

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 6:30 PM

Old Village School, 405 W. Main St, Northville, MI 48167

1.

Welcome, Call to Order

1.a) Connector: In the spirit of graduation: What year did you graduate, where did you graduate from, What did you think your college major would be, and did you stick with it?

2. **Approval of May 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

3. **High School and Middle School Response to Tech Law Changes**

3.a) NHS Cell Phones

4. **Educational Technology**

4.a) Microsoft Licensing

4.b) NHS Clock Bid

4.c) Parent Square

5. **Instructional and Special Services**

Presenter: Emily Pohlonski & Jadie Kieft

5.a) Strategic Planning

5.b) World Language Materials

6. **Human Resources**

Presenter: Rebecca Pek

6.a) Board Policy Check In

7. **Other/FYI**

8. **Public Comment**

9. **Standing Agenda Items**

9.a) Any Citizen Comment Follow-up?

9.b) Board Liaison Update

9.c) Legislative Update

10. **Parking Lot**

10.a) Communication to npsboe email process (J. Mabrey 5/20/25)

11. **Adjourn**

NHS Cell Phone / Device **DRAFT** Procedures (for 2026-27 school year)

Background:

On February 10, 2026, [Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed a bipartisan legislative package](#)—consisting of [Senate Bill 495](#) and [House Bill 4141](#)—designed to minimize classroom distractions and improve student focus across Michigan schools. This new law mandates that all public school districts implement a formal policy prohibiting the use of personal wireless communication devices during instructional time, effective for the 2026-27 school year.

The legislation allows for specific, common-sense exemptions, including devices required for medical necessity, special education accommodations (IEPs or 504 plans), and emergency situations, as well as "basic telephones" that lack internet and social media capabilities. While the state law establishes a uniform baseline to protect the learning environment from digital distractions, it also grants local districts the flexibility to adopt even stricter enforcement measures to meet their specific community needs.

Our Northville High School Building Administration has received guidance from MASSP and received input from the high school staff at the April PD day. Based on these conversations they came up with the following Action Plan.

Northville High School Personal Device Administrative Action Plan Summary:

Northville High School is prioritizing a focused learning environment by implementing a "**Pouched and Away**" policy for personal electronic devices during instructional time. This shift ensures consistency within all classrooms while maintaining student agency during specific and flexible times (before school, after school, during passing times, during lunch, and during "open" Seminar times). Every student will be provided with a school-issued device to ensure equitable access to the digital curricular resources during instructional time.

Definitions:

- **Personal Electronic Devices:** Includes, but is not limited to, internet-capable cellular phones, personal computers, iPads or tablets, smart watches, earbuds, and smart glasses.

1. Classroom Expectations (The "Pouch" Standard):

- **Immediate Pouching:** Upon entering any classroom, students are required to place their phones in the designated classroom pouch.
- **Wearables & Accessories:** Smart watches must be stored in the student's bag or pouched, and earbuds must be removed from ears entirely and also must be stored or pouched.
- **SmartPass Utilization:** To eliminate the need for phones during classroom instructional time, digital kiosks will be available in every room for hall pass management.
- **Duration:** Devices must remain in the pouch for the duration of the period. To ensure instructional consistency, mid-class "phone breaks" are no longer permitted.

2. Device Usage & BYOD (Bring Your Own Device):

- **School-Issued Devices:** Every student will be provided with a school-issued device to ensure equitable access to the digital curricular resources during instructional time.
- **Seminar Rules & Other Times Students Can Utilize Personal Devices:**
 - **Open Seminar time:** Students may use personal devices (phones, laptops, earbuds, etc.) during the first 70 minutes of "open" Seminar time. Personal devices may also be used before school, after school, during passing times, and during lunch.
 - **Closed/Mandatory Seminar times:** During the 20-minute mandatory report time, or other designated "closed" seminar times, all personal devices must be pouched.

- **Instructional Exceptions:** Courses requiring specialized technology (e.g., Digital Media, Graphic Arts) may allow personal electronic device use only with explicit Principal approval.

3. Implementation & Next Steps:

- **Framework Development:** With these expectations established, the next phase of this initiative is to formalize a progressive discipline framework to ensure expectations are met consistently across the building. This framework will be in place for the start of the next school year (2026-27).

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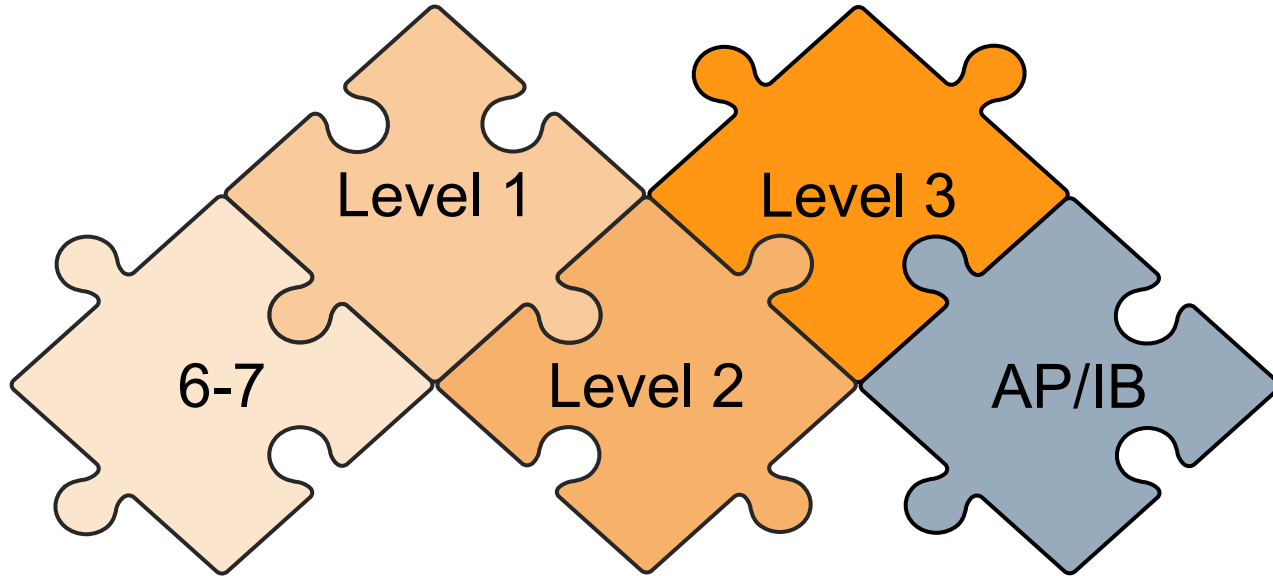
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Purpose

Need for 6-12 Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum



6-12 Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum Work



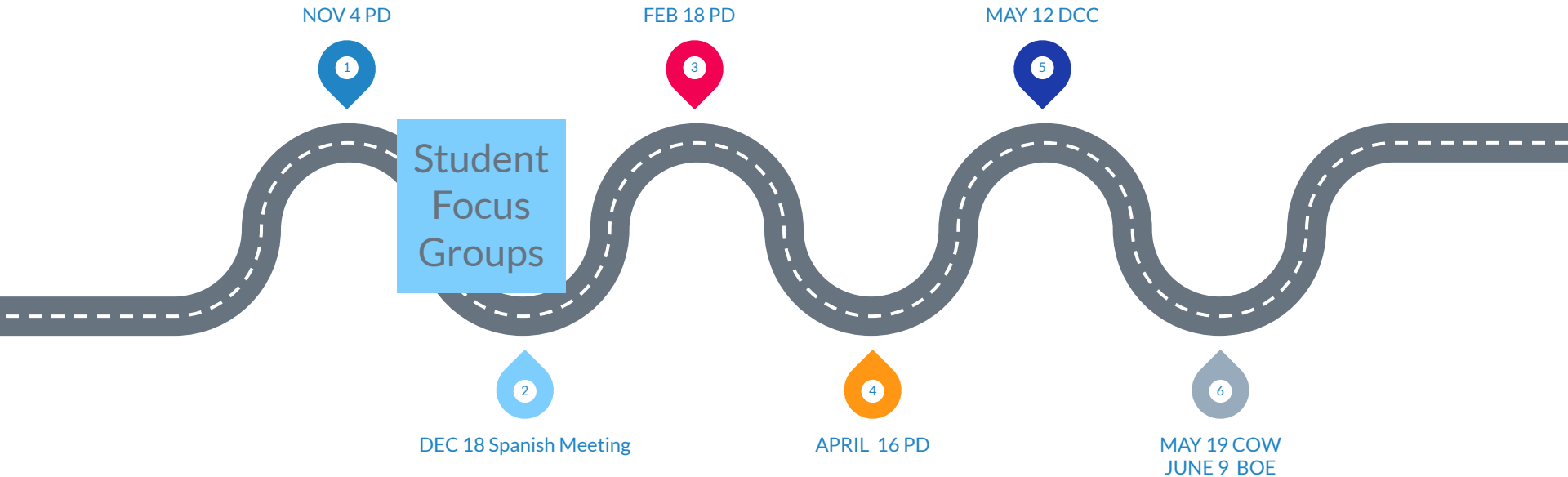
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6-12 WL Curriculum Timeline



Curriculum Resource Proposals

	6th Grade Spanish	7th Grade Spanish	HS Spanish 1	HS Spanish 2,3	HS AP/IB Spanish
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Core Curricular Resource Supplemental Resource

Curriculum Resource Proposals



STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

TIMELINE

Date	Activity
November 2025	Board Presentation
December 2025	Board Approval of the Process
January through March 2026	Data Collection & Input Sessions
April 2026	Retreat
April 2026	Implementation Workshop
May 2026	Present Final Report to the Board of Education for Approval

7 MONTHS



DATA-DRIVEN STRATEGIC PLANNING



ASKING FOR BOARD APPROVAL

- MISSION** STATEMENT
- VISION** STATEMENT
- VALUE** STATEMENT
- GOAL** STATEMENTS