades/Progress reports will be based on many factors including assignments, both oral and written; class participation; special assignments; research activities and other identified criteria.

At the end of the first nine weeks of a reporting period, the district will report the student's progress to the student and parent when the student's performance is below average or below the expected level.

STUDENT SEARCHES

Searches

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

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

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

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

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

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

Questioning of Students

Should law enforcement officials find it necessary to question students during the school day or during periods of extracurricular activities, the principal or designee will be present, when possible. An effort will be made to notify the parent of the situation.

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

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bilingual Students/English Language Learners

The school provides special programs for bilingual English language learning students. A student or parent with questions about these programs should contact the building administrator.

In conjunction with the school's language instruction educational program for limited English proficient and immigrant students, parents of limited English students identified for participation, or participating, in such a program will be informed of:

1. The reasons for the identification of their student as limited English proficient and in need of placement in a language instruction educational program;
2. The student's level of English proficiency, how such level was assessed and the status of the student's academic achievement;
3. The methods of instruction used in the program, in which their student is or will be participating, and the methods of instruction used in other available programs, including how such programs differ in content, instructional goals, and the use of English and a native language in instruction;
4. How the program, in which their student is or will be participating, will meet the educational strengths and needs of their students;
5. How such program will specifically help their student learn English, and meet age-appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation;
6. The specific exit requirements for the program, including the expected rate of transition from such program into classrooms that are not tailored for limited English proficient students, and the expected rate of graduation from secondary school for such programs;
7. In the case of a student with a disability, how such program meets the objectives of the individualized education program (IEP) of the student;
8. Parental rights that include written guidance:
 - a. Detailing the right to have their student immediately removed from such program upon their request;
 - b. Detailing the options that parents have to decline to enroll their student in such program or to choose another program or method of instruction, if available;
 - c. Assisting parents in selecting among various programs and methods of instruction, if more than one program or method is offered by the district.

Students with Disabilities

The school provides programs and services for students with disabilities. A student or parent with questions should contact the special education director.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Adult supervision is provided to students during regular school hours 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, while traveling on district-provided vehicles to and from school and while engaged in district-sponsored activities.

THREATS

Student conduct that tends to threaten or intimidate and disrupt the educational environment, whether on or off school property, will not be tolerated. The district prohibits student violence or threats of violence in any form. A student may not verbally or physically threaten or intimidate another student, staff member, or third parties on school property. A student also may not use electronic equipment belonging to the student or the school to threaten, harass or intimidate another. Additionally, false threats, including false threats to school property, will not be tolerated.

Students in violation of the district's threats policy will be subject to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct and may be subject to civil or criminal liability.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND INHALANT DELIVERY SYSTEMS

Student possession, use, sale, distribution including smoking of any tobacco product or inhalant delivery system is strictly prohibited. Any form of promotion or advertisement related to any tobacco product or inhalant delivery system is also strictly prohibited.

"Tobacco product" is defined to include, but not limited to, any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette and any other smoking product, spit tobacco also known as smokeless, dip, chew or snuff in any form. This does not include USFDA approved tobacco products or other therapy products used for the purpose of cessation.

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

TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS

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

Transportation Rules

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

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

Disciplinary Procedures for Violations of Transportation Rules

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

1. First Citation - Warning: The driver verbally restates behavior expectations and issues a warning citation.
2. Second Citation: The student is suspended from the bus until a conference, arranged by the transportation supervisor, has been held with the student, the parent, the bus driver, the transportation supervisor and the principal.

3. Third Citation of the Year: The student receives a 5- to 10-day suspension and will not be able to ride the bus until a conference, arranged by the transportation supervisor, has been held with the student, the parent, the bus driver, the transportation supervisor and the principal. At this time a behavior contract will be made with the student and a bus seat may be assigned. Further violations of bus regulations will be considered a severe violation.
4. Severe Violations: Any severe violation will result in the immediate suspension of the student for a minimum of 10 days and up to a 1-year expulsion. There will be a hearing at this time, arranged by the transportation supervisor, involving the student, the bus driver, the transportation supervisor, the parent and the principal.
5. In all instances, the appeal process may be used if the student and/or parent desires.

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

VISITORS

Parents and other visitors are encouraged to visit district schools. To ensure the safety and welfare of students, that school work is not disrupted and that visitors are properly directed to the areas in which they are interested, all visitors must report to the office upon entering school property. Photo ID of visitors may be requested. In the absence of photo ID, a visitor may be denied access to the district facility. The principal will approve requests to visit, as appropriate. Students will not be permitted to bring visitors to school without prior approval of the principal.

STUDENT & PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE PAGE: MIDDLE SCHOOL

I understand and consent to the responsibilities outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. I also understand and agree that my student shall be held accountable for the behavior and consequences outlined in the Student Code of Conduct at school during the regular school day, at any school-related activity regardless of time or location and while being transported on district-provided transportation.

I understand that should my student violate the Student Code of Conduct, they shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from school and/or referral to law enforcement officials, for violations of the law.

Student Name_____

Student Signature_____

Date_____

Parent/Guardian Name_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Date_____