

**School Board Meeting:**

**August 24, 2026**

**Subject:**

BHM Handbooks 2026-2027

**Presenter:**

**Scott Thielman, Superintendent**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Recommend approval

**DESCRIPTION:**

The following BHM Handbooks were presented and reviewed at the August 10th School Board Workshop: Elementary, BCMS, BHS, PRIDE, Early Childhood, KidKare, and Volunteer.

The only revision made since the workshop presentation is to the BHS Handbook, as shown below and as highlighted on page 16 of the attachment.

**General Guidelines**

All students are expected to have daily access to a charged learning device, not a cell phone. If a student needs access to a chromebook, these are available through Buffalo High School. Students may NOT use cell phones, smart watches, earbuds/headphones, other personal electronic devices during class time - bell to bell. Students may only use these devices if they have the expressed permission of the teacher, within the classroom, and it is being used for academic tasks only. Personal device use is limited to before and after school, during passing time, and the cafeteria during lunch.

Starting this fall, all personal electronic devices, brought to class, must be stored in a teacher-determined location (e.g. pocket chart) during school hours. Students do NOT need a cell phone at school. Students are welcome to leave their phones at home, in their locker, or in their vehicles. If a student chooses to bring their phone with them during classtime, they must place their phone in the dedicated location for the duration of the class period. Students with cell phones in the hallway during class will be directed to bring them to the central office. Buffalo High School and staff are not responsible for lost or broken cell phones, airpods, headphones, or other personal electronics. If there are concerns about the well-being of devices, Buffalo High School recommends that devices are not brought to school.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Elementary Handbook
- BCMS Handbook
- BHS Handbook
- PRIDE Handbook
- Early Childhood Handbook
- KidKare Handbook
- Volunteer Handbook