Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2022 7:30 PM
Library--Superior High School, Superior, NE
PO Box 288
Superior, NE 68978

1. Routine Business
    1.1. Call Meeting to Order
    1.2. Pledge of Allegiance
    1.3. Roll Call
    1.4. Excuse Absent Board Member(s)
2. Regular Meeting Agenda
    2.1. Public Participation
    2.2. Presentations - Staff/Students
    2.3. Student Ambassador Report
    2.4. Consent Agenda
        2.4.1. Approval of Previous Minutes
        2.4.2. Approval of Treasurer's Report
        2.4.3. Approval of School Activity Fund Report
        2.4.4. Approval of Revenue Budget Report
        2.4.5. Approval of Expense Budget Report
    2.5. Approval of Previous Months Claims
    2.6. Policy Changes
    2.7. Local Substitute Certificates
    2.8. Elementary Handbook

2.9. Secondary Handbook

2.10. Activities Handbook

2.11. Staff Handbook

2.12. Emergency Operations Plan

3. Correspondence

4. Discussion Items

4.1. Principals' Reports

4.2. Superintendent's Report

4.3. Report from Board Committees

5. Items for Next Board Meeting

6. Adjournment

NUCKOLLS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 65-0011
SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERIOR, NEBRASKA
June 13, 2022

Matt Bargen: Present, Brad Biltoft: Present, Jason Jensen: Present, Peggy Meyer: Absent, Luke Meyers: Present, Matt Sullivan: Present. Present: 5, Absent: 1.
Posted Locations:

- The Superior Express
- Superior Public Schools
- https://www.superiorwildcats.org/

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06/09/2022 The Superior Express

1. Routine Business

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Matt Sullivan

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Roll Call

1.4. Excuse Absent Board Member(s)

Motion to excuse absent board member Peggy Meyer carried with a motion by Brad Biltoft and a second by Jason Jensen.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2. Regular Meeting Agenda

2.1. Public Participation

Patron asked about status of junior high football. Mr. Kobza stated approximately 10 middle school students interested in playing. Discussed option of possibly doing co-op with another local school. Policy 6035 is Rule 10 which deals with sixth graders participating in middle school sports. They currently play 8-man. Mr. Kobza will check to see if able to get a waiver to have sixth graders play.

2.2. Presentations - Staff/Students

2.3. Student Ambassador Report

2.4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented carried with a motion by Luke Meyers and a second by Matt Bargen.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.4.1. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.4.2. Approval of Treasurer's Report

2.4.3. Approval of School Activity Fund Report

2.4.4. Approval of Revenue Budget Report

2.4.5. Approval of Expense Budget Report

2.5. Approval of Previous Months Claims

Motion to approve General Fund claims for May 2022 in the amount of $656,796.25 carried with a motion by Matt Bargen and a second by Jason Jensen.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.6. 2021-2022 Amended Budget

Motion to approve the amended 2021-2022 budget as presented carried with a motion by Jason Jensen and a second by Luke Meyers.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.7. Certified Hire

Motion to hire Bailey Ellwanger as .50 FTE FCS Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year carried with a motion by Matt Bargen and a second by Luke Meyers.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.8. 2022-2023 Occupational Therapist Interlocal Agreement

Motion to approve 2022-2023 Occupational Therapist Interlocal Agreement with Blue Hill and South Central Unified School District #5 carried with a motion by Luke Meyers and a second by Brad Biltoft.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.9. CCC-Grading Policy

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 grading policy handbook as presented carried with a motion by Jason Jensen and a second by Matt Bargen.

Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.10. Technology Inventory Recycle List

Motion to recycle the inventory items as listed with Active Resource Company carried with a motion by Jason Jensen and a second by Luke Meyers.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.11. Review of Covid Protocols

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 return to school protocols carried with a motion by Matt Bargen and a second by Luke Meyers.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.12. Revise Policy 6027 Field Trips

Motion to revise Policy #6027, Field Trips as presented carried with a motion by Matt Bargen and a second by Jason Jensen.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.13. Policy 6028 The Extracurricular Activities Program

Motion to approve Policy 6028 as presented carried with a motion by Luke Meyers and a second by Matt Bargen.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

2.14. Revise Policy 6035 Athletic Contest Participation by Sixth Graders

Motion to approve Policy 6035 as presented carried with a motion by Jason Jensen and a second by Luke Meyers.
Matt Bargen: Aye, Brad Biltoft: Aye, Jason Jensen: Aye, Luke Meyers: Aye, Matt Sullivan: Aye
Aye: 5, Nay: 0

3. Correspondence

3.1. Board Quicks

4. Discussion Items

Logan gave details of the report. Mr. Kobza and Logan recently attended trainings through Alicap and Homeland Security regarding cybersecurity.

4.1. Principals' Reports

4.2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kobza discussed non-certified pay rates and possibly raising them to be more competitive. Discussion about auditors and possibly having to change companies. An emergency operations plan will be discussed next month. Superior schools qualify for an electric school bus grant. Updates were given on who participates in BCBS insurance program. Mr. Kobza reported has 61 hours vacation time remaining.

4.3. Report from Board Committees

The Curriculum Coordinating Council has the grading policy completed.

5. Items for Next Board Meeting

Handbooks, local sub certificates, student fee policy hearing, emergency operations plan, auditors, policy changes

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by M Sullivan.

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1. Call Hearing to Order

Matt S. called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Purpose of the special hearing is for hearing support, position, criticism, suggestions or observations of patrons relating to Policy 5018 Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices

3. Review of Policy 5018 Parental and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices

Mr. Kobza provided a summary of Policy 5018.

4. Board of Education Questions and/or directives

Board asked if prior approval is necessary to give survey.

5. Public questions or comments

No public comments or questions.

6. Adjournment of Special Public Hearing

President Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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1. Call Hearing to Order

Hearing was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

2. Purpose of the special hearing is for hearing support, position, criticism, suggestions or observations of patrons relating to the 2021-2022 amended budget.

3. Review of 2021-2022 amended budget

Mr. Kobza gave reasons for the Amended Budget Hearing.

4. Board of Education Questions and/or directives

No comments or questions by the board.

5. Public questions or comments

No public comments or questions.

6. Adjournment of Special Public Hearing

President Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Superior Public Schools

June 2022 Cash Summary Report

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Ending Balance
01	General Fund	$2,034,435.45	$823,280.65	($654,845.57)	$2,202,870.53
02	Depreciation Fund	$567,274.25	$46.63	$0.00	$567,320.88
03	Employee Benefit Fund	$37,229.20	$3.06	$0.00	$37,232.26
05	Activity Fund	$135,475.21	$17,223.50	($23,998.63)	$128,700.08
06	School Nutrition Fund	$53,115.99	$18,426.04	($17,701.76)	$53,840.27
07	Bond Fund	$526,271.77	$57,099.19	($46,621.25)	$536,749.71
08	Special Building Fund	$1,613,799.12	$64,986.87	($5,125.97)	$1,673,660.02
09	QCPUF Fund	$886,831.23	$289.29	($6,532.26)	$880,588.26
Total		**$5,854,432.22**	**$981,355.23**	**($754,825.44)**	**$6,080,962.01**

DEPRECIATION FUND

	F&M Bank	
Beg Balance 05/31/2022	$567,274.25	
Receipts	$46.63	interest
Disbursements	$0.00	
Ending Balance 06/30/2022	$567,320.88	

QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE FUND

	F&M Bank		Home Federal	
Beg Balance 05/31/2022	$522.96		$886,308.27	
Receipts	$0.00	County Proceeds	$289.24	interest
	$0.05	interest		
Disbursements	$0.00		$6,532.26	BOKF, NA interest payment
Ending Balance 06/30/2022	$523.01		$880,065.25	

BOND FUND

	Horizon Bank	
Beg Balance 05/31/2022	$526,271.77	
Receipts	$56,929.07	County Proceeds
	$170.12	interest
Disbursements	$46,621.25	BOKF, NA interest, agent fee
Ending Balance 06/30/2022	$536,749.71	

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

	Home Federal	
Beg Balance 05/31/2022	$1,613,799.12	
Receipts	$64,447.65	County Proceeds
	$539.22	interest
Disbursements	$5,125.97	Farmers & Merchants-lease purchase interest payment
Ending Balance 06/30/2022	$1,673,660.02	

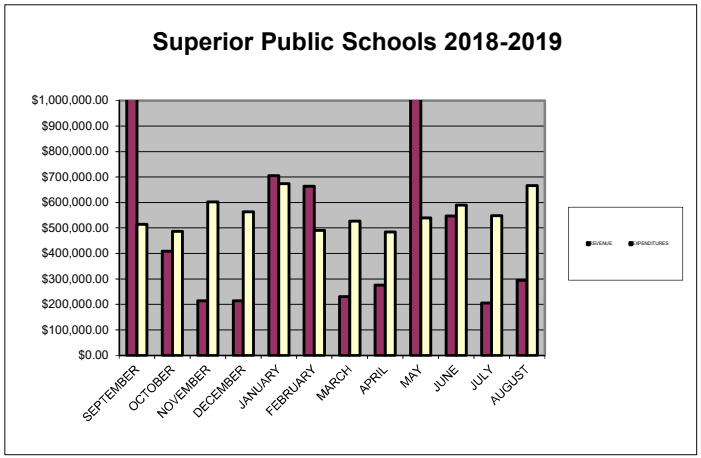
General Fund
June 2022

Bills		
Original List	$	162,693.65
Voided Expenditure Checks	$	-
Receipts Posted to Expenditure Account: (SCNUSD BCBS)	$	(1,950.68)
Total	$	160,742.97
Additions		
	$	-
	$	-
	$	-
Total Additions	$	-
Total Bills	$	160,742.97
Payroll & Benefits		
Original Total	$	494,102.60
Additions/Corrections	$	-
Total	$	494,102.60
Total Payroll & Benefits	$	494,102.60
June Expenditure Adjusted Grand Total	$	654,845.57

GENERAL FUND RECAP - June 2022		
Beginning Balance 05-31-2022	$	2,034,435.45
Receipts	$	823,280.65
Expenditures	$	654,845.57
Ending Balance 06-30-2022	$	2,202,870.53

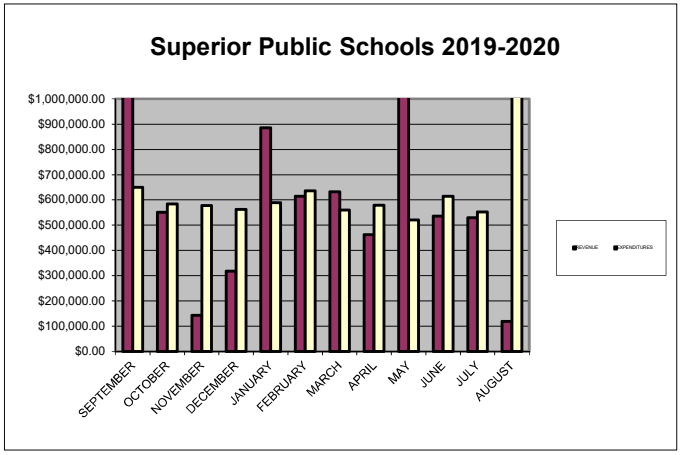
SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 65-0011
GENERAL FUND
2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR

	BEG. BAL.	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	END BALANCE
SEPTEMBER	$2,211,647.87	$1,179,294.60	$514,619.07	$2,876,323.40
OCTOBER	$2,876,323.40	$408,247.35	$486,399.08	$2,798,171.67
NOVEMBER	$2,798,171.67	$214,450.66	$601,826.77	$2,410,795.56
DECEMBER	$2,410,795.56	$214,513.74	$563,437.36	$2,061,871.94
JANUARY	$2,061,871.94	$704,774.93	$673,228.58	$2,093,418.29
FEBRUARY	$2,093,418.29	$663,288.73	$490,225.81	$2,266,481.21
MARCH	$2,266,481.21	$230,221.70	$526,622.90	$1,970,080.01
APRIL	$1,970,080.01	$275,606.87	$483,913.91	$1,761,772.97
MAY	$1,761,772.97	$1,618,621.40	$539,819.49	$2,840,574.88
JUNE	$2,840,574.88	$546,574.89	$590,013.02	$2,797,136.75
JULY	$2,797,136.75	$204,807.75	$548,279.53	$2,453,664.97
AUGUST	$2,453,664.97	$294,025.51	$666,084.59	$2,081,605.89



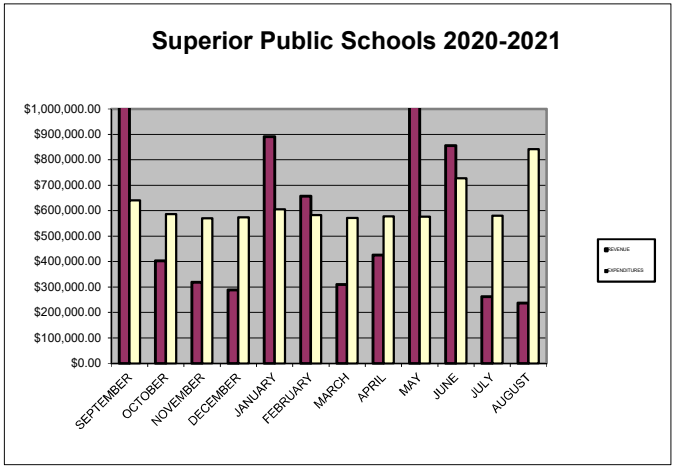
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GENERAL FUND
2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR

	BEG. BAL.	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	END BALANCE
SEPTEMBER	$2,081,605.89	$1,140,743.32	$649,859.92	$2,572,489.29
OCTOBER	$2,572,489.29	$551,559.00	$584,510.28	$2,539,538.01
NOVEMBER	$2,539,538.01	$143,851.40	$577,781.45	$2,105,607.96
DECEMBER	$2,105,607.96	$318,249.77	$563,042.07	$1,860,815.66
JANUARY	$1,860,815.66	$885,052.02	$589,545.70	$2,156,321.98
FEBRUARY	$2,156,321.98	$614,680.36	$636,514.66	$2,134,487.68
MARCH	$2,134,487.68	$632,297.03	$560,310.40	$2,206,474.31
APRIL	$2,206,474.31	$462,013.82	$579,090.64	$2,089,397.49
MAY	$2,089,397.49	$1,271,335.81	$520,376.23	$2,840,357.07
JUNE	$2,840,357.07	$535,382.77	$614,054.80	$2,761,685.04
JULY	$2,761,685.04	$529,969.38	$552,830.43	$2,738,823.99
AUGUST	$2,738,823.99	$119,254.29	$1,107,848.56	$1,750,229.72



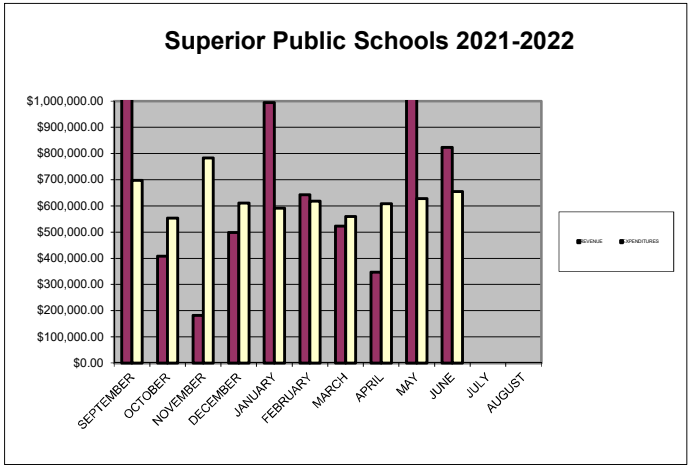
SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 65-0011
GENERAL FUND
2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

	BEG. BAL.	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	END BALANCE
SEPTEMBER	$1,750,229.72	$1,270,816.74	$640,026.23	$2,381,020.23
OCTOBER	$2,381,020.23	$402,654.95	$586,564.61	$2,197,110.57
NOVEMBER	$2,197,110.57	$318,877.70	$570,306.88	$1,945,681.39
DECEMBER	$1,945,681.39	$288,275.08	$574,210.33	$1,659,746.14
JANUARY	$1,659,746.14	$891,465.75	$605,021.17	$1,946,190.72
FEBRUARY	$1,946,190.72	$656,809.29	$582,762.55	$2,020,237.46
MARCH	$2,020,237.46	$309,509.02	$571,916.06	$1,757,830.42
APRIL	$1,757,830.42	$425,963.71	$577,657.26	$1,606,136.87
MAY	$1,606,136.87	$1,207,261.61	$576,493.44	$2,236,905.04
JUNE	$2,236,905.04	$856,149.48	$727,280.15	$2,365,774.37
JULY	$2,365,774.37	$261,985.24	$580,055.64	$2,047,703.97
AUGUST	$2,047,703.97	$236,181.91	$841,394.51	$1,442,491.37



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GENERAL FUND
2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

	BEG. BAL.	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	END BALANCE
SEPTEMBER	$1,442,491.37	$1,192,592.22	$697,447.45	$1,937,636.14
OCTOBER	$1,937,636.14	$407,760.19	$554,015.29	$1,791,381.04
NOVEMBER	$1,791,381.04	$181,757.45	$783,156.37	$1,189,982.12
DECEMBER	$1,189,982.12	$498,733.66	$610,650.15	$1,078,065.63
JANUARY	$1,078,065.63	$994,756.13	$591,110.10	$1,481,711.66
FEBRUARY	$1,481,711.66	$642,442.97	$618,591.36	$1,505,563.27
MARCH	$1,505,563.27	$522,516.39	$559,480.92	$1,468,598.74
APRIL	$1,468,598.74	$347,307.72	$608,160.41	$1,207,746.05
MAY	$1,207,746.05	$1,454,501.61	$627,812.21	$2,034,435.45
JUNE	$2,034,435.45	$823,280.65	$654,845.57	$2,202,870.53
JULY				
AUGUST				



Current Cash Balance

Sorted by Site ID, Reporting ID, Activity ID.
From 06/01/2022 to 06/30/2022.

Site ID Site Name
Rep ID Reporting ID Name

Activity ID	Activity Name	Beginning Cash	Receipts	Disbursements	Adjustments	Cash Balance
SPS	**Superior Public Schools**					
100	Athletics	2,535.56	349.00	5,202.89	0.00	-2,318.33
105	Bowling	1,321.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,321.62
110	Boys' Basketball	1,854.44	325.00	1,059.50	0.00	1,119.94
115	Cross Country	175.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.92
120	Girls' Basketball	3,215.68	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	4,515.68
125	Boys' Golf	250.90	0.00	252.74	0.00	-1.84
130	Football	3,255.23	6,297.00	2,098.54	0.00	7,453.69
135	JH Football	8.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.50
140	JH Volleyball	460.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	460.11
145	JH Girls Basketball	115.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.63
150	Girls' Golf	278.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	278.35
170	Volleyball	3,133.57	0.00	454.93	0.00	2,678.64
180	Wrestling	2,513.55	0.00	1,881.85	0.00	631.70
190	Track	1,052.06	360.00	279.39	0.00	1,132.67
300	Archery	523.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	523.87
305	Art Club	208.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	208.72
320	Community Service Club	2,093.52	938.30	591.50	0.00	2,440.32
325	Drama	1,036.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,036.76
335	FBLA	4,052.38	0.00	13.44	0.00	4,038.94
345	FFA	10,173.50	1,392.23	9,630.17	0.00	1,935.56
350	Foreign Language	2,316.93	1,597.00	0.00	0.00	3,913.93
355	S Club	63.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.63
360	Speech	289.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	289.92
365	Student Council	7,879.50	0.00	301.70	0.00	7,577.80
370	Drill Team	1,886.22	2,359.27	0.00	0.00	4,245.49
500	Elementary K-5	8,050.03	0.00	304.66	0.00	7,745.37
501	Elementary PBiS	946.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	946.10
503	Kids' Club	784.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	784.22
505	Middle School	798.31	0.00	324.99	0.00	473.32
510	Secondary	1,139.10	0.00	150.00	0.00	989.10
511	Secondary PBiS	1,842.65	0.00	258.37	0.00	1,584.28
519	Class of 2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
520	Class of 2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
521	Class of 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
522	Class of 2022	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
523	Class of 2023	3,965.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,965.69
524	Class of 2024	4,975.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,975.90
525	Class of 2025	1,705.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,705.09
610	Ag Ed	586.12	0.00	248.00	0.00	338.12
615	Ag Trip	6,876.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,876.54
620	Art Fund	2,709.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,709.29
630	Music	10,140.04	370.00	178.49	0.00	10,331.55
640	Flashlight	12,616.50	0.00	140.00	0.00	12,476.50

Current Cash Balance

Sorted by Site ID, Reporting ID, Activity ID.
From 06/01/2022 to 06/30/2022.

Site ID Site Name
Rep ID Reporting ID Name

Activity ID	Activity Name	Beginning Cash	Receipts	Disbursements	Adjustments	Cash Balance
650	Greenhouse	58.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.43
660	Industrial Arts	3,987.05	40.00	82.35	0.00	3,944.70
670	Student Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
690	Yearbook	-782.06	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	217.94
800	Backpack Program	13,263.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,263.50
805	EPOCH	469.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	469.10
810	Flower Fund	89.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.40
820	Alumni Board	361.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	361.49
830	Library Fund	574.00	231.70	0.00	0.00	805.70
840	Cats Cafe	153.50	0.00	3.69	0.00	149.81
850	Weight Room	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
860	Teachers' Workroom	1,103.13	433.90	0.00	0.00	1,537.03
870	Therapy Dog	516.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	516.45
880	Wildcat Food	6,700.16	58.20	541.43	0.00	6,216.93
890	Wellness Grant	239.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	239.46
990	Interest	899.95	171.60	0.00	0.00	1,071.55
	Totals:	135,475.21	17,223.20	23,998.63	0.00	128,699.78
	SPS Totals:	135,475.21	17,223.20	23,998.63	0.00	128,699.78
	Report Totals:	135,475.21	17,223.20	23,998.63	0.00	128,699.78

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100	**Athletics**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034448	06/10/2022	Bomgaars Supply			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	95115016	water for coaches at District Track	20.94
034451	06/10/2022	Holiday Inn Express & Suites			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	052122 Track	State Track lodging	2,628.00
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 2022 1493	District Track hospitality room supplies	303.31
034457	06/10/2022	Paul Heusinkvelt			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	Jun 2022	cell phone stipend	50.00
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	052022 Track	State Track meals	561.14
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	0129	District Track hospitality room meat	86.05
034465	06/20/2022	Neff			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	N003035635	letterman pins	173.45
034469	06/23/2022	Nebraska School Activities Association			Kim Williams	
Printed	06/23/2022		No	2022-23 NSAA	2022-2023 Activities fees	1,380.00
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	5,202.89
					Total for 100 - Athletics:	5,202.89
110	**Boys' Basketball**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034459	06/10/2022	Lawrence Nelson Public Schools			Kim Williams	
Printed	06/10/2022		No	2022 BBB	Boys BB Team camp	175.00
034464	06/13/2022	Duke Summer Basketball			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	06132022	Boys BB summer league	300.00
034467	06/20/2022	Stadium Sports			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	12318	camp t-shirts	584.50
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	1,059.50
					Total for 110 - Boys' Basketball:	1,059.50
125	**Boys' Golf**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	33551	District golf team meal	252.74

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130	**Football**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034446	06/01/2022	Jay Long			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		Yes	06012022	Camp Manager fee	1,500.00
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 1493	Camp-lunch items	40.20
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	Jun 22 1493	Lineman camp-lunch supplies	350.18
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	311113	senior player gift cards	208.16
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	2,098.54
					Total for 130 - Football:	2,098.54
170	**Volleyball**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	7139	VB State photos	83.75
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	56380579	Custom Ink-team shirts	371.18
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	454.93
					Total for 170 - Volleyball:	454.93
180	**Wrestling**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	C-3Y7BP859	OK State WR camp	1,881.85
190	**Track**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	254-349	State Track-Gatorade	15.39
034468	06/20/2022	Athletics Activity Account			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 2022 Track	shirts & hats	264.00
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	279.39
					Total for 190 - Track:	279.39

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320	**Community Service Club**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034449	06/10/2022	Brett Miller			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	2022 CSC	Community Service Club scholarship	250.00
034456	06/10/2022	Mya Mikkelsen			Kim Williams	
Printed	06/10/2022		No	2021-22 CSC	Community Service Club scholarship	250.00
034458	06/10/2022	Linpepco-Hastings			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 69494	machine drinks	91.50
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	591.50
					Total for 320 - Community Service Club:	591.50
335	**FBLA**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 658	Recruitment supplies	13.44
345	**FFA**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 1232	Orientation food	154.36
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 2022 1232	concession supplies	207.15
034455	06/10/2022	Main Street Floral			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	086428/1	red foil	12.99
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	AD132244519	Jr officer jackets	393.76
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	AD131728145	Adidas pull overs	556.40
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	2144120	May 24-26 lodging	1,810.81
034466	06/20/2022	Schneitter Fireworks & Importing Co			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	0023022	Fireworks	6,494.70
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	9,630.17
					Total for 345 - FFA:	9,630.17

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365	**Student Council**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034447	06/10/2022	Amazon Capital Services			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	1JLL-TWF1-767X	Homecoming-autograph football	19.56
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 1474	project supplies	44.25
034458	06/10/2022	Linpepco-Hastings			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 60601	machine drinks	27.10
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	52711BA	Caseys-pizza for movie incentive	210.79
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	301.70
					Total for 365 - Student Council:	301.70
500	**Elementary K-5**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 1227	slime making supplies	260.92
034460	06/10/2022	Sam's Club/Synchrony Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	212700471590	coffee	43.74
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	304.66
					Total for 500 - Elementary K-5:	304.66
505	**Middle School**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034447	06/10/2022	Amazon Capital Services			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	1Q99-4TLL-FQF1	MS Dance supplies	67.99
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 2022 1226	MS Dance-pizza	200.00
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	67368044071	Bingo prizes	57.00
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	324.99
					Total for 505 - Middle School:	324.99

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510	**Secondary**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034447	06/10/2022	Amazon Capital Services			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	1YPQ-DNLN-7DGN	Chromebook chargers	100.00
034450	06/10/2022	Computer Hardware			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	G18968	Henderson computer repair	50.00
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	150.00
					Total for 510 - Secondary:	150.00
511	**Secondary PBiS**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 1226	concession supplies	258.37
610	**Ag Ed**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034462	06/10/2022	U.S. Bank			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	36395	Henry Doorly Zoo tour	248.00
630	**Music**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034453	06/10/2022	J.W. Pepper & Son Inc			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	364319135	Music folders	78.49
034470	06/01/2022	Kearney High School			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	01072022 replace	voided per A White, Kearney cashed in June	100.00
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	178.49
					Total for 630 - Music:	178.49
640	**Flashlight**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034461	06/10/2022	Superior Publishing Co., Inc			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	05262022	Flashlight printing	140.00

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660	**Industrial Arts**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034454	06/10/2022	Kenny's Lumber & Farm Supply Inc			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	2205-039712	lumber for shed	82.35
840	**Cats Cafe**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 #1226	milk	3.69
880	**Wildcat Food**					
SPS	Superior Public Schools					
034452	06/10/2022	Ideal Market			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 265	concession supplies	70.03
034458	06/10/2022	Linpepco-Hastings			Kim Williams	
Cleared	06/30/2022		No	May 22 60832	concession drinks	471.40
					Total for SPS - Superior Public Schools:	541.43
					Total for 880 - Wildcat Food:	541.43
					Grand Total :	23,998.63

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June 2022 Revenue Budget Report

Account Code	Description	June 2022 Receipts	2022-2023 Budget	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget Received
01-1-01100-000-000	Local Property Taxes	($461,954.70)	($4,388,900.00)	($4,033,498.58)	($355,401.42)	91.90
01-1-01115-000-000	Carline Tax	$0.00	($4,300.00)	($4,027.95)	($272.05)	93.67
01-1-01120-000-000	Pub Power 5% Gross	$0.00	($7,000.00)	($7,036.72)	$36.72	100.52
01-1-01125-000-000	Motor Vehicle Taxes	($20,161.69)	($225,000.00)	($213,879.69)	($11,120.31)	95.05
01-1-01140-000-000	Pen/Int on Delinquent Taxes	($283.74)	$0.00	($11,699.66)	$11,699.66	0.00
01-1-01311-000-000	Tuition - Indiv Reg Ed	$0.00	$0.00	($2,000.00)	$2,000.00	0.00
01-1-01331-000-000	Tuition Otr Dist Reg Ed	$0.00	($50,000.00)	($51,000.00)	$1,000.00	102.00
01-1-01510-000-000	Interest	($650.75)	($15,000.00)	($3,745.40)	($11,254.60)	24.96
01-1-01911-000-000	Local License Fees	($1,510.00)	($1,500.00)	($2,110.00)	$610.00	140.66
01-1-01920-000-000	Donations	$0.00	$0.00	($30,261.70)	$30,261.70	0.00
01-1-01955-000-000	Postsecondary Receipts	$0.00	$0.00	($1,650.00)	$1,650.00	0.00
01-1-01990-000-000	Other Local Receipts	$0.00	($15,000.00)	($5,499.94)	($9,500.06)	36.66
01-1-02110-000-000	Co Fines & License Fees	($2,762.08)	($17,000.00)	($18,342.19)	$1,342.19	107.89
01-1-02210-000-000	ESU Receipts	$0.00	($2,500.00)	($254.52)	($2,245.48)	10.18
01-1-03110-000-000	State Aid	($112,754.00)	($1,127,531.00)	($1,127,531.00)	$0.00	100.00
01-1-03120-000-000	Sped - School Age	($74,285.00)	($400,000.00)	($446,620.00)	$46,620.00	111.65
01-1-03125-000-000	Sped Transport - SA	$0.00	($32,000.00)	($29,254.00)	($2,746.00)	91.41
01-1-03130-000-000	Homestead Exemption	($9,189.69)	$0.00	($36,758.76)	$36,758.76	0.00
01-1-03131-000-000	Property Tax Credit	$0.00	$0.00	($316,538.62)	$316,538.62	0.00
01-1-03132-000-000	Personal Prop Tax Credit	$0.00	$0.00	($2.65)	$2.65	0.00
01-1-03133-000-000	Nameplate Capacity	$0.00	($2,000.00)	$0.00	($2,000.00)	0.00
01-1-03180-000-000	Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	$0.00	($9,000.00)	($8,241.98)	($758.02)	91.57
01-1-03400-000-000	State Apportionment	$0.00	($50,000.00)	($51,050.53)	$1,050.53	102.10
01-1-03535-000-000	High Ability Learners	$0.00	($4,946.00)	($5,014.00)	$68.00	101.37
01-1-04105-000-000	eRate Funding	$0.00	$0.00	($10,953.60)	$10,953.60	0.00
01-1-04310-000-000	REAP	$0.00	$0.00	($9,259.57)	$9,259.57	0.00
01-1-04421-000-000	IDEA ARP-Part B-611	$0.00	$0.00	($17,729.00)	$17,729.00	0.00
01-1-04422-000-000	IDEA ARP-Part B-619	($1,413.00)	$0.00	($1,413.00)	$1,413.00	0.00
01-1-04505-000-000	Title I	($19,830.00)	($80,000.00)	($69,470.00)	($10,530.00)	86.83
01-1-04509-000-000	Title II A	$0.00	($20,000.00)	($13,422.00)	($6,578.00)	67.11
01-1-04516-000-000	IDEA Presc (619) Base, E/P	$0.00	($4,000.00)	$0.00	($4,000.00)	0.00
01-1-04518-000-000	IDEA Part B (611) Base, E/P	($42,027.00)	($96,000.00)	($101,090.00)	$5,090.00	105.30
01-1-04525-000-000	Fed Voc (Carl Perkins)	$0.00	($9,000.00)	$0.00	($9,000.00)	0.00
01-1-04531-000-000	Title IV, Part B, 21st Century	($11,379.00)	($10,000.00)	($62,382.00)	$52,382.00	623.82
01-1-04708-000-000	MIPS	$0.00	($15,000.00)	($27,182.38)	$12,182.38	181.21
01-1-04709-000-000	MAAPS	$0.00	($10,000.00)	($9,843.24)	($156.76)	98.43
01-1-04969-000-000	Title IV, Part A	$0.00	$0.00	($10,000.00)	$10,000.00	0.00
01-1-04997-000-000	ESSER II	($18,511.00)	($165,000.00)	($55,533.00)	($109,467.00)	33.65
01-1-04998-000-000	ESSER III	($46,494.00)	($558,500.00)	($259,511.00)	($298,989.00)	46.46

01-1-05300-000-000	Sale Of Property	($75.00)	($100.00)	($6,531.75)	$6,431.75	6,531.75
01-1-05301-000-000	Insurance Adjustments	$0.00	$0.00	($5,310.56)	$5,310.56	0.00
Subtotal 01 - General Fund		**($823,280.65)**	**($7,319,277.00)**	**($7,065,648.99)**	**($253,628.01)**	**96.53**
02-1-01510-000-000	Interest	($46.63)	($1,600.00)	($515.01)	($1,084.99)	32.18
Subtotal 02 - Depreciation Fund		**($46.63)**	**($1,600.00)**	**($515.01)**	**($1,084.99)**	**32.19**
03-1-01510-000-000	Interest On Account	($3.06)	($50.00)	($19.01)	($30.99)	38.02
Subtotal 03 - Employee Benefit Fund		**($3.06)**	**($50.00)**	**($19.01)**	**($30.99)**	**38.02**
06-1-01510-000-000	Interest On Account	($4.33)	($25.00)	($26.42)	$1.42	105.68
06-1-01611-000-000	Student Lunch	$0.00	($4,000.00)	$328.86	($4,328.86)	-8.22
06-1-01612-000-000	Student Breakfast	$0.00	($1,000.00)	$0.00	($1,000.00)	0.00
06-1-01620-000-000	Extra Items (A La Carte)	($356.43)	($15,000.00)	($14,978.52)	($21.48)	99.85
06-1-01990-000-000	Other Local (Misc)	($155.49)	($1,250.00)	($1,068.60)	($181.40)	85.48
06-1-03150-000-000	State Lunch Reimb	$0.00	($1,500.00)	$0.00	($1,500.00)	0.00
06-1-04210-000-000	Federal Reimbursement	($17,909.79)	($230,000.00)	($274,260.65)	$44,260.65	119.24
Subtotal 06 - School Nutrition Fund		**($18,426.04)**	**($252,775.00)**	**($290,005.33)**	**$37,230.33**	**114.73**
07-1-01100-000-000	Property Tax	($55,785.16)	($530,000.00)	($488,112.38)	($41,887.62)	92.09
07-1-01115-000-000	Carline Tax	$0.00	($400.00)	($487.42)	$87.42	121.85
07-1-01120-000-000	Pub Power 5% Gross	$0.00	$0.00	($849.75)	$849.75	0.00
07-1-01140-000-000	Pen/Int on Delinquent Taxes	($34.17)	($1,000.00)	($2,446.61)	$1,446.61	244.66
07-1-01510-000-000	Interest	($170.12)	($1,000.00)	($1,205.58)	$205.58	120.55
07-1-03130-000-000	Homestead Exemption	($1,109.74)	$0.00	($3,444.40)	$3,444.40	0.00
07-1-03131-000-000	Prop Tax Credit	$0.00	$0.00	($38,225.10)	$38,225.10	0.00
07-1-03132-000-000	Personal Prop Tax Credit	$0.00	$0.00	($0.31)	$0.31	0.00
07-1-03180-000-000	Pro Rate MV	$0.00	($900.00)	($996.53)	$96.53	110.72
Subtotal 07 - Bond Fund		**($57,099.19)**	**($533,300.00)**	**($535,768.08)**	**$2,468.08**	**100.46**
08-1-01100-000-000	Property Tax	($63,152.61)	($600,000.00)	($514,382.35)	($85,617.65)	85.73
08-1-01115-000-000	Carline Tax	$0.00	($500.00)	($518.27)	$18.27	103.65
08-1-01120-000-000	Pub Power 5% Gross	$0.00	$0.00	($961.98)	$961.98	0.00
08-1-01140-000-000	Pen/Int on Delinquent Taxes	($38.73)	($1,000.00)	($1,332.84)	$332.84	133.28
08-1-01510-000-000	Interest	($539.22)	($600.00)	($3,661.85)	$3,061.85	610.30
08-1-01920-000-000	Donations	$0.00	($10,000.00)	$0.00	($10,000.00)	0.00
08-1-03130-000-000	Homestead Exempt	($1,256.31)	$0.00	($5,025.24)	$5,025.24	0.00
08-1-03131-000-000	Prop Tax Credit	$0.00	$0.00	($43,273.60)	$43,273.60	0.00
08-1-03132-000-000	Personal Prop Tax Credit	$0.00	$0.00	($0.29)	$0.29	0.00
08-1-03180-000-000	Pro Rate MV	$0.00	($900.00)	($1,087.39)	$187.39	120.82
08-1-04997-000-000	ESSER II	$0.00	$0.00	($88,400.00)	$88,400.00	0.00

08-1-05400-000-000	Loan Proceeds	$0.00	($3,000,000.00)	($850,000.00)	($2,150,000.00)	28.33
Subtotal 08 - Special Building Fund		**($64,986.87)**	**($3,613,000.00)**	**($1,508,643.81)**	**($2,104,356.19)**	**41.76**
09-1-01100-000-000	Property Tax	$0.00	$0.00	($5.98)	$5.98	0.00
09-1-01140-000-000	Pen/Int on Delinquent Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	($4.13)	$4.13	0.00
09-1-01510-000-000	Interest	($289.29)	$0.00	($1,854.21)	$1,854.21	0.00
09-1-05100-000-000	QCPUF Bond proceeds	$0.00	$0.00	($1,285,000.00)	$1,285,000.00	0.00
Subtotal 09 - QCPUF Fund		**($289.29)**	**$0.00**	**($1,286,864.32)**	**$1,286,864.32**	**0.00**
Grand Total		**($964,131.73)**	**($11,720,002.00)**	**($10,687,464.55)**	**($1,032,537.45)**	**91.19**

Superior Public Schools

2022 June Expense Budget Report

FUND	FUNCTION	June 2022 Expenditures	2021-2022 Budget	Actuals (YTD)	Available	% of Budget Spent
01 - General Fund	01100 - Regular Instruction	$254,801.69	$3,126,360.00	$2,284,040.69	$842,319.31	73.06
01 - General Fund	01125 - Academic Intervention (Flex-Spending)	$0.00	$6,950.00	$7,719.26	($769.26)	111.07
01 - General Fund	01150 - Limited English Proficiency	$532.59	$5,650.00	$5,359.43	$290.57	94.86
01 - General Fund	01160 - Poverty Programs	$19,241.37	$220,100.00	$246,725.12	($26,625.12)	112.10
01 - General Fund	01200 - Special Education - School Age	$103,334.55	$905,500.00	$747,649.86	$157,850.14	82.57
01 - General Fund	01291 - Special Education - Ages 3-5	$13,214.27	$159,500.00	$121,290.15	$38,209.85	76.04
01 - General Fund	01292 - Special Education - Ages 0-2	$1,860.00	$35,000.00	$30,651.91	$4,348.09	87.58
01 - General Fund	01300 - Summer School	$1,892.46	$27,740.00	$1,892.46	$25,847.54	6.82
01 - General Fund	01400 - Adult Education	$0.00	$3,200.00	$0.00	$3,200.00	0.00
01 - General Fund	02110 - Attendance/Social Work Services	$0.00	$10,000.00	$5,060.70	$4,939.30	50.61
01 - General Fund	02120 - Guidance Services	$9,665.89	$124,800.00	$75,536.35	$49,263.65	60.53
01 - General Fund	02130 - Health Services	$464.26	$16,700.00	$8,199.84	$8,500.16	49.10
01 - General Fund	02131 - Health Services-SPED SA	$1,821.79	$0.00	$6,173.31	($6,173.31)	
01 - General Fund	02140 - Psychological Services	$5,555.31	$20,000.00	$23,260.33	($3,260.33)	116.30
01 - General Fund	02141 - Psychological Services - School Age	$4,813.60	$80,000.00	$55,275.37	$24,724.63	69.09
01 - General Fund	02142 - Psychological Services - Ages 3-5	$0.00	$5,000.00	$2,486.10	$2,513.90	49.72
01 - General Fund	02143 - Psychological Services - Ages 0-2	$0.00	$4,000.00	$0.00	$4,000.00	0.00
01 - General Fund	02151 - Speech Path and Deaf Ed - School Age	$17,424.10	$246,200.00	$160,836.70	$85,363.30	65.33
01 - General Fund	02152 - Speech Path and Deaf Ed - Ages 3-5	$1,881.04	$32,300.00	$17,728.87	$14,571.13	54.89
01 - General Fund	02153 - Speech Path and Deaf Ed - Ages 0-2	$1,680.00	$20,000.00	$25,185.07	($5,185.07)	125.93
01 - General Fund	02161 - Occupational Therapy- School Age	$0.00	$22,000.00	$13,022.74	$8,977.26	59.19
01 - General Fund	02162 - Occupational Therapy - Ages 3-5	$0.00	$8,000.00	$3,128.76	$4,871.24	39.11
01 - General Fund	02163 - Occupational Therapy-Ages 0-2	$0.00	$4,000.00	$1,375.72	$2,624.28	34.39
01 - General Fund	02171 - Physical Therapy - School Age	$2,251.50	$13,000.00	$12,205.50	$794.50	93.89
01 - General Fund	02172 - Physical Therapy-Ages 3-5	$671.50	$4,000.00	$3,653.75	$346.25	91.34
01 - General Fund	02173 - Physical Therapy-Ages 0-2	$967.75	$2,000.00	$3,278.50	($1,278.50)	163.93
01 - General Fund	02181 - Vision Services - School Age	$990.00	$5,000.00	$6,108.10	($1,108.10)	122.16
01 - General Fund	02190 - Student Activities	$1,837.70	$33,000.00	$19,229.18	$13,770.82	58.27
01 - General Fund	02212 - Instruction/Curriculum Development	$3,116.15	$55,500.00	$37,014.30	$18,485.70	66.69
01 - General Fund	02213 - Instructional Staff Training	$0.00	$14,000.00	$9,995.05	$4,004.95	71.39
01 - General Fund	02220 - Library/Media Services	$8,178.79	$119,500.00	$90,673.98	$28,826.02	75.88
01 - General Fund	02224 - Educational Television Services	$310.84	$5,000.00	$3,081.65	$1,918.35	61.63
01 - General Fund	02230 - Instruction-Related Technology	$12,297.46	$134,500.00	$98,660.48	$35,839.52	73.35
01 - General Fund	02240 - Academic Student Assessment	$0.00	$1,500.00	$5,152.94	($3,652.94)	343.53
01 - General Fund	02310 - Board of Education	$82.58	$35,000.00	$25,175.19	$9,824.81	71.93
01 - General Fund	02320 - Superintendent	$21,985.14	$260,000.00	$200,916.76	$59,083.24	77.28
01 - General Fund	02330 - District Legal Services	$1,643.00	$12,000.00	$7,161.50	$4,838.50	59.68
01 - General Fund	02410 - Principal	$32,013.29	$390,000.00	$316,617.94	$73,382.06	81.18
01 - General Fund	02510 - Business Office	$13,782.84	$173,800.00	$146,996.11	$26,803.89	84.58

01 - General Fund	02530 - Publishing Services	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00		0.00
01 - General Fund	02570 - Personnel Services	$70.16	$5,200.00	$1,441.94	$3,758.06		27.73
01 - General Fund	02610 - Custodial	$27,544.61	$388,000.00	$286,014.54	$101,985.46		73.72
01 - General Fund	02620 - Building Maintenance	$22,554.80	$407,000.00	$220,724.96	$186,275.04		54.23
01 - General Fund	02630 - Grounds Maintenance	$3,059.82	$80,000.00	$32,835.79	$47,164.21		41.04
01 - General Fund	02650 - Non-Pupil Vehicle	$97.50	$11,500.00	$5,704.30	$5,795.70		49.60
01 - General Fund	02660 - Security	$735.88	$17,000.00	$13,642.56	$3,357.44		80.25
01 - General Fund	02670 - Safety	$0.00	$8,000.00	$13,300.56	($5,300.56)		166.26
01 - General Fund	02710 - Regular Transportation	$16,834.37	$464,300.00	$246,621.53	$217,678.47		53.12
01 - General Fund	02712 - School Age SPED Transportation	$3,395.05	$62,700.00	$39,601.55	$23,098.45		63.16
01 - General Fund	02713 - Preschool Transportation	$2,019.60	$28,300.00	$20,314.23	$7,985.77		71.78
01 - General Fund	02730 - Regular Vehicle Maintenance	$509.68	$29,200.00	$13,790.48	$15,409.52		47.23
01 - General Fund	02732 - School Age SPED Vehicle Maintenance	$305.00	$11,000.00	$1,700.74	$9,299.26		15.46
01 - General Fund	02733 - Preschool Vehicle Maintenance	$18.49	$5,000.00	$746.60	$4,253.40		14.93
01 - General Fund	03535 - High Ability Learners	$298.91	$40,000.00	$16,666.82	$23,333.18		41.67
01 - General Fund	06200 - Title IA	$9,026.08	$112,200.00	$78,495.78	$33,704.22		69.96
01 - General Fund	06310 - Title IIA	$0.00	$26,500.00	$23,422.00	$3,078.00		88.38
01 - General Fund	06406 - IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	$734.83	$4,000.00	$4,021.00	($21.00)		100.53
01 - General Fund	06408 - IDEA Part B (611)	$8,591.02	$108,200.00	$84,238.99	$23,961.01		77.85
01 - General Fund	06421 - IDEA ARP Part B 611	$0.00	$0.00	$17,729.00	($17,729.00)		
01 - General Fund	06422 - IDEA ARP Part B 619	$0.00	$0.00	$1,413.00	($1,413.00)		
01 - General Fund	06968 - 21st Century Learning	$3,672.87	$76,400.00	$50,274.60	$26,125.40		65.80
01 - General Fund	06992 - REAP	$0.00	$30,000.00	$9,259.57	$20,740.43		30.87
01 - General Fund	06997 - ESSER II	$6,462.62	$83,000.00	$61,995.10	$21,004.90		74.69
01 - General Fund	06998 - ESSER III	$10,578.16	$404,700.00	$209,769.86	$194,930.14		51.83
01 - General Fund	08000 - Transfers (Outgoing)	$1,000.00	$45,000.00	$24,000.00	$21,000.00		53.33
Subtotal 01 - General Fund		**$655,820.91**	**$8,789,000.00**	**$6,306,245.17**	**$2,482,754.83**	71.75%	
02 - Depreciation Fund	02900 - Other Support Services	$0.00	$759,522.00	$187,316.00	$572,206.00		24.66
Subtotal 02 - Depreciation Fund		**$0.00**	**$759,522.00**	**$187,316.00**	**$572,206.00**	24.66%	
03 - Employee Benefit Fund	02900 - Other Support Services	$0.00	$95,630.00	$58,372.30	$37,257.70		61.04
Subtotal 03 - Employee Benefit Fund		**$0.00**	**$95,630.00**	**$58,372.30**	**$37,257.70**	61.04%	
06 - School Nutrition Fund	03100 - Food Services Operations	$17,701.76	$340,000.00	$315,640.00	$24,360.00		92.84
Subtotal 06 - School Nutrition Fund		**$17,701.76**	**$340,000.00**	**$315,640.00**	**$24,360.00**	92.84%	
07 - Bond Fund	05000 - Debt Service	$46,621.25	$530,000.00	$527,655.00	$2,345.00		99.56
Subtotal 07 - Bond Fund		**$46,621.25**	**$530,000.00**	**$527,655.00**	**$2,345.00**	99.56%	

08 - Special Building Fund	02620 - Building Maintenance	$0.00	$955,787.00	$0.00	$955,787.00	0.00
08 - Special Building Fund	02660 - Security	$0.00	$0.00	$30,462.00	($30,462.00)	
08 - Special Building Fund	02670 - Safety	$0.00	$0.00	$7,500.00	($7,500.00)	
08 - Special Building Fund	04100 - Land Acquisition	$0.00	$200,000.00	$0.00	$200,000.00	0.00
08 - Special Building Fund	04300 - Architecture and Engineering	$0.00	$0.00	$58,941.99	($58,941.99)	
08 - Special Building Fund	04700 - Building Improvements	$0.00	$1,715,509.00	$71,160.00	$1,644,349.00	4.15
08 - Special Building Fund	05000 - Debt Service	$5,125.97	$0.00	$5,125.97	($5,125.97)	
08 - Special Building Fund	06997 - ESSER II	$0.00	$0.00	$88,400.00	($88,400.00)	
Subtotal 08 - Special Building Fund		**$5,125.97**	**$2,871,296.00**	**$261,589.96**	**$2,609,706.04**	9.11%
09 - QCPUF Fund	04500 - Building Acquisition and Construction	$0.00	$1,285,000.00	$400,256.50	$884,743.50	31.15
09 - QCPUF Fund	05000 - Debt Service	$6,532.26	$0.00	$6,532.26	($6,532.26)	
Subtotal 09 - QCPUF Fund		**$6,532.26**	**$1,285,000.00**	**$406,788.76**	**$878,211.24**	31.66%
Grand Total		**$731,802.15**	**$14,670,448.00**	**$8,063,607.19**	**$6,606,840.81**	

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July 2022 General Fund Check Listing Report

Payee	Description	Amount
Amazon Capital Services	Henry supplies	$99.39
Amazon Capital Services	Arsenian supplies	$31.88
Amazon Capital Services	nursing supplies	$1.98
Amazon Capital Services	Kids Club supplies	$82.41
Amazon Capital Services	maintenance supplies	$183.40
Amazon Capital Services	maintenance supplies	$131.94
Amazon Capital Services	Rachel Renz summer school supplies	$53.65
Amazon Capital Services	Elting-summer school supplies	$79.90
Amazon Capital Services	Fierstein supplies	$25.95
Amazon Capital Services	Trauernicht supplies	$359.04
Amazon Capital Services	security monitor mount	$18.59
ASK Supply Company	custodial supplies	$407.00
B-Green Lawn Care	2nd application-Elementary	$875.00
B-Green Lawn Care	2nd application-Main FB field	$862.50
B-Green Lawn Care	2nd application-Practice FB field	$725.00
B-Green Lawn Care	sprinkler repair, sandburs, fungicide	$1,354.30
Bailey Ellwanger	TPT Child Development materials	$67.50
Bailey Ellwanger	TPT FCS MS materials	$67.99
Bailey Ellwanger	TPT Life Skills materials	$111.99
Betka Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	drinking fountain parts	$466.98
Betka Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	plumbing supplies	$317.55
Blick Art Materials	Elem drawing paper	$254.88
Bomgaars Supply	maintenance supplies	$59.94
Bomgaars Supply	outlet materials	$65.97
Bomgaars Supply	maintenance supplies	$9.29
Bomgaars Supply	maintenance supplies	$23.73
Bomgaars Supply	grounds maintenance supplies	$15.99
Central Community College	Spr 2022 26 student tuitions	$9,985.00
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Van fuel-Stuco	$30.80
Curriculum Leadership Institute	PK-5 Math Unit Planning-mileage, lodging, per diem	$469.65
Curriculum Leadership Institute	CTE, SAC aseessment, mileage, lodging, per diem	$919.65
Eakes Office Solutions	Arickx supplies	$339.39
Eakes Office Solutions	Wulf supplies	$172.09
Eakes Office Solutions	Secondary supplies	$163.91
Eakes Office Solutions	Jameson supplies	$506.43
Eakes Office Solutions	Fuller supplies	$51.10
Eakes Office Solutions	Mellott supplies	$159.29
Eakes Office Solutions	Ryan Renz/Ehlers supplies	$720.32
Eakes Office Solutions	Brittenham supplies	$364.44
Eakes Office Solutions	Boyles supplies	$209.03
Eakes Office Solutions	Schuster supplies	$105.99
Eakes Office Solutions	White supplies	$71.25
Eakes Office Solutions	Biltoft supplies	$55.40
Eakes Office Solutions	Going supplies	$207.24
Eakes Office Solutions	Arsenian desk, file cabinets	$1,132.91
Eakes Office Solutions	VanNatter supplies	$140.57
Eakes Office Solutions	Elem supplies	$628.59
Eakes Office Solutions	Rachel Renz supplies	$115.02
Eakes Office Solutions	custodial supplies	$169.44
Eakes Office Solutions	custodial supplies	$103.54
Educational Service Unit #9	2022-2023 Student Record System	$901.00
Educational Service Unit #9	Jameson-Kagan Learning-Days 1&2	$375.00
Educational Service Unit #9	Jameson-Summer Science retreat	$90.00

Educational Service Unit #9	Jameson-Great Plains Summit	$189.00
Educational Service Unit #9	Jameson-Kagan Learning-Day 3	$210.00
Educational Service Unit #9	Blevins, Jameson Tech Superpowers	$180.00
Educational Service Unit #9	May 2022 BAF Psych	$340.10
Educational Service Unit #9	May 2022 BAF SLP	$2,437.50
Educational Service Unit #9	May 2022 deaf educator	$355.00
Educational Service Unit #9	May 2022 Homebase services	$2,512.50
Educational Service Unit #9	May 2022 SA Psych	$2,358.85
Educational Service Unit #9	May 2022 SA SLP	$8,095.50
Educational Service Unit #9	May 2022 Vision services	$754.00
Employee Benefit Fund	2022 Early Retirment transfer	$40,000.00
FES	2022-23 SOCS Web Hosting	$1,600.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	July 2022 internet services	$313.95
Glenwood Telecommunications	July 2022 landlines	$190.73
Harris School Solutions	2022-23 Census software	$770.00
Harris School Solutions	2022-23 AptaFund 4.1/ESS software	$5,094.91
Head Start	2021-22 GOLD Assessment	$406.30
Heartland Roofing Consultants	annual roof service, pymt 2	$1,237.50
Heartland Roofing Consultants	Elem gym roof repair	$980.00
Heartland Roofing Consultants	annual roof service, pymt 3	$1,237.00
Hometown Leasing	July 22 eGold fax	$64.63
Hometown Leasing	copiers/printers lease	$1,777.00
Ideal Market	Kids Club supplies	$29.16
Ideal Market	softener salt	$41.94
Ideal Market	Kids Club supplies	$10.76
Innovative Office Solutions	PK-5 supplies	$675.15
International Academy of Science	2022-2023 Acellus student licenses	$13,090.00
Jodi Fierstein	cell phone stipend	$50.00
John Druba	May 2022 trash service	$600.00
JW Pepper & Son Inc	Choir music	$43.49
Kenny's Lumber and Farm Supply Inc	custodial supplies	$4.59
Kenny's Lumber and Farm Supply Inc	Rempe supplies	$367.48
Kenny's Lumber and Farm Supply Inc	maintenance supplies	$229.86
Lakeview Books	library books	$481.24
Logan Christiancy	cell phone stipend	$50.00
Marty Kobza	cell phone stipend	$50.00
Master Teacher (The)	2022-23 Cook Subscription	$1,056.00
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	welding gas tank rental	$45.85
Maverick Industries, Inc	Elem cooling tower service	$200.00
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	Going NCE Conference	$385.00
Nex-Tech	security cameras lease	$735.88
Nutrien Ag Solutions	grounds maint supplies	$139.36
Parent Institute (The)	2022-23 Parents Make the Difference	$198.00
Petro Plus	Van 3 repairs	$81.95
Petro Plus	mower gas	$507.70
Petro Plus	maint/staff gas	$364.86
Petro Plus	bus/van gas	$678.26
Petro Plus	SPED Bus 17 gas	$363.99
Pine Cove Consulting, LLC	monthly backup/restore	$450.00
PowerSchool Group LLC	2022-23 Applicant Tracking	$1,184.00
PowerSchool Group LLC	2022-23 Schoology	$4,382.44
Protex Central Inc	fire alarm, range hood inspection	$66.60
Robert Cook	cell phone stipend	$50.00
Rutt's Heating & AC - Mechanical	HS & Elem heating system repairs	$3,067.80
Rutt's Heating & AC - Mechanical	HS & Elem cooling system repairs	$4,419.42
Rutt's Heating & AC - Mechanical	Elem cooling system repair	$1,029.75
Sam's Club/Synchrony Bank	security entrance camera display	$124.00
School Specialty, LLC	teacher record books	$58.35
School Specialty, LLC	Elem supplies	$13.11

School Specialty, LLC	Heusinkvelt supplies	$157.48
School Specialty, LLC	Jameson supplies	$126.60
SocialSchool4EDU	2022-23 Social Media Services	$7,000.00
South Central Nebraska USD #5	Jan-May 2022 OT services	$15,607.48
Superior Ace Hardware	maintenance supplies	$357.57
Superior Activity Account	2022-23 operating transfer	$15,000.00
Superior Activity Account	2022-23 operating transfer	$1,000.00
Superior Activity Account	2022-23 operating transfer	$1,000.00
Superior Activity Account	2022-23 operating transfer	$4,000.00
Superior Exterminating	May treatment	$256.52
Superior Motor Parts	maintenance supplies	$7.93
Superior Outdoor Power Center	mower supplies	$80.58
Superior Outdoor Power Center	sprayer supplies	$1.75
Superior Outdoor Power Center	mower blades	$78.00
Superior Utilities	monthly utilities	$6,277.09
T-C Ceilings Inc	ceiling tile	$864.00
Troys Automotive	Van 3 repairs	$265.80
Troys Automotive	Bus 17 repairs	$1,756.86
Tuttle Locksmith	rekey lock, dead bolt	$97.00
U.S. Bank	fuel-Ag to Kansas City	$217.15
U.S. Bank	Hulu-monthly subscription	$74.89
U.S. Bank	Smokehouse BBQ-Christiancy meal Acellus training	$26.14
U.S. Bank	Mostyle-Mac Management	$220.00
U.S. Bank	Mosyle-Mac Management	$110.00
U.S. Bank	Q39-Acellus training meal-Kobza, Christiancy	$84.05
U.S. Bank	QuikTrip-fuel Acellus training	$68.24
U.S. Bank	Casey's-GBB camp fuel	$115.67
U.S. Bank	Acellus Conference lodging-Kobza/Christiancy	$830.14
U.S. Bank	81 Expres-GBB camp fuel	$75.00
U.S. Bank	fuel-WR Camp, FFA fireworks	$259.33
U.S. Bank	Kobza, Christiancy Acellus training meals	$272.03
Verizon Wireless	Kids Club phone	$52.87
Verizon Wireless	maintenance phone	$52.87
Verizon Wireless	PALLS Van 7 phone	$19.75
Verizon Wireless	PALLS Van 8 phone	$19.75
Verizon Wireless	bus/van phones	$210.87
Verizon Wireless	SPED Bus 17 phone	$19.75
WageWorks, Inc.	Flex plan admin fee	$204.00
Weissert Hardwood Flooring	HS, MS gym floor refinishing	$3,738.30
Woodwards Disposal	shredding service	$20.00
Yandas Music & Pro Audio	track speakers	$899.99
Yandas Music & Pro Audio	FB field speakers	$1,438.00
		$194,334.70

General Fund Payroll & Benefits $440,169.57

TOTAL $634,504.27

2008
Meetings

The formation of policy is public business and will be conducted openly in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

1. Types of Meetings

    a. The board shall hold its regular meetings on or before the third Monday of each month.

    b. Special and emergency meetings may be called as provided by law.

    c. The board may schedule work sessions and retreats in order to provide board members and administrators with the opportunity to plan, research, and engage in discussion.

2. Notice

The board shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each of its meetings, which generally will be 48 hours or more in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the board and to the public. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the district and, if available, on the newspaper's website. Newspapers of general circulation in the district include, but are not necessarily limited to, the Superior Express or the Hastings Tribune. Such notice shall contain a statement that the agenda shall be readily available for public inspection at the administration office of the school during the normal business hours. In addition, the superintendent is authorized, but not required, to publish the notice of any meeting on the school district's website, posting in three prominent places within the school district, or by any other appropriate method designated by the board.

When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting, and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public no later than the end of the next regular business day.

3. Weather Delays

In the event of inclement weather which makes it dangerous or unreasonable for board members or members of the public to attend a meeting for which notice has already been given, such meeting may be postponed by the board president. The board will communicate the delay to members of the public by posting it on the district's website and by following the same communication protocol that the district follows when student attendance at school is called off due to inclement weather. When possible, the board president and superintendent will attempt to communicate the information to local media members and business owners to assist in notifying the public of the delay. Notice of the date, time, and location of the postponed meeting will be advertised as required in the "Notice" section above.

4. Minutes

a. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, the method(s) and date(s) of the meeting notice, and the substance of all matters discussed.

b. Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the board in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted, or if the member was absent or not voting.

c. The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public record and ~~may~~ shall be published on the school district's website within ten working days of the last meeting or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier. The minutes shall be available on the website for at least six months.

Adopted on: June 11, 2018
Revised on: December 14, 2020
Reviewed on: April 12, 2021

2010
Preparation for Board Meetings

The superintendent will create the agenda and board packet in consultation with the board president. The materials will be sent or delivered to each board member in advance of the meeting. Members of the public have no entitlement to place an item on the board's agenda, but may address the board during the next meeting at which the board receives public comment. The agenda shall be placed on the district's website at least 24 hours before the school board meeting and shall remain available on the website for at least six months.

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3003.1
Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds

I. Applicability of the Policy

This policy applies only to construction and contracts undertaken with federal funds which are subject to the federal Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and other applicable federal law, including but not limited to the Education Department and General Administration Regulations (EDGAR) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations governing school food service programs. In the event this policy conflicts or is otherwise inconsistent with mandatory provisions of the UGG, EDGAR or other applicable federal law, the mandatory provisions of the laws shall control.

The District will also comply with the requirements of the public lettings laws (NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 73-101 through 73-106) when the contemplated expenditure for the complete project exceeds $109,000, the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act (NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 13-2901 through 13-2914), energy financing contracts (NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 66-1062 through 66-1066), other applicable state laws, and the board's general policy on Bidding for Construction and Related Projects. In addition, all procurement and construction shall comply with the rules and requirements of 2 CFR part 200.317 through 200.326 and 34 CFR sections 75.601 through 75.615. In the event of a conflict between state and federal law, the more stringent requirement shall apply.

II. All projects undertaken pursuant to this policy will be subject to the following bond requirements

A. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

B. A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

C. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection

with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

III. Construction Projects with an Anticipated Cost of Under $250,000

A. Methods of Bidding/Soliciting Quotations or Estimates

The type of procedures required depends on the anticipated cost of the project.

1. Construction with an Anticipated Cost of up to $10,000 (Micro-Purchases)

Micro-purchase means a purchase of supplies or services using simplified acquisition procedures, the annual aggregate amount of which does not exceed $10,000. Micro-purchases may be made or awarded without soliciting competitive quotations, to the extent district staff determine that the cost of the purchase is reasonable. For purposes of this policy "reasonable" means the purchase is comparable to market prices for the geographic area.

To the extent practicable, the District distributes micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. The District will follow its standard policy on purchasing.

2. Construction with an Anticipated Cost of between $10,000 and $250,000 (Small Purchase Procedures)

For construction projects subject to this policy, small purchases are purchases that, in the aggregate amount, is more than $10,000 and less than $250,000 annually. For small purchases, price or rate quotes shall be obtained in advance from a reasonable number of qualified sources as detailed in the district's standard policies on purchasing and on bid letting and contracts.

B. Construction Projects with an estimated cost of between $109,000 and $249,999 will be made pursuant to the District's Policy on Bid Letting and Contracts.

Pursuant to Nebraska law, construction projects which have an anticipated aggregate cost of $109,000 or more are subject to state public lettings laws (NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 73-101 through 73-106). The board will follow its standard policy on bid letting and contracts for construction projects financed with federal funds which have an anticipated aggregate cost of between $109,000 and $250,000.

IV. Construction Projects with an Anticipated Cost Over $250,000

A. Sealed Bids: All constructions projects subject to this policy with an anticipated cost of $250,000 or more will be publicly solicited using the sealed bid method

1. Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for state, local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;

2. The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the bidder to properly respond;

3. Sealed bids will be publicly opened in a place and at the specific time stated in the bid solicitation. Bidders shall be notified of the opening and invited to be present.

4. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

   a) Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest.

   b) Payment discounts will only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of.

   c) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.

5. The board shall have discretion in determining which bidders are responsible and responsive and shall award the contract to the lowest, responsible, and responsive bidder whose bid meets the bid specifications. This means that the board will select the bid that offers the best value and award a contract based upon the amount of the bid and the bidder's ability and capacity to carry on

the work, its equipment and facilities, honesty, integrity, skills, business judgment, experience, equipment, facilities, financial stability, past performance, and other relevant factors.

6. The board will generally complete its review of bids and select a vendor within 30 days of bid submission.

B. Advertising for Bids.

1. The superintendent or designee will arrange to advertise for bids by publishing notice in any newspaper of general circulation within the school district at least 7 calendar days prior to the date on which bids are due.

2. Nothing shall prevent the superintendent or designee from advertising in additional media outlets or for a longer period of time.

C. Bid Documents

1. The bid documents shall identify the day upon which the bids shall be returned, received, or opened and shall identify the hour at which the bids will close or be received or opened.

2. The bid documents shall also provide that such bids shall be opened simultaneously in the presence of the bidders or their representatives.

3. Bids received after the date and time specified in the bid documents shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

4. If bids are being opened on more than one contract, the board, in its discretion, may award each contract as the bids are opened.

5. Sealed bids will be opened in a place and at the specific time stated in the bid solicitation. Bidders shall be notified of the opening and invited to be present.

6. Bids will be reviewed by the Superintendent and/or designee and submitted to the board for approval.

7. The board shall have discretion in determining which bidders are responsible and responsive and shall award the contract to the

lowest, responsible, and responsive bidder whose bid meets the bid specifications. This means that the board will select the bid that offers the best value and award a contract based upon the amount of the bid and the bidder's ability and capacity to carry on the work, its equipment and facilities, honesty, integrity, skills, business judgment, experience, equipment, facilities, financial stability, past performance, and other relevant factors.

8. The board will generally complete its review of bids and select a vendor within 30 days of bid submission.

D. The terms of any construction project undertaken pursuant to this policy will be memorialized in a written contract which has been reviewed by the district's legal counsel and approved by the board.

V. Other Contract Matters.

A. Required Terms

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions required by section 200.326 and described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

B. Contracting with Certain Vendors

Pursuant to the standards contained in 2 C.F.R. § 200.321, the District will take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible and consistent with state law.

To the maximum extent practicable, the school food program shall purchase domestic commodities or products produced in the U.S. or processed in the U.S. substantially using agricultural commodities produced in the U.S.

C. Full and Open Competition

The district's procurement transactions will be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with 2 C.F.R §200.319.

D. Debarment and Suspension

The District awards contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and

financial and technical resources.

The District may not subcontract with or award subgrants to any person or company who is debarred or suspended. For all contracts over $25,000 the District verifies that the vendor with whom the District intends to do business with is not excluded or disqualified. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II(1) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220 and 180.300.

The District will verify debarment or suspension by revising the excluded parties list on SAM.gov, collecting a certification through the bidding process, and/or by including a debarment and suspension provision in the bid and contract documents. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for such verification.

E. Settlements of Issues Arising Out of Contract

The District alone is responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the District of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

F. Record Keeping

1. Record Retention

a) The District maintains all records that fully show (1) the amount of funds under the grant or subgrant; (2) how the subgrantee uses those funds; (3) the total cost of each project; (4) the share of the total cost of each project provided from other sources; (5) other records to facilitate an effective audit; and (6) other records to show compliance with federal program requirements. 34 C.F.R. §§ 76.730-.731 and §§ 75.730-.731. The District also maintains records of significant project experiences and results. 34 C.F.R. § 75.732. These records and accounts must be retained and made available for programmatic or financial audit.

b) The U.S. Department of Education is authorized to recover any federal funds misspent within 5 years before the receipt of a program determination letter. 34 C.F.R. § 81.31(c).

Schedule 10 (Local School Districts) and Schedule 24 (Local Agencies General Records) of the Nebraska Records Management Division as approved by the Nebraska Secretary of State/State Records Administrator requires the District to maintain records regarding construction projects for a minimum of five (5) years after the sale or demolition of the building. However, if any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the record retention period, the records will be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. 2 C.F.R. § 200.333.

c) Records will be destroyed in compliance with Schedule 10, Schedule 24, and State law. This includes the completion of a Records Disposition Report.

2. Maintenance of Construction Records for Projects Financed with Federal Funds

a) The District must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of all construction projects financed with federal funds. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of construction, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, the basis for the contract price (including a cost or price analysis), and verification that the contractor is not suspended or debarred.

b) Retention of construction records shall be in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.

VI. Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct

A. Board and staff member conflicts of interest are governed by the district's conflict of interest policies.

B. Contracts covered by this policy are subject to the following additional provisions.

1. Employees, officers, and agents engaged in the selection, award, and/or administration of district contracts which are prohibited

from engaging in such actions if a real or apparent conflict of interest is present.

2. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

3. The board may determine at its discretion that a financial interest is not substantial enough to give rise to a conflict of interest.

C. Favors and Gifts

The officers, employees, and agents of the District may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts, with the limited exception of unsolicited items of nominal value.

D. Enforcement

Disciplinary Actions will be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the District at the board's discretion.

VII. Financial Management

A. Identification.

The District will identify, in its accounts, all federal awards received and expended and the federal programs under which they were received. Federal program and award identification include, as applicable, the CFDA title and number, federal award identification number and year, name of the federal agency, and, if applicable, name of the pass-through entity.

B. Financial Reporting

The District will make an accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each federal award or program in accordance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).

C. Accounting Records

The District maintains records which adequately identify the source and application of funds provided for federally-assisted activities. These records must contain information pertaining to grant or subgrant awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income and interest and be supported by source documentation.

D. Internal Controls

The Superintendent or his/her designee must maintain effective control and accountability for all funds, real and personal property, and other assets through board review and approval of claims, an annual audit of the district's finances pursuant to the applicable Nebraska Department of Education and federal rules and regulations, and comparison of expenditures and outlays to budgeted amounts. The District adequately safeguards all such property and assures that it is used solely for authorized purposes.

E. Budget Control

Actual expenditures or outlays will be compared with budgeted amounts for each federal award at least annually and more often as required by law or deemed prudent by the board or administrative staff.

F. Payment Methods

The District will comply with applicable methods and procedures for payment that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement by the District, in accordance with the Cash Management Improvement Act at 31 CFR Part 205. Generally, the District receives payment from the Nebraska Department of Education on a reimbursement basis. 2 CFR § 200.305. However, if the District receives an advance in federal grant funds, the District will remit interest earned on the advanced payment quarterly to the federal agency. The District may retain interest amounts up to $500 per year for administrative expenses. 2 CFR § 200.305(b)(9).

Consistent with state and federal requirements, the District will maintain source documentation supporting the federal expenditures (invoices, time sheets, payroll stubs, etc.) and will make such documentation available for the Nebraska Department of Education to review upon request.

G. Allowability of Costs

Expenditures must be aligned with approved budgeted items. Any changes or variations from the state-approved budget and grant application need prior approval.

When determining how the District will spend its grant funds, the Superintendent or his/her designee will review the proposed cost to determine whether it is an allowable use of federal grant funds before obligating and spending those funds on the proposed good or service. All costs supported by federal education funds must meet the standards outlined in EDGAR, 2 CFR Part 3474 and 2 CFR Part. The Superintendent or his/her designee must consider these factors when making an allowability determination.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will consider Part 200's cost guidelines when federal grant funds are expended. The Superintendent or his/her designee will also consider whether all state - and District-level requirements and policies regarding expenditures have been followed.

H. Use of Program Income – Deduction, Addition, or Cost Sharing or Matching

The default method for the use of program income for the District is the deduction method. 2 C.F.R. § 200.307(e). Under the deduction method, program income is deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income will only be used for current costs unless the District is otherwise directed by the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity. 2 C.F.R. § 200.307(e)(1). The District may also request prior approval from the federal awarding agency to use the addition method. Under the addition method, program income may be added to the Federal award by the Federal agency and the non-Federal entity. The program income must then be used for the purposes and under the conditions of the Federal award. 2 C.F.R. § 200.307(e)(2). The District may also request prior approval from the federal awarding agency to use the cost sharing or matching method.

While the deduction method is the default method, the District always refers to the grant award notice prior to determining the appropriate use of program income.

I. Cost Sharing or Matching

For all Federal awards, any shared costs or matching funds and all contributions, including cash and third-party in-kind contributions, must be accepted as part of the non-Federal entity's cost sharing or matching when

such contributions meet all of the following criteria:

(1) Are verifiable from the non-Federal entity's records;
(2) Are not included as contributions for any other Federal award;
(3) Are necessary and reasonable for accomplishment of project or program objectives;
(4) Are allowable under subpart E (Cost Principles) of this part;
(5) Are not paid by the Federal Government under another Federal award, except where the Federal statute authorizing a program specifically provides that Federal funds made available for such program can be applied to matching or cost sharing requirements of other Federal programs;
(6) Are provided for in the approved budget when required by the Federal awarding agency; and
(7) Conform to other provisions of this part, as applicable.

J. Documentation of Personnel Expenses

Records that reflect charges to federal awards for salaries and wages will comply with the rules and requirements of 2 CFR 200.430

VIII. Other Contract Matters.

A. Required Terms

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions required by section 200.326 and described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

B. Contracting with Certain Vendors

Pursuant to the standards contained in 2 C.F.R. § 200.321, the District will take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible consistent with state law.

To the maximum extent practicable, the school food program shall purchase domestic commodities or products produced in US or processed in US substantially using agricultural commodities produced in US.

C. Record Keeping

1. Record Retention

a) The District maintains all records that fully show (1) the amount of funds under the grant or subgrant; (2) how the subgrantee uses those funds; (3) the total cost of each project; (4) the share of the total cost of each project provided from other sources; (5) other records to facilitate an effective audit; and (6) other records to show compliance with federal program requirements. 34 C.F.R. §§ 76.730-.731 and §§ 75.730-.731. The District also maintains records of significant project experiences and results. 34 C.F.R. § 75.732. These records and accounts must be retained and made available for programmatic or financial audit.

b) The U.S. Department of Education is authorized to recover any federal funds misspent within 5 years before the receipt of a program determination letter. 34 C.F.R. § 81.31(c). Schedule 10 (Local School Districts) and Schedule 24 (Local Agencies General Records) of the Nebraska Records Management Division as approved by the Nebraska Secretary of State/State Records Administrator requires the District to maintain records regarding federal awards for a minimum of six (6) years. Consequently, the District shall retain records for a minimum of six (6) years from the date on which the final Financial Status Report is submitted, unless otherwise notified in writing to extend the retention period by the awarding agency, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, or cognizant agency for indirect costs. However, if any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the record retention period, the records will be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. 2 C.F.R. § 200.333.

c) Records will be destroyed in compliance with Schedule 10, Schedule 24, and State law. This includes the completion of a Records Disposition Report.

2. Maintenance of Procurement Records

a) The District must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of all procurements. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, the basis for the contract price (including a cost or price analysis), and verification that the contractor is not suspended or debarred.

b) Retention of procurement records shall be in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.

D. Privacy

The District has protections in place to ensure that the personal information of both students and employees is protected. These include the use of passwords that are changed on a regular basis; staff training on the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and State confidentiality requirements; and training on identifying whether an individual requesting access to records has the right to the documentation.

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3004.1
Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds

I. Applicability of Policy

This policy applies only to non-construction related purchases undertaken with federal funds which are subject to the federal Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and other applicable federal law, including but not limited to the Education Department and General Administration Regulations (EDGAR) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations governing school food service programs. In the event this policy conflicts or is otherwise inconsistent with mandatory provisions of the UGG, EDGAR or other applicable federal law, the mandatory provisions of the laws shall control.

All other non-construction purchases will be governed by the Board's general purchasing policy, which can be found earlier in this subsection. In the event of a conflict between state and federal law, the more stringent requirement shall apply.

This procurement policy shall govern all purchasing activities that relate to any aspect of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. The district's goal is to fully implement all required procurement rules, regulations and policies set forth in 2 CFR 200, 7 CFR parts 210, 3016 and 3019, and by the Nebraska Department of Education.

II. Procurement System

The District maintains the following purchasing procedures.

A. Responsibility for Purchasing

The authority to make purchases shall be governed by the District's purchasing policy, which can be found elsewhere in this section. Except as otherwise provided in the District's purchasing policy, the acquisition of services, equipment, and supplies shall be centralized in the administration office under the supervision of the superintendent of schools, who shall be responsible for developing and administering the purchasing program of the school district. Purchases or commitments of district funds that are not authorized by this policy will be the responsibility of the person making the commitment.

B. Methods of Purchasing

The type of purchase procedures required depends on the cost of the item(s) being purchased.

1. Purchases up to $10,000 (Micro-Purchases)

Micro-purchase means a purchase of supplies or services using simplified acquisition procedures, the annual aggregate amount of which does not exceed $10,000. Micro-purchases may be made or awarded without soliciting competitive quotations, to the extent district staff determine that the cost of the purchase is reasonable. For purposes of this policy "reasonable" means the purchase is comparable to market prices for the geographic area.

To the extent practicable, the District distributes micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. The District will follow its standard policy on purchasing, which can be found earlier in this subsection.

2. Purchases between $10,000 and $250,000 (Small Purchase Procedures)

Small purchases are purchases that, in the aggregate amount, is more than $10,000 and less than $250,000 annually. For small purchases, price or rate quotes shall be obtained in advance from a reasonable number of qualified sources as detailed in the district's standard policies on purchasing and on bid letting and contracts, which can be found earlier in this subsection.

3. Purchases Over $250,000

a) Sealed Bids (Formal Advertising)

For purchases over $250,000, the district will generally follow the bidding process outlined in the board's policy on Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair or Site Improvement.

b) Contract/Price Analysis

The District performs a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of $250,000, including contract modifications. The district will make an independent estimate of costs prior to receiving bids or proposals.

4. Noncompetitive Proposals (Sole Sourcing)

a) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

1) The item is available only from a single source;

2) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;

3) The federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the District; or

4) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

b) Noncompetitive proposals may only be solicited with the approval of the superintendent or the board. Sufficient and appropriate documentation that justifies the sole sourcing decision must be maintained by the superintendent or designee.

c) A cost or price analysis will be performed for noncompetitive proposals when the price exceeds $250,000.

5. Competitive Proposals.

a) The technique of competitive proposals is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. It is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

1) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

2) Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources; and

3) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered.

b) The District may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

c) The District may select a proposal that offers the best value and that is based upon the proposer's responsiveness to the proposal, experience, reputation, staff qualifications, ability and capacity to carry on the work, price, honesty, integrity, skills, business judgment, financial stability, past performance, and other relevant factors. The evaluation may be conducted by the school board, a designated committee, or another designee of the school board.

C. Use of Purchase (Debit & Credit) Cards

District use of purchase cards is subject to the policy on purchase cards which can be found elsewhere in this subsection.

D. Federal Procurement System Standards

The district's procurement transactions will be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with 2 C.F.R §200.319.

The District will maintain and follow general procurement standards consistent with 2 C.F.R. §200.318.

E. Debarment and Suspension

The District awards contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources.

The District may not subcontract with or award subgrants to any person or company who is debarred or suspended. For all contracts over $25,000 the District verifies that the vendor with whom the District intends to do business with is not excluded or disqualified. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II(1) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220 and 180.300.

The District will verify debarment or suspension by revising the excluded parties list on SAM.gov, collecting a certification through the bidding process, and/or by including a debarment and suspension provision in the bid and contract documents. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for such verification.

F. Settlements of Issues Arising Out of Procurements

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III. Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct

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B. Purchases covered by this policy are subject to the following additional provisions.

1. Employees, officers, and agents engaged in the selection, award, and/or administration of district contracts which are prohibited from engaging in such actions if a real or apparent conflict of interest is present.

2. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

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C. Favors and Gifts

The officers, employees, and agents of the District may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts, with the limited exception of unsolicited items of nominal value.

D. Enforcement

Disciplinary Actions will be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the District at the board's discretion.

IV. Property Management Systems

A. Property Classifications

1. Equipment means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the District for financial statement purposes, or $5,000.

2. Supplies means all tangible personal property other than those described in §200.33 Equipment. A computing device is a supply if the acquisition cost is less than the lesser of the

capitalization level established by the District for financial statement purposes or $5,000, regardless of the length of its useful life. 2 C.F.R. §200.94.

3. Computing Devices means machines used to acquire, store, analyze, process, and publish data and other information electronically, including accessories (or "peripherals") for printing, transmitting and receiving, or storing electronic information. 2 C.F.R. §200.20.

4. Capital Assets means tangible or intangible assets used in operations having a useful life of more than one year which are capitalized in accordance with GAAP. Capital assets include:

    a) Land, buildings (facilities), equipment, and intellectual property (including software) whether acquired by purchase, construction, manufacture, lease-purchase, exchange, or through capital leases; and

    b) Additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance). 2 C.F.R. §200.12.

B. Inventory Procedure

Newly purchased property shall be received and inspected by the staff member who ordered it to ensure that that it matches the purchase order, invoice, or contract and that it is in acceptable condition.

Equipment, Computing Devices, and Capital Assets must be tagged with an identification number, manufacturer, model, name of individual who tagged the item, and date tagged).

C. Inventory Records

For equipment, computing devices, and capital assets purchased with federal funds, the following information is maintained in the property management system:

1. Serial number;
2. District identification number;
3. Manufacturer;
4. Model;

5. Date tagged and individual who tagged it;
6. Source of funding for the property;
7. Who holds title;
8. Acquisition date and cost of the property;
9. Percentage of federal participation in the project costs for the federal award under which the property was acquired;
10. Location, use and condition of the property; and
11. Any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.

The inventory list shall be adjusted by the superintendent of schools or his/her designee for property that is sold, lost, stolen, cannot be repaired, or that cannot be located.

D. Physical Inventory

1. A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years.

2. The Superintendent or his/her designee will ensure that the physical inventory is performed. The physical inventory will generally occur during the months of June or July, but may be conducted during other time periods with the approval of the superintendent.

E. Maintenance

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. 313(d)(4), the District maintains adequate maintenance procedures to ensure that property is kept in good condition.

F. Lost or Stolen Items

The District maintains a control system that ensures adequate safeguards are in place to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property.

G. Use of Equipment

Equipment must be used in the program or project for which it was acquired as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by the federal award, and the District will not encumber the property for any non-federal program use without prior approval of the federal awarding agency and the pass-through entity.

H. Disposal of Equipment

When it is determined that original or replacement equipment acquired under a federal award is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by a federal awarding agency, the Superintendent or his/her designee will contact the awarding agency (or pass-through for a state-administered grant) for disposition instructions.

If the item has a current FMV of $5,000 or less, it may be retained, sold, or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to the federal awarding agency.

I. Equipment and Capital Expenditures

All equipment and capital expenditures shall comply with the rules and requirements of 2 CFR 200.439.

J. Depreciation

All depreciation shall comply with the rules and requirements of 2 CFR 200.436.

V. Financial Management

A. Identification

The District will identify, in its accounts, all federal awards received and expended and the federal programs under which they were received. Federal program and award identification include, as applicable, the CFDA title and number, federal award identification number and year, name of the federal agency, and, if applicable, name of the pass-through entity.

B. Financial Reporting

The District will make an accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each federal award or program in accordance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).

C. Accounting Records

The District maintains records which adequately identify the source and application of funds provided for federally-assisted activities. These records

must contain information pertaining to grant or subgrant awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income and interest and be supported by source documentation.

D. Internal Controls

The Superintendent or his/her designee must maintain effective control and accountability for all funds, real and personal property, and other assets through board review and approval of claims, an annual audit of the district's finances pursuant to the applicable Nebraska Department of Education and federal rules and regulations, and comparison of expenditures and outlays to budgeted amounts. The District adequately safeguards all such property and assures that it is used solely for authorized purposes.

E. Budget Control

Actual expenditures or outlays will be compared with budgeted amounts for each federal award at least annually and more often as required by law or deemed prudent by the board or administrative staff.

F. Payment Methods

The District will comply with applicable methods and procedures for payment that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement by the District, in accordance with the Cash Management Improvement Act at 31 CFR Part 205. Generally, the District receives payment from the Nebraska Department of Education on a reimbursement basis. 2 CFR § 200.305. However, if the District receives an advance in federal grant funds, the District will remit interest earned on the advanced payment quarterly to the federal agency. The District may retain interest amounts up to $500 per year for administrative expenses. 2 CFR § 200.305(b)(9).

Consistent with state and federal requirements, the District will maintain source documentation supporting the federal expenditures (invoices, time sheets, payroll stubs, etc.) and will make such documentation available for the Nebraska Department of Education to review upon request.

G. Allowability of Costs

Expenditures must be aligned with approved budgeted items. Any changes or variations from the state-approved budget and grant application need prior approval.

When determining how the District will spend its grant funds, the Superintendent or his/her designee will review the proposed cost to determine whether it is an allowable use of federal grant funds before obligating and spending those funds on the proposed good or service. All costs supported by federal education funds must meet the standards outlined in EDGAR, 2 CFR Part 3474 and 2 CFR Part. The Superintendent or his/her designee must consider these factors when making an allowability determination.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will consider Part 200's cost guidelines when federal grant funds are expended. The Superintendent or his/her designee will also consider whether all state - and District-level requirements and policies regarding expenditures have been followed.

H. Use of Program Income – Deduction, Addition, or Cost Sharing or Matching

The default method for the use of program income for the District is the deduction method. 2 C.F.R. § 200.307(e). Under the deduction method, program income is deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income will only be used for current costs unless the District is otherwise directed by the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity. 2 C.F.R. § 200.307(e)(1). The District may also request prior approval from the federal awarding agency to use the addition method. Under the addition method, program income may be added to the Federal award by the Federal agency and the non-Federal entity. The program income must then be used for the purposes and under the conditions of the Federal award. 2 C.F.R. § 200.307(e)(2). The District may also request prior approval from the federal awarding agency to use the cost sharing or matching method.

While the deduction method is the default method, the District always refers to the grant award notice prior to determining the appropriate use of program income.

I. Cost Sharing or Matching

For all Federal awards, any shared costs or matching funds and all contributions, including cash and third-party in-kind contributions, must be accepted as part of the non-Federal entity's cost sharing or matching when such contributions meet all of the following criteria:

(1) Are verifiable from the non-Federal entity's records;
(2) Are not included as contributions for any other Federal award;
(3) Are necessary and reasonable for accomplishment of project or program objectives;

(4) Are allowable under subpart E (Cost Principles) of this part;
(5) Are not paid by the Federal Government under another Federal award, except where the Federal statute authorizing a program specifically provides that Federal funds made available for such program can be applied to matching or cost sharing requirements of other Federal programs;
(6) Are provided for in the approved budget when required by the Federal awarding agency; and
(7) Conform to other provisions of this part, as applicable.

J. Documentation of Personnel Expenses

Records that reflect charges to federal awards for salaries and wages will comply with the rules and requirements of 2 CFR 200.430.

VI. Written Compensation Policies

A. Time and Effort Standards

All employees who are paid in full or in part with federal funds must keep specific documents to demonstrate the amount of time they spent on grant activities. This includes an employee whose salary is paid with state or local funds but is used to meet a required "match" in a federal program. These documents, known as time and effort records, are maintained in order to charge the costs of personnel compensation to federal grants. Charges to federal awards for salaries and wages must be based on records that accurately reflect the work performed. These records must:

(1) Be supported by a system of internal controls which provides reasonable assurance that the charges are accurate, allowable, and properly allocated;
(2) Be incorporated into official records;
(3) Reasonably reflect total activity for which the employee is compensated, not exceeding 100% of compensated activities;
(4) Encompass both federally assisted and all other activities compensated by the District on an integrated basis;
(5) Comply with the established accounting policies and practices of the District and
(6) Support the distribution of the employee's salary or wages among specific activities or costs objectives.

B. Time and Effort Procedures

Time and effort procedures will follow and comply with 2 CFR 200.430(i).

C. Fringe Benefits

Except as provided otherwise by federal law, the costs of fringe benefits will be allowable provided that the benefits are reasonable and required by law, a district-employee agreement, or another policy of the District.

D. Leave

The cost of fringe benefits in the form of regular compensation paid to employees during periods of authorized absences from the job, such as for annual leave, family-related leave, sick leave, holidays, court leave, military leave, administrative leave, and other similar benefits, are allowable if they are provided under established written District leave policies.

E. Unexpected or Extraordinary Circumstances

In the event of a pandemic or other unexpected or extraordinary circumstance, the District may close school or individual buildings. In such case, the District may compensate federally funded or other employees during such closure to ensure the return of staff to employment after the closure as allowed by state or federal law.

F. Documentation for Personnel Expenses

Records that reflect charges to federal awards for salaries and wages will comply with the rules and requirements of 2 CFR 200.430

VII. Other Contract Matters.

A. Required Terms

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions required by section 200.326 and described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

B. Contracting with Certain Vendors

Pursuant to the standards contained in 2 C.F.R. § 200.321, the District will take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible consistent with state law.

To the maximum extent practicable, the school food program shall purchase domestic commodities or products produced in US or processed in US substantially using agricultural commodities produced in US.

C. Record Keeping

1. Record Retention

a) The District maintains all records that fully show (1) the amount of funds under the grant or subgrant; (2) how the subgrantee uses those funds; (3) the total cost of each project; (4) the share of the total cost of each project provided from other sources; (5) other records to facilitate an effective audit; and (6) other records to show compliance with federal program requirements. 34 C.F.R. §§ 76.730-.731 and §§ 75.730-.731. The District also maintains records of significant project experiences and results. 34 C.F.R. § 75.732. These records and accounts must be retained and made available for programmatic or financial audit.

b) The U.S. Department of Education is authorized to recover any federal funds misspent within 5 years before the receipt of a program determination letter. 34 C.F.R. § 81.31(c). Schedule 10 (Local School Districts) and Schedule 24 (Local Agencies General Records) of the Nebraska Records Management Division as approved by the Nebraska Secretary of State/State Records Administrator requires the District to maintain records regarding federal awards for a minimum of six (6) years. Consequently, the District shall retain records for a minimum of six (6) years from the date on which the final Financial Status Report is submitted, unless otherwise notified in writing to extend the retention period by the awarding agency, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, or cognizant agency for indirect costs. However, if any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the record retention period, the records will be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. 2 C.F.R. § 200.333.

c) Records will be destroyed in compliance with Schedule 10, Schedule 24, and State law. This includes the completion of a Records Disposition Report.

2. Maintenance of Procurement Records

a) The District must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of all procurements. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, the basis for the contract price (including a cost or price analysis), and verification that the contractor is not suspended or debarred.

b) Retention of procurement records shall be in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.

D. Privacy

The District has protections in place to ensure that the personal information of both students and employees is protected. These include the use of passwords that are changed on a regular basis; staff training on the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and State confidentiality requirements; and training on identifying whether an individual requesting access to records has the right to the documentation.

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3012
School Meal Program and Meal Charges

Meal Program. The school district will make a school meal program available to students. The cost of the program will be determined by the board of education so as to make the program as nearly self-supporting as possible. With board approval, the district may contract with a private company or corporation for the management and/or provision of the program.

The district will notify the families with children attending school of the current guidelines for free or reduced-price school meals. A copy of the complete regulations and procedures regarding reduced-price and free meals shall be available in the office of the superintendent.

Payment Options. Families may pay for school lunches using cash or check.

Meal Charge Policy. The district will notify students and their families of the policy for **Charged Meals**, meaning meals received by a student when the student does not have money in hand or in his or her food account. This policy applies to students who receive meals at the free, reduced, or full rates.

Notice of this policy must be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households that transfer to the school during the school year. Notice may be provided through the student handbook, student registration materials, online portal used to access student accounts, direct mailing or e-mail, newsletter, the district website, and/or any other appropriate means. Notice of this policy will also be provided all school staff responsible for the enforcement of it, including food service professionals responsible for collecting payment for meals at the point of service, staff involved in notifying families of low or negative balances, and other staff involved in enforcing any aspect of this policy.

The district's policy on charged meals is:

If a student has no funds available to pay for a meal, the student will be permitted to charge up to ten meals. Thereafter, if a student has no funds available to pay for a meal, no food will be provided.

Students who qualify for free meals will not be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from other food purchases. School staff may prohibit any students from charging a la carte or extra items if they do not have cash in hand or their account has a negative balance.

If a student repeatedly lacks funds to purchase a meal, has not brought a

meal from home, and is not enrolled in a free meal program, the district will use its resources and contacts to protect the health and safety of the student. Failure or refusal of parents or guardians to provide meals for students may require mandatory reporting to child protection agencies as required by law.

Collection of Delinquent Meal Charge Debt

The school district is required to make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges. The building principal or his or her designee will contact households about unpaid meal charges and notify them again of the availability of the free and reduced meal program and/or establish payment plans and due dates by telephone, e-mail, or other written or oral communication. If these collection efforts are unsuccessful, the school district may pursue any other methods to collect delinquent debt as allowed by law. Collection efforts may continue into a new school year.

In the event that the Nebraska Department of Education develops a state-level meal charge policy, it shall supersede that portion of this policy.

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3057
Title IX Policy

It is the policy of the school district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any of the school district's programs or activities. The district is required by Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to not discriminate in such a manner.

1. Title IX Coordinator

1.1. **Designation.** The district will designate and authorize at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with its responsibilities under this policy, who will be referred to as the "**Title IX Coordinator**." The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, of the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator. Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment). This report may be made by any means, including but not limited to, in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours).

2. Definitions.

As used in this policy, the following terms are defined as follows:

2.1. **Actual knowledge** means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to any district employee. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge. This standard is not met when the only district employee with actual knowledge is the respondent (as that term is defined below). "Notice" as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator as described in subsection 1.1 above.

2.2. **Complainant** means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.3. **Formal complaint** means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the district investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. The only district official who is authorized to initiate the Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment against a respondent is the Title IX Coordinator (by signing a formal complaint). At the time of filing a formal complaint with the district, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the district's education program or activity. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic mail, by using the contact information required to be listed for the Title IX Coordinator under subsection 1.1 above, and by any additional method designated by the district. As used in this paragraph, the phrase "document filed by a complainant" means a document or electronic submission (such as by electronic mail or through an online portal provided for this purpose by the district) that contains the complainant's physical or digital signature, or otherwise indicates that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint. Where the Title IX Coordinator signs a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator is not a complainant or otherwise a party under this policy or under 34 C.F.R. part 106, and will comply with the requirements of this policy and 34 C.F.R. part 106, including subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4 and 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(1)(iii).

2.4. **Respondent** means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.5. **Consent** for purposes of this policy means the willingness in fact for conduct to occur. An individual may, as a result of age, incapacity, disability, lack of information, or other circumstances be incapable of providing consent to some or all sexual conduct or activity. Neither verbal nor physical resistance is required to establish that an individual did not consent. District officials will consider the totality of the circumstances in determining whether there was consent for any specific conduct. Consent may be revoked or withdrawn at any time.

2.6. **Sexual harassment** means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

2.6.1. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;

2.6.2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it

effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity;

2.6.3. **Sexual assault**, as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), which means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

2.6.3.1. **Sex Offenses, Forcible**—Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

2.6.3.1.1. **Rape**—(Except Statutory Rape) The carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

2.6.3.1.2. **Sodomy**—Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.3. **Sexual Assault With An Object**—To use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.4. **Fondling**—The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.2. **Sex Offenses, Non-forcible**—(Except Prostitution Offenses) Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

2.6.3.2.1. **Incest**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

2.6.3.2.2. **Statutory Rape**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent

2.6.4. **Dating violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a) ~~(10),~~ which means violence committed by a person—

2.6.4.1. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and

2.6.4.2. where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

2.6.4.2.1. The length of the relationship.

2.6.4.2.2. The type of relationship.

2.6.4.2.3. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

2.6.5. **Domestic violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a) ~~(8),~~ which includes felony or misdemeanor crimes ~~of violence~~ committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim~~, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common,~~ under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant funding and, in the case of victim services, includes the use or attempted use of physical abuse or sexual abuse, or a pattern of any other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse that may or may not constitute criminal behavior, by a person who—

2.6.5.1. is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, or person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim;

2.6.5.2. is cohabitating ~~with~~, or has cohabitated, with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; ~~by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person~~

2.6.5.3. shares a child in common with the victim; or

2.6.5.4. commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from ~~that person's~~ those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction.

2.6.6. **Stalking**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a) ~~(30),~~ which means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

2.6.6.1. fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or

2.6.6.2. suffer substantial emotional distress.

2.7. **Supportive measures** means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures. The district will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the district to provide the supportive measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

3. Discrimination Not Involving Sexual Harassment.

3.1. **General Prohibition.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other education program or activity operated by the district.

3.2. **Specific Prohibitions.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, in providing any aid, benefit, or service to a student, the district will not on the basis of sex:

3.2.1. Treat one person differently from another in determining whether such person satisfies any requirement or condition for the provision of such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.2. Provide different aid, benefits, or services or provide aid, benefits, or services in a different manner;

3.2.3. Deny any person any such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.4. Subject any person to separate or different rules of behavior, sanctions, or other treatment;

3.2.5. Apply any rule concerning the domicile or residence of a student or applicant;

3.2.6. Aid or perpetuate discrimination against any person by providing significant assistance to any agency, organization, or person which discriminates on the basis of sex in providing any aid, benefit or service to students or employees;

3.2.7. Otherwise limit any person in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity.

3.3. **Complaint Procedure.** All complaints regarding any alleged discrimination on the basis of sex, including without limitation violations of this policy, 34 C.F.R. part 106, Title IX, Title VII, or other state or federal law—when the alleged discrimination does not arise from or relate to an allegation of sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 above—shall be addressed pursuant to the district's general complaint procedure, Board Policy 2006.

4. Response to Sexual Harassment

4.1. **Reporting Sexual Harassment.** Any person who witnesses an act of unlawful sexual harassment is encouraged to report it to the District's Title IX Coordinator. No person will be retaliated against based on any report of suspected sexual harassment or retaliation. Any District employee who receives a report of sexual harassment or has actual knowledge of sexual harassment must convey that information to the Title IX Coordinator as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no case later than the end of the following school day.

4.2. **General Response to Sexual Harassment.** When the district has actual knowledge of sexual harassment in its education program or activity against a person in the United States, the district will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent. The district will be deemed to be deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. For the purposes of this policy "education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the district exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs. The district's response will treat complainants and respondents equitably by offering supportive measures as defined in subsection 2.7 above to a complainant, and by following the grievance process described in section 5 below before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures, against a respondent. The Title IX Coordinator will promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.

4.3. **Emergency Removal.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from removing a respondent from the district's education program or activity on an emergency basis, provided that the district undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis, and determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment justifies removal. In the event that the district so removes a respondent on an emergency basis, then the district will provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.4. **Administrative Leave.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from placing a non-student employee respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of a grievance process that complies with section 5 below. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.5. **General Response Not Conditioned on Formal Complaint.** With or without a formal complaint, the district will comply with the obligations and procedures described in this section 4.

5. Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment.

5.1. General Requirements.

5.1.1. **Equitable Treatment.** The district will treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, and by following the grievance process described in this section 5 before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. Remedies will be designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. Remedies may include the same individualized services described in subsection 2.7 as "supportive measures"; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent.

5.1.2. **Objective Evaluation.** This grievance process requires an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence—including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence. Credibility determinations may not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness.

5.1.3. **Absence of Conflicts of Interest or Bias.** The district will require that any individual designated by a recipient as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or any person designated by a recipient to facilitate an informal resolution process, not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

5.1.4. **Training.** The district will ensure that all individuals or entities described in this Training section 5.1.4 receive training as provided below. Any materials used to train these individuals will not rely on sex stereotypes and will promote impartial investigations and adjudications of formal complaints of sexual harassment.

5.1.4.1. **All District Employees and Board Members**. All district employees and board members will be trained on how to identify and report sexual harassment.

5.1.4.2. **Title IX Coordinators, Investigators, Decision-Makers, or Informal Resolution Facilitators.** The district will ensure that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, or any person designated by the district to facilitate an informal resolution process receive training on:

5.1.4.2.1. The definition of sexual harassment in subsection 2.6;

5.1.4.2.2. The scope of the district's education program or activity;

5.1.4.2.3. How to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and informal resolution processes, as applicable; and

5.1.4.2.4. How to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias.

5.1.4.3. **Decision-Makers.** The district will ensure that decision-makers receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, as set forth in subsection 5.6.

5.1.4.4. **Investigators.** The district will also ensure that investigators receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence, as set forth in subsection 5.5.8.

5.1.5. **Presumption.** It is presumed that the respondent is not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

5.1.6. **Reasonably Prompt Time Frames.** This grievance process shall include reasonably prompt time frames for conclusion of the grievance process, including reasonably prompt time frames for filing and resolving appeals and informal resolution processes if the district offers informal resolution processes. The process shall also allow for the temporary delay of the grievance process or the limited extension of time frames for good cause with written notice to the complainant and the respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities.

5.1.7. **Range of Possible Sanctions and Remedies.** Following a determination of responsibility, the district may impose disciplinary sanctions and remedies in conformance with this and the district's student discipline policy, and other state and federal laws. Depending upon the circumstances, these policies provide for disciplinary sanctions and remedies up to and including expulsion.

5.1.8. **Range of Supportive Measures**. The range of supportive measures available to complainants and respondents include those listed in subsection 2.7.

5.1.9. **Respect for Privileged Information.** The district will not require, allow, rely upon, or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitute, or seek disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege.

5.2. **Notice of Allegations.**

5.2.1. **Initial Notice.** Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the district will provide the following written notice to the parties who are known:

5.2.1.1. A copy of this policy.

5.2.1.2. Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6, including sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview. Sufficient details include the identities of the parties involved in the incident, if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known. The written notice will include a statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process. The written notice will inform the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, under subsection 5.5.5, and may inspect and review evidence under subsection 5.5.5. The written notice will inform the parties of any provision in the district's code of conduct that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process.

5.2.2. **Supplemental Notice.** If, in the course of an investigation, the district decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the Initial Notice described above, the district will provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known.

5.3. **Dismissal of Formal Complaint.**

5.3.1. The district will investigate the allegations in a formal complaint.

5.3.2. **Mandatory Dismissals.** The district **must** dismiss a format complaint if the conduct alleged in the formal complaint:

5.3.2.1. Would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 even if proved;

5.3.2.2. Did not occur in the district's education program or activity; or

5.3.2.3. Did not occur against a person in the United States.

5.3.3. **Discretionary Dismissals**. The district **may** dismiss the formal complaint or any allegations therein, if at any time during the investigation or hearing:

5.3.3.1. The complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;

5.3.3.2. The respondent is no longer enrolled in or employed by the district; or

5.3.3.3. Specific circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

5.3.4. Upon a dismissal required or permitted pursuant to subsections 5.3.2 or 5.3.3 above, the district will promptly send written notice of the dismissal and an explanation of that action simultaneously to the parties.

5.3.5. Dismissal of a formal complaint under this policy does not preclude the district from taking action under another provision of the district's code of conduct or pursuant to another district policy.

5.4. **Consolidation of Formal Complaints.** The district may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one respondent, or by more than one complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances. Where a grievance process involves more than one complainant or more than one respondent, references in this policy to the singular "party," "complainant," or "respondent" include the plural, as applicable.

5.5. **Investigation of Formal Complaint.** When investigating a formal complaint and throughout the grievance process, the district will:

5.5.1. Designate and authorize one or more persons (which need not be district employees) as investigator(s) to conduct the district's investigation of a formal complaint;

5.5.2. Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rest on the district and not on the parties provided that the district cannot access, consider, disclose, or otherwise use a party's records that are made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional's or paraprofessional's capacity, or assisting in that capacity, and which are made and maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless the district obtains that party's voluntary, written consent to do so for a grievance process under this section (if a party is not an "eligible student," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3, then the district will obtain the voluntary, written consent of a "parent," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3);

5.5.3. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence;

5.5.4. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;

5.5.5. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and not limit the choice or presence of advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding; however, the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties;

5.5.6. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all hearings, investigative

interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate;

5.5.7. Provide both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint, including the evidence upon which the district does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source, so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to conclusion of the investigation. Prior to completion of the investigative report, the district will send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy, and the parties will have at least 10 calendar days to submit a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report; and

5.5.8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 calendar days prior to the time of determination regarding responsibility, send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response.

5.6. **Determination Regarding Responsibility**

5.6.1. **Decision-Maker(s).** The decision-maker(s) cannot be the same person as the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator(s).

5.6.2. **Exchange of Written Questions.** After the district has sent the investigative report to the parties pursuant to subsection 5.5.8, but before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker(s) will afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone

other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. The decision-maker(s) will explain to the party proposing the questions any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

5.6.3. **Written Determination.** The decision-maker(s) will issue a written determination regarding responsibility. To reach this determination, the decision-maker(s) will apply the preponderance of the evidence standard. The written determination will include:

5.6.3.1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6;

5.6.3.2. A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held;

5.6.3.3. Findings of fact supporting the determination;

5.6.3.4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct to the facts;

5.6.3.5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant; and

5.6.3.6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal.

5.6.4. The district will provide the written determination to the parties simultaneously. The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the

district provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.

5.6.5. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies.

5.7. **Appeals**. The district will offer both parties the opportunity to appeal from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, on the grounds identified below.

5.7.1. **Time for Appeal.** Appeals may only be initiated by submitting a written Notice of Appeal to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the respective written determination of responsibility or dismissal from which the appeal is taken. The Notice of Appeal must include (a) the name of the party or parties making the appeal, (b) the determination, dismissal, or portion thereof being appealed, and (c) a concise statement of the specific grounds (from subsection 5.7.2 below) upon which the appeal is based. A party's failure to timely submit a Notice of Appeal will be deemed a waiver of the party's right to appeal under this policy, 34 C.F.R. part, 106, and Title IX.

5.7.2. **Grounds for Appeal.** Appeals from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, are limited to the following grounds:

5.7.2.1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;

5.7.2.2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and

5.7.2.3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the

individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome of the matter.

5.7.3. As to all appeals, the district will:

5.7.3.1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties;

5.7.3.2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is not the same person as the decision-maker(s) that reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator;

5.7.3.3. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal complies with the standards set forth in subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4.

5.7.3.4. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome;

5.7.3.5. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result; and

5.7.3.6. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties.

5.8. **Informal Resolution.** The district will not require as a condition of enrollment or continuing enrollment, or employment or continuing employment, or enjoyment of any other right, waiver of the right to an investigation and adjudication of formal complaints of sexual harassment consistent with this section. Similarly, the district will not require the parties to participate in an informal resolution process under this section and may not offer an informal resolution process unless a formal complaint is filed. However, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility the district may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication, provided that the district:

5.8.1. Provides to the parties a written notice disclosing:

5.8.1.1. The allegations;

5.8.1.2. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations;

5.8.1.3. That at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint; and

5.8.1.4. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared;

5.8.2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process; and

5.8.3. Does not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

5.9. **Recordkeeping**.

5.9.1. The district will maintain for a period of seven years records of:

5.9.1.1. Each sexual harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, and any remedies provided to the complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity;

5.9.1.2. Any appeal and the result therefrom;

5.9.1.3. Any informal resolution and the result therefrom; and

5.9.1.4. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district will make these training materials publicly available on its website, or if the district does not

maintain a website then the district will make these materials available upon request for inspection by members of the public.

5.9.2. For each response required under section 4, the district will create, and maintain for a period of seven years, records of any actions, including any supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment. In each instance, the district will document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. If the district does not provide a complainant with supportive measures, then the district will document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. The documentation of certain bases or measures does not limit the district in the future from providing additional explanations or detailing additional measures taken.

6. **Superintendent Authorized to Contract.** The board authorizes the Superintendent to contract for, designate, and appoint individuals to serve in the roles of the district's investigator(s), decision-maker(s), informal resolution facilitator(s), or appellate decision-maker(s) as contemplated by this policy.

7. **Access to Classes and Schools**.

7.1. **General Standard.** Except as provided in this section or otherwise in 34 C.F.R. part 106, the district will not provide or otherwise carry out any of its education programs or activities separately on the basis of sex, or require or refuse participation therein by any of its students on the basis of sex.

7.1.1. **Contact sports in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit separation of students by sex within physical education classes or activities during participation in wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and other sports the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

7.1.2. **Ability grouping in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit grouping of students in physical

education classes and activities by ability as assessed by objective standards of individual performance developed and applied without regard to sex.

7.1.3. **Human sexuality classes.** Classes or portions of classes that deal primarily with human sexuality may be conducted in separate sessions for boys and girls.

7.1.4. **Choruses.** The district may make requirements based on vocal range or quality that may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one sex.

7.2. **Classes and Extracurricular Activities.** The district may provide nonvocational single-sex classes or extracurricular activities as permitted by 34 C.F.R. part 106.

8. **Athletics.** It is the policy of the district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic, club, or intramural athletics offered by the district, and that the district will not provide any such athletics separately on such basis.

8.1. **Separate Teams.** Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the district may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.

8.2. **Equal opportunity.** The district will provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both sexes. Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams will not constitute noncompliance with this section.

9. **Certain Different Treatment on the Basis of Sex Permitted.** Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the district from treating persons differently on the basis of sex as permitted by Title IX or 34 C.F.R. part 106. For example, and without limiting the foregoing, the district may provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of sex, but such facilities provided for students of one sex shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other sex.

10. **Retaliation Prohibited.** Neither the district nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, 34 C.F.R.

part 106, or this policy, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. The district will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any complainant, any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination, any respondent, and any witness, except as may be permitted by the FERPA statute, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, or FERPA regulations, 34 C.F.R. part 99, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of 34 C.F.R. part 106, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder. Complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to shall be addressed pursuant to Board Policy 2006 (Complaint Procedure).

10.1. **Specific Circumstances**.

10.1.1. The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation prohibited by this section.

10.1.2. Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding under this part does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this section, provided, however, that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a materially false statement in bad faith.

11. **Notification of Policy.** The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the existence of this policy. The requirement to not discriminate, as stated in Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, in the district's education program(s) or activities extends to admission and employment, and inquiries about the application of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education, or both.

12. **Publication of Policy.** The district will prominently display on its website, if any, and in each handbook that it makes available to applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, the name or title,

office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the employee or employees designated as the Title IX Coordinator(s).

13. **Application Outside the United States.** The requirements of this policy apply only to sex discrimination occurring against a person in the United States.

14. **Scope of Policy.** Nothing herein shall be construed to be more demanding or more constraining upon the district than the requirements of Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106. To the extent that the district is in compliance with Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, then all of the district's obligations under this policy shall be deemed to be fulfilled and discharged.

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5012
Testing and Assessment Program

I. Basic Testing and Assessment Program

The school district will use a basic testing and assessment program to evaluate the outcome of the educational program and to provide information needed in working with individuals. The program will be supplemented by such individual and supplementary tests as the needs of the educational program and the district indicate. The superintendent and designees will coordinate the program from Kindergarten through twelfth grade to provide continuity. Teachers are prohibited from engaging in any behavior that adversely affects the validity of test scores as a measure of student achievement. Teachers should consult with relevant board policies and district protocols assessment administration and security.

II. ~~Use and Dissemination of Test Results~~ Accountability Reporting

At the board of education's regular October meeting, or as soon after as a report can be completed, the superintendent of schools or principals shall provide an annual written report as required by NDE Rule 10. The report shall be presented to the board and made available to the public. The report must ~~consisting~~ contain the elements required by Rule 10, including but not limited to: student academic performance as reported to NDE (demographics, achievement, educational input characteristics, as defined in section 005.02 of Rule 10); school system demographics; school improvement goals and progress; and financial information about the school district. ~~of the results of the district's performance program including but not limited to: standardized norm-referenced assessments, criterion-referenced assessments, student performance, school system demographics, financial information, a follow-up study of graduates, and a learning climate survey. This report shall be made available to all patrons of the district.~~ Building level results will be reported only to appropriate staff for review, ~~and~~ goal setting, and intervention as needed.

This report shall not include any individual test scores or assessment, but individual student test scores or assessment results will be reported to the student's parents or legal guardian(s). If the school has fewer than ten students in the grades being reported, or if reporting would allow for the identification of students because they all had comparable scores, no public reports of student performance are provided for those grades.

A comprehensive evaluation of the district shall be conducted at least once every five years using instruments and guides approved by ~~the Department of Education~~ NDE.

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6021
District Criteria for Selecting Evaluators to be Used for Special Education Evaluation and Verification and Independent Educational Evaluations

The following criteria shall be used for selecting evaluators according to 92 Nebraska Administrative Code 51-006.07B:

1. Those in-state service agencies that have approved rates for the current year established by the Nebraska Department of Education. A list of service agencies with approved rates, including state agencies, individual providers, and in-state providers may be found at https://www.education.ne.gov/sped/service-agencies/.

2. Those Nebraska providers located within 200 miles of the building of the district where the child attends when driving by ordinary public roadways.

3. Evaluations must consider the educational, health, or other student records of the student provided by the district. The parents, guardians, or age-appropriate student must provide any required consent to the disclosure of these records unless disclosure is already authorized by state and federal law.

4. Evaluations must be provided to the district, including all educational, health, student, or other records created as part of or relied upon to complete the evaluation. The parents, guardians, or age-appropriate student must provide any required consent to the disclosure of these records unless disclosure is already authorized by state and federal law.

5. Evaluations must be conducted by a provider that is authorized, available, and willing to discuss, confer, or otherwise cooperate with the district regarding the evaluation, its results, or any other information related to the evaluation. Such cooperation may include reasonable participation in, or the submission of additional reports or information to, an IEP, MDT, or SAT team. Evaluators must make available to the district any documents or records created in relation to the evaluation, including evaluation and assessment protocols and responses, when the district determines in its sole discretion that such documentation is necessary in order to permit meaningful parental participation. The parents, guardians, or age-appropriate student must provide any required consent to the disclosure of these records or information unless disclosure is already authorized by state and federal law.

6. Evaluations must be sufficiently comprehensive for the evaluator to submit to the district a report that specifically details whether the student should be considered eligible for special education and related services, the nature of special education and related services recommended to accommodate the student's suspected disability, and the particular facts or findings underlying the evaluator's conclusions. This report must be submitted to the district within 45 days after the conclusion of the evaluation.

7. Evaluations must meet the then-current state standards for reliability, research-based processes, and educational or professional best practices.

8. Reimbursement to any evaluator chosen in conformance with this policy shall not exceed the cost that would be charged by the school district's contracted providers for the same or substantially similar evaluation.

All special education evaluations, including those independently obtained at the district's expense, must be obtained in a manner consistent with the criteria set forth above, unless state or federal law requires waiver of one or more criteria in order to accommodate unique circumstances.

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WELCOME

Dear Students and Parents:

On behalf of the faculty, administration, and board of education, we welcome you to another school year. We are looking forward to helping your children reach their learning potential and achieve their educational goals in the upcoming year.

Please read this handbook carefully. Students and their parents are responsible for knowing the rules, regulations, and procedures covered in this handbook. The student handbook is an extension of school policies and has the force and effect of board policy when approved by the board of education.

There are several forms at the end of this handbook. Copies will be sent home on the first day of school that you must read, sign, and return no later than Monday, August 23, 2022.

This handbook contains information of value to every student and parent. It contains explanations of school regulations and procedures necessary for our school to run smoothly and efficiently. If you are ever in doubt about what is the right thing to do, ask a classroom teacher or speak with the building principal.

Sincerely,
Jodi Fierstein
Elementary Principal

INTENT OF HANDBOOK

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, and staff as a guide to the rules, procedures, and general information about this school district. Students and their parents must become familiar with the handbook, and parents should use it as a resource and assist their children in following the rules contained in it. The use of the word “parents” refers to any adult who has the responsibility for making education-related decisions about a child, including, but not limited to biological parents, adoptive parents, legal guardians, and adults acting in loco parentis.

Although the information in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, it is not intended to be all-encompassing or to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during a school day or school year. This handbook does not create a “contract” with parents, students, or staff, and the administration may make decisions and rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well-being of all students. The administration is responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. If a situation or circumstance arises that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based on applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Name:	Marty Kobza
Title:	Superintendent
Address:	601 West 8th Street
Telephone:	402-879-3257 ext. 127
E-mail:	mkobza@superiorwildcats.org

For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, visit http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area or call 1-800-421-3481. For additional prohibited discrimination and related information, please review school district Policy 3053 – Nondiscrimination.

NO DISCRIMINACIÓN EN PROGRAMAS EDUCATIVOS Y ACTIVIDADES

Las escuelas públicas superiores no discrimina en base de raza, color, origen nacional, género, edad, discapacidad, estado civil, o basado en dichas clases protegidas, en la admisión o acceso, o tratamiento de empleo o programas educativos y actividades. Cualquier persona que tenga información o consultas con respecto a cualquier tal discriminación es dirigida en contacto con el Superintendente en la escritura en las escuelas públicas superiores, POB 288, Superior, NE 68978 o por teléfono al (402) 879-3257 ext 127. Cualquier persona puede comunicarse también con el Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education: por correo electrónico a OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov; por teléfono al (816) 268-0550; o por fax al (816) 268-0599, con respecto a las quejas de discriminación basado en raza, color, origen nacional, género, edad, discapacidad así como quejas relativas a la denegación del acceso o la otra discriminación contra Boys Scouts o de otros grupos juveniles.

Puede contactar a cualquier persona que tenga preguntas acerca de las escuelas públicas superiores cumplimiento de título II, título IV, Título IX y la sección 504:

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Superior Public Schools is to provide a student-centered environment that ensures personal success by developing resilient, healthy, productive citizens through partnerships with families and the community.

CHILD FIND

Superior Public School has the responsibility to identify, locate, and evaluate all children (birth through age 21) with disabilities and in need of special education related services, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. If you have questions or concerns about a child, please contact the Superintendent of Schools or Elementary School Principal (879-3257) concerning the district's special education referral process.

SECTION ONE
BASIC SCHOOL RULES AND GENERAL PRACTICES

Accidents

A report is to be filed with the building principal of all accidents involving teachers and/or students. All accidents, including vehicular accidents, in which teachers are involved while performing services for the school district shall be immediately reported to the Superintendent.

Annual Health Screening Information

An annual health screening of students will be completed by the school nurse. This includes a measure of height and weight, oral screening for severe cavities and deformities, observation of and personal instruction on cleanliness. Grades K-5, 8, 10, and new students are given a farsighted vision screening and hearing screening. Kindergarten students will do a color vision test. Other students may be screened when a staff member or parent requests. Parents will be notified if their student does not pass the screening checks. Significant health information will be shared with appropriate staff.

Blood pressure screening is routinely done for grades 3,5,8,10 and 12. The nurse will also take BP readings on students as they request and as time permits. The nurse uses pediatric equipment for the appropriate ages and size of the child. The BP readings are compared to the percentile at risk chart established by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Any reading in the 90th percentile or above will be rechecked twice. If the BP continues in the 90th percentile or above, a note will be sent to the parents.

Scoliosis is a side-to-side curvature of the spine and early diagnosis is essential to allow for simple treatment. Treatment delayed beyond the growth years may limit their physical abilities. Progressive scoliosis will cause serious health complications later on if not treated. Parents will be notified if their child has any symptoms of a possible curvature. A diagnostic evaluation is recommended by the

physician of your choice, and may involve a series of exams through the rapid growth years. Grade 5 is screened for scoliosis.

Health screenings will be conducted according to the DHHS Rules and regulations. If any parent wishes to object to any routine school screening of their student, they need to send a written statement within one week. However, parents are advised that they may be required to provide a medical exam report in place of allowing a health screening.

Attendance

Attendance Philosophy

The philosophy of Superior Schools is that student attendance is necessary for the proper education of the youth. Thus, regular attendance strengthens the student's educational growth and well-being. Students cannot contribute to, or gain from, the discussions in class unless they are in attendance.

Required Attendance

Every person residing in the school district who has legal or actual charge or control of any child who is of mandatory attendance age shall cause that child to attend a public or private school regularly unless the child has graduated from high school or has been allowed to disenroll pursuant to this policy.

Mandatory Attendance Age

All children who are or will turn six years old before January 1 of the current school year are of mandatory attendance age. Children who have not turned eighteen years of age are of mandatory attendance age.

Exceptions

This policy does not apply when temporary illness or severe weather conditions make attendance impossible or impracticable.

A child who will not reach age 7 before January 1 of the current school year may be excused from mandatory attendance if the child's parent or guardian completes an affidavit affirming that alternative educational arrangements have been made for the child.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 5 Year Old Students

The person seeking to discontinue the enrollment of a student who will not reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the current school year shall submit a signed, written request to the superintendent using the form which can be obtained from the school office. The school district may request written verification or documentation that the person signing the form has legal or actual charge or control of the student. The school district shall discontinue the enrollment of any student who satisfies these requirements. Any student whose enrollment is discontinued under this subsection shall not be eligible to reenroll in this school district until the beginning of the following school year unless otherwise required by law.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 16 and 17 Year Old Students

Only children who are at least 16 years of age may be disenrolled from the district. The person seeking to discontinue the child's enrollment shall submit a signed, written request and submit it to the superintendent using the form which is attached to this policy. The district will follow the procedures outlined on the attached form in considering requests to disenroll.

Only children disenrolling to attend a non-accredited school may be exempt from this policy. The person with legal or actual charge or control of the child must provide the superintendent with a copy of the signed request submitted to the State Department of Education for attending non-accredited schools. The superintendent may confirm the validity of the submission with the State Department of Education.

Attendance Officer

Each building principal is designated as an attendance officer for the district. Each building principal, at his or her discretion, may delegate these responsibilities to any other qualified individual. The attendance officer is responsible for enforcing the provisions of state law relating to compulsory attendance. This responsibility includes but is not limited to filing a report with the county attorney of the county in which a student resides. Compensation for the duties of attendance officer is included in the salary for the superintendent or designee.

Excused Absences and Make-Up Privileges

The following absences will be considered excused if they are confirmed by communication to the school from the student's parent/guardian:

1. Physical or mental illness of the student (a physician's verification is required after four (4) consecutive days of absence for illness).
2. Death or serious illness of the student's family member.
3. Attending a funeral, wedding, or graduation.
4. Observance of religious holidays of the student's own faith.
5. Personal or family vacations.
6. Medical appointments for the student.
7. Severe weather.
8. Appearance at court or for other legal matters.
9. Absences excused at the discretion of the Building Principal.

In order to ensure an absence is excused, and make-up privileges granted, the student must:

1. Have their parent/legal guardian call the office requesting an excused absence prior to the day of the absence.
2. In cases of student illness, **the office must be notified between 8:00-9:00 A.M. of the morning the student is absent due to illness.**

Participation in a school-sponsored activity is **not** considered an absence from school. Students should contact teachers for make-up work prior to leaving for the activity.

Students who, after being in attendance at school, find he/she must leave school, must obtain permission from the office in order to earn an excused absence and make-up privileges.

If, for some reason, it is impossible to notify the office prior to a student's absence, the parents may request a meeting with the principal in order to present reasons why the office was not notified pursuant to this policy. If the reasons are acceptable, make-up privileges will be granted to the student.

Parents who know in advance that a student will be absent must call the school at the earliest possible date. Students who will be absent for reasons that can be anticipated, such as routine medical appointments and school activities, must complete any work required by the teacher before the absence. Parents should make every attempt to schedule medical and other appointments after school hours when possible.

Make-up Work

Students with excused absences, as defined above, will have **two (2) days** for each day absent to make up the assignments missed due to the excused absence. For example, a student with two consecutive days of excused absence will have four (4) days to make up work for all classes, starting with the day they return to school.

Upon their return to school, students must contact all teachers to determine what make-up work must be completed.

Unexcused Absences

All other absences are unexcused unless the student was given prior approval by the principal. ~~Students may not be permitted to make-up work missed due to an unexcused absence. For each assignment missed due to an unexcused absence, the student may receive a grade of zero (0) which will be averaged with the other grades for that grading period.~~

Excessive Absenteeism-Excused

In the case of habitual excused absences the classroom teacher will contact the parent to discuss the concern. If absences continue to occur, the principal will contact the parent for further discussion. If a solution is not found then a report will be made to the Department of Health and Human Services for Educational Neglect.

Excessive Absenteeism-Unexcused

When a student receives 5 unexcused absences or the hourly equivalent in any semester, the Attendance Officer will follow the attached procedure for addressing barriers to the student's attendance.

When a student is absent more than twenty days per year or the hourly equivalent and any portion of the absences is unexcused, the Attendance Officer may/must file a report with the county attorney of the county in which the student resides. For example, if the student accumulates 23 days of excused absences due to documented illness and is tardy one time, The Attendance Officer may file a report with the appropriate county attorney.

~~A student may miss a total of **five (5) days per quarter.** This number is inclusive of both excused and unexcused absences; however, absences resulting from the participation in school activities do not count towards the limit of five. An absence that would place the student above the limit of five and is due to a funeral may be granted at the discretion of the Administration. Students absent due to a funeral should make arrangements with the Administration prior to the absence if possible.~~

~~Parents of students who miss more than five (5) days per quarter will be notified in writing and will be scheduled to meet with the Principal to discuss the attendance problem. **A report may be filed with the County Attorney if the parent/guardian refuses to meet with the administration and the attendance problem continues.** In the event of repeated violations of the attendance laws, no written notice shall be required and a complaint may be filed at once.~~

~~Make-Up Time~~

~~Each case of excessive absenteeism will be judged based on its own merits. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, the student exhibiting excessive absenteeism will be required to make up time in the office . **This period of time will be 3:35-4:00 P.M. for a period of five days for each absence in excess of the 10 permitted per semester.** Failure to serve make-up time may result in an in-school suspension. All make-up time must be completed outside of the regular school day. Students not completing the necessary make-up time by the designated due date will not receive credit for the semester.~~

Start of School Day

Students are expected to arrive at school no earlier than 15 to 20 minutes prior to the first class or school program in which they are participating. **Prior to that time, the school is not responsible for the supervision of students.**

Students will be dismissed at the end of the last period of the school day, unless other circumstances dictate otherwise (early dismissal, detention, etc.). Unless participating in a school sponsored activity, upon dismissal students must leave the school grounds and proceed home or to a previously designated location. **The school is not responsible for supervision of students once the students are to have left school grounds.**

Students who are tardy at the beginning of the school day must report to the office before entering their classroom. The office will determine whether the tardy is excused or unexcused.

Tardiness

In the case of habitual tardiness ~~will result in a penalty for the student.~~ the classroom teacher will contact the parent to discuss the concern. If tardiness continues, the principal will contact the parent for further discussion. If a solution is not found then a report will be made to the Department of Health and Human Services for Educational Neglect.

Bills

Students should pay bills for supplies, fines, shop materials, clothing orders, etc. in the school bookkeeper's office. Any check for these payments should be made out to Superior Public Schools unless otherwise instructed. Pursuant to board policy, the district will assess an additional penalty of $30 for any check returned from the bank for insufficient funds. Report cards will not be delivered until all due bills have been paid.

Book Bags

Book bags will not be allowed in classrooms or hallways during the school day. Students may use book bags to carry books to and from school, but the book bags should be stored in their locker during the school day. This guideline is in place for the safety of students, teachers, and staff.

Books and Supplies

Students must take care of books and other supplies provided by the district. The school will assess fines for damage to books and school property.

Students may supply their own consumable items such as pens, pencils, tablets, notebooks, erasers, and crayons. Each classroom teacher will prepare a supply list for students at the beginning of the school year. If parents are unable to provide the consumable supplies for their child, they may contact the building principal for assistance.

Breakfast and Lunch Periods

Students living in town and eating breakfast at school must be transported by parents to breakfast. There is **no** shuttle bus to breakfast. Parents should drop off breakfast students at the main entrance of the Jr./Sr. High School. This entrance is located by the flagpole on the north side of the building. Students eating breakfast at school should be dropped off between 7:40 A.M. and 7:50 A.M. Students will walk directly into the cafeteria for breakfast. Students may bring their own breakfast or use the regular breakfast menu.

Students may not leave the building without permission from the administration. The campus is closed for all students. Students will not leave the school grounds during the lunch period. Students may bring their own breakfast/lunch or use the regular school menu. No pop, candy, or commercial foods can be brought to the school or purchased from the vending machines a half hour before and after the scheduled breakfast/lunch periods.

Students who bring their own lunch may purchase milk to go with their lunch. Pop should not be brought to school in sack lunches. Parents are always welcome to eat with their students at school, simply let the school know in advance by calling the office. Students may be allowed to eat at home on some occasions with written permission from their parent and approval from the building principal.

Bulletin Boards

Posters or fliers must be approved by the principal's office before being placed on bulletin boards or walls. Students who obtain permission to place posters are responsible for removing them at the conclusion of their importance.

Bullying

Students are prohibited from engaging in any form of bullying. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines bullying as "any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths who are not siblings or current dating partners that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated." Nebraska statue defines bullying as "an ongoing pattern of physical, verbal or electronic abuse." The District's administrators will consider these definitions when determining whether any specific situation constitutes bullying. Both of these definitions include both in-person and cyberbullying behaviors.

The disciplinary consequences for bullying will depend on the severity, frequency, duration, and effect of the behavior and may result in sanctions up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Reporting Bullying

Students who experience or observe bullying behavior must immediately report what happened to a teacher or administrator. Students can use the district's anonymous platform, Safe2Help Nebfraska, to make this report. Students may always confer with their parents or guardians about bullying they experience or witness, but the students must also ultimately report the situation to a teacher or administrator.

Bullying Investigations

School district staff will investigate allegations of bullying using the same practices and procedures that the district observes for student disciplinary matters. In no circumstance will school district staff be deliberately indifferent to allegations of bullying.

Cafeteria Rules

1. Respect others at all times.
2. No exchanging of food and/or drink.
3. No playing with food.
4. No pop or candy should be brought in sack lunches.
5. Students are to use proper manners including eating quietly.
6. There will be no throwing of food or other items.
7. Students should remain at their tables until they are dismissed.
8. Students should stay in line while waiting for food and while being dismissed.
9. Students should keep their hands and feet away from others.
10. Students must treat lunch personnel with respect.
11. Students who violate the above rules will be disciplined.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Regulations on Use

1. Elementary students, grades PK-5, are prohibited from using cell phones and other electronic devices while at school, except as provided in this policy.
2. Elementary students may use cell phones and other electronic devices on school sidewalks and in the common areas of the school before and after school, so long as they do not create a distraction or disruption. Students may not have cell phones and electronic devices while they are in locker rooms, classrooms, or restrooms.
3. Students must keep their cell phones and electronic devices in their lockers during school hours.
4. Elementary students may not use cell phones and electronic devices while riding in school vehicles unless they have express permission to do so from the driver of the vehicle.
5. Elementary students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones and other electronic devices. The district is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to cell phones or other electronic devices.
6. Elementary students who violate this policy will have their cell phones and other electronic devices confiscated immediately. The administration will return confiscated electronic devices to the offending student's parent or guardian after a meeting to discuss the violation.

Violations

1. Prohibited Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices: Students shall not use cell phones and other electronic devices for:

a. activities which disrupt the educational environment;
b. illegal activities;
c. unethical activities, such as cheating on assignments or tests;
d. immoral or pornographic activities;
e. activities in violation of Board or school policies and procedures relating to student conduct and harassment;
f. recording the image or voice of another person, without the express permission of the person recorded, while on school grounds, at a school activity, or in a school vehicle, other than the recording of persons participating in school activities open to the public;
g. failing to promptly delete any recording or image in violation of this policy;
h. "sexting", or while on school grounds or at a school activity having any "sexting" message on their electronic devices regardless of when the message was received; or
I. activities that invade the privacy of others.

Any prohibited uses will be dealt with as serious school violations, and immediate and appropriate disciplinary action will be imposed, up to suspension and expulsion from school.

The taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise may constitute a crime under state ad/or federal law. Any person engaged in these activities while on school grounds, in a school vehicle or at a school activity will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the student code of conduct. Any student found to be in posission of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal impages or photoraphs will be promptly referred to law enforcement and/or other tate or federal agencies, which may result in arrest, criminal prosecution, and possible inclusion on sex offender registries.

Violations of federal or state laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the Nebraska Child Protection Act or the Nebraska Child Pornography Prevention Act shall be reported to appropriate legal authorities and law enforcement.

Cheating, Plagiarism, and Academic Dishonestly

Students may not cheat, plagiarize, or otherwise participate in any academic dishonesty in any form. Prohibited behavior includes:

• Obtaining, attempting to obtain, or aiding another person to obtain credit for work by any dishonest or deceptive means.
• Lying
• Copying another person's work or answers
• Discussing the answers or questions on a test or assignment unless specifically authorized by the teacher
• Taking or receiving copies of a test without the permission of the teacher.
• Using or displaying notes, "cheat sheets," or other sources of unauthorized information.
• Using the ideas or work of another person as if they were your own without giving proper credit to the source.
• Submitting work or any other portion of work completed by another person.
• Failing to give credit for ideas, statements, facts, or conclusions which rightfully belong to another person.

• Failing to use quotation marks or other appropriate means of attribution when quoting directly from another person or source.

A student who cheats, plagiarizes, or otherwise participates in any academic dishonesty is subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion.

Child Abuse and Neglect

School employees will report suspected abuse or neglect of a child as required by state law and school policy. Nebraska law defines abuse or neglect as knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causing or permitting a minor child or an incompetent or disabled person to be (1) placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical or mental health; (2) cruelly confined or cruelly punished; (3) deprived of necessary food, clothing, shelter or care; (4) left unattended in a motor vehicle, if such child is six years of age or younger; or (5) sexually abused; (6) placed in a situation to be sexually exploited through sex trafficking of a minor as defined in state law or by allowing, encouraging, or forcing such person to engage in debauchery, public indecency, or obscene or pornographic photography, films, or depictions; or (7) placed in a situation to be a trafficking victim as defined in state law.

Closed Campus

No elementary student may leave school grounds alone during the school day. Any parent who wants to pick up a child during the school day, no matter what the purpose, must come to the school office to do so. We reserve the right **not** to release the child to anyone other than the custodial parent. In cases of doubt, we phone the custodial parent to confirm that someone else is authorized to pick up the child.

Communicable Diseases

Any student who has contracted a contagious disease may be restricted from attendance at school until the student is no longer contagious. The school district uses the Title 173- Nebraska Health and Human Services/Control of Communicable Disease, Chapter 3 of the Nebraska Administrative Code as a "best practice" guideline for contagious and infectious diseases. If there are questions regarding the communicability of your child's health condition or if you know your child has contracted a contagious or communicable disease or condition not otherwise specified in board policy or this handbook, please call Megan McMeen (school nurse) 879-3257 ext. 157 or Jodi Fierstein (Elementary Principal) 879-3257 ext 225.

In order to return to school after a communicable or infectious disease, the student must be suitably healthy and no longer be contagious. The following standards reflect general guidance in regards to various infections:

Chicken pox	After all lesions are scabbed over and dry
Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	After there is no discharge, or redness and eye is comfortable. Consulting with a doctor is encouraged.
Enteriobiasis (Pinworms)	After treatment is given. Essential to practice good hand washing.
Fifth Disease	No fever and Doctor's written permission

Impetigo	After treatment is started and lesions brought under control. Essential to practice good hygiene. When control is questionable a Doctor's written permission will be required.
Influenza/Common Cold	After fever is normal for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms subsiding.
Hand, Foot and Mouth	After fever is normal for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms (sore throat, blisters on hands/feet/mouth) subsiding.
Head Lice	**Students should be treated and nits removed before returning to school.** Students will isolate personal articles if 3 or more cases occur within one week in a homeroom. Further information on page 29 of this handbook.
Ringworm	After treatment is instituted. Essential to practice good hygiene. Encourage consulting with a physician.
Scabies	24 hours after treatment is started & Doctor's written permission.
Streptococcal Infection	24-48 hours after treatment started and symptoms have subsided. Encourage consulting physician. (Scarlet Fever, Scarlatina, Strep Throat, etc.)
All others	Doctor's written permission and following exclusion periods recommended by NE Dept of Health.

Communicating with Parents

Parents shall be kept informed of student progress, grades, and attendance through report cards, progress reports, and parent/teacher conferences. The school district will notify parents if their students are failing or close to failing. The school district will endeavor to notify parents of failing students prior to entry of the failing grade on the student's report card. Parents will also be notified of their student's possible failure to meet graduation requirements. Other pertinent information will be communicated to parents by mail or by personal contact. Official transcripts of student progress, grades, and attendance will be sent to other school systems upon the student's transfer when the district receives a written request signed by the student's parent or guardian or upon being notified that the student has enrolled in another school.

Complaint Procedure

Good communication helps to resolve many misunderstandings and disagreements. This complaint procedure applies to board members, patrons, students and school staff, unless the staff member is subject to a different grievance procedure pursuant to policy or contract. Individuals who have a complaint should discuss their concerns with appropriate school personnel in an effort to resolve problems. When such efforts do not resolve matters satisfactorily, including matters involving

discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age, a complainant should follow the procedures set forth below:

A preponderance of the evidence will be required to discipline a party accused of misconduct. This means that the investigator must conclude that it is more likely than not that misconduct occurred.

Complaint and Appeal Process

1. The first step is for the complainant to speak directly to the person(s) with whom the complainant has a concern. For example, a parent who is unhappy with a classroom teacher should initially discuss the matter with the teacher. However, the complainant should skip the first step if complainant believes speaking directly to the person would subject complainant to discrimination or harassment.

2. The second step is for the complainant to speak to the building principal, Title IX/504 coordinator, superintendent of schools, or president of the board of education, as set forth below.
    a) Complaints about the operation, decisions, or personnel within a building should be submitted to the principal of the building
    b) Complaints about the operations of the school district or a building principal should be submitted in writing to the superintendent of schools.
    c) Complaints about the superintendent of schools should be submitted in writing to the president of the board of education.
    d) Complaints involving discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age may also be submitted, at any time during the complaint procedure to the School District's Title IX/504 coordinator. Complaints involving discrimination or harassment may also be submitted at any time to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education: by email at OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov; by telephone at (816) 268-0550; or by fax at (816) 268-0599.

3. When a complainant submits a complaint to an administrator or to the Title IX/504 coordinator, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator shall promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint, and shall:
    a) Determine whether the complainant has discussed the matter with the staff member involved.
        1) If the complainant has not, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator will urge the complainant to discuss the matter directly with that staff member, if appropriate.
        2) If the complainant refuses to discuss the matter with the staff member, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine whether the complaint should be pursued further.
    b) Strongly encourage the complainant to reduce his or her concerns to writing.
    c) Interview the complainant to determine:
        1) All relevant details of the complaint;
        2) All witnesses and documents which the complainant believes support the complaint;
        3) The action or solution, which the complainant seeks.

d) Respond to the complainant. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the response shall be in writing and shall be submitted within 180 days after the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator received the complaint.

4. If either the complainant or the accused party is not satisfied with the administrator's or the Title IX/504 coordinator's decision regarding a complaint, he or she may appeal the decision to the superintendent.

a) This appeal must be in writing.

b) This appeal must be received by the superintendent no later than ten (10) business days from the date the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator communicated his/her decision to the complainant.

c) The superintendent will investigate as he or she deems appropriate. However, all matters involving discrimination or harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated.

d) Upon completion of this investigation, the superintendent will inform the complainant in writing of his or her decision. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the superintendent shall submit the decision within 180 days after the superintendent received complainant's written appeal.

5. If either the complainant or the accused party is not satisfied with the superintendent's decision regarding a complaint, he or she may appeal the decision to the board.

a) This appeal must be in writing.

b) This appeal must be received by the board president no later than ten (10) business days from the date the superintendent communicated his/her decision to the complainant.

c) This policy allows, but does not require the board to receive statements from interested parties and witnesses relevant to the complaint appeal. However, all matters involving discrimination or harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated.

d) The board will notify the complainant in writing of its decision. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the board shall submit its decision within 180 days after it received complainant's written appeal.

e) There is no appeal from a decision of the board.

6. When a formal complaint about the superintendent of schools has been filed with the president of the board, the president shall promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint, and shall:

a) Determine whether the complainant has discussed the matter with the superintendent.

1) If the complainant has not, the board president will urge the complainant to discuss the matter directly with the superintendent, if appropriate.

2) If the complainant refuses to discuss the matter with the superintendent, the board president shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine whether the complaint should be pursued further.

b) Strongly encourage the complainant to reduce his or her concerns to writing.

c) Determine, in his or her sole discretion, whether to place the matter on the board agenda for consideration at a regular or special meeting.

d) Respond to the complainant. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the response shall be in writing and shall be submitted within 180 days after the president received the complaint.

No Retaliation. The school district prohibits retaliation against any person for filing a complaint or for participating in the complaint procedure in good faith.

Special Rules Regarding Educational Services and Related Services to Students with Disabilities.

Students with disabilities and their families have specific rights outlined in state and federal law, including administrative processes by which they may challenge the educational services being provided by the school district. Therefore, the appeal process contained in this policy may not be used to challenge decisions made by a student's individualized education plan (IEP) team or 504 team.

Complaints about the educational services provided a student with a disability, including but not limited to services provided to a student with an IEP, access to curricular and extracurricular activities, and educational placement must be submitted to the school district's Director of Special Education. The Director of Special Education will address the complaint in a manner that he/she deems appropriate and will provide the complainant with a copy of the Notice of IDEA Parental Rights promulgated by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Complaints about the educational services provided a student with a disability pursuant to a Section 504 plan must be submitted to the school district's 504 Coordinator. The 504 Coordinator will address the complaint in a manner that he/she deems appropriate and will provide the complainant with a copy of the Notice of Section 504 Parental Rights adopted by the board of education.

Complaints about the educational services provided to a student who is suspected of having a disability must be submitted in writing to the school district's Director of Special Education or to the district's 504 Coordinator. The Director of Special Education or 504 Coordinator will either refer the student for possible verification as a student with a disability or will provide prior written notice of the district's refusal to do so.

Bad Faith or Serial Filings. The purpose of the complaint procedure is to resolve complaints at the lowest level possible within the chain of command. Complaints filed (a) without a good faith intention to attempt to resolve the issues raised; (b) for the purpose of adding administrative burden; (c) at a volume unreasonable to expect satisfactory resolution; or (d) for purposes inconsistent with the efficient operations of the district may be dismissed by the superintendent without providing final resolution other than noting the dismissal. There is no appeal from dismissal made pursuant to this section.

Computer Network Use by Students

Students are expected to use computers and the Internet as an educational resource. The following procedures and guidelines govern the use of computers and the Internet at school.

I. **Student Expectations in the Use of the Internet**

A. **Acceptable Use**

1. Students may use the Internet to conduct research assigned by teachers.

2. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for classroom projects.

3. Students may use the Internet to gain access to information about current events.

4. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for school-related activities.

5. Students may use the Internet for appropriate educational purposes.

B. **Unacceptable Use**

1. Students shall not use school computers to gain access to material that is obscene, pornographic, harmful to minors, or otherwise inappropriate for educational uses.

2. Students shall not engage in any illegal or inappropriate activities on school computers, including the downloading and copying of copyrighted material.

3. Students shall not use email, chat rooms, instant messaging, or other forms of direct electronic communications on school computers for any unauthorized or unlawful purpose or in violation of any school policy or directive.

4. Students shall not use school computers to participate in on-line auctions, on-line gaming or mp3 sharing systems including, but not limited to Aimster or Freenet and the like.

5. Students shall not disclose personal information, such as their names, school, addresses, or telephone numbers outside the school network.

6. Students shall not use school computers for commercial advertising or political advocacy of any kind without the express written permission of the system administrator.

7. Students shall not publish web pages that claim to represent the school district or the work of students at the school district without the express written permission of the system administrator.

8. Students shall not erase, rename or make unusable anyone else's computer files, programs or disks.

9. Students shall not share their passwords with fellow students, school volunteers or any other individuals, and shall not use, or try to discover, another user's password.

10. Students shall not copy, change or transfer any software or documentation provided by the school district, teachers or another student without permission from the system administrator.

11. Students shall not write, produce, generate, copy, propagate or attempt to introduce any computer code designed to self-replicate, damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of any computer's memory, file system, or software. Such software is often called, but is not limited to, a bug, virus, worm, or Trojan Horse.

12. Students shall not configure or troubleshoot computers, networks, printers or other associated equipment, except as directed by a teacher or the system administrator.

13. Students shall not take home technology equipment (hardware or software) without permission of the system administrator.

14. Students shall not falsify electronic mail messages or web pages.

II. **Enforcement**

A. Methods of Enforcement

1. The district monitors all Internet communications, Internet usage and patterns of Internet usage. Students have no right of privacy to any Internet communications or other electronic files. The computer system is owned by the school district. As with any school property, any electronic files on the system are subject to search and inspection at any time.

2. The school district uses a technology protection measure that blocks access to some Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policy of the school district. Standard use of the Internet utilizes a proxy server-based filter that screens for non-curriculum related pages.

3. Due to the nature of filtering technology, the filter may at times filter pages that are appropriate for student research. The system administrator may override the technology protection measure for the student to access a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked.

4. The school district staff will monitor students' use of the Internet through direct supervision and by monitoring Internet use history to ensure enforcement of the policy.

B. Consequences for Violation of this Policy

1. Access to the school's computer system and to the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Any violation of school policy and rules may result in:

   a. Loss of computer privileges;

   b. Short-term suspension;

   c. Long-term suspension or expulsion in accordance with the Nebraska Student Discipline Act; and

   d. Other discipline as school administration and the school board deem appropriate.

2. Students who use school computer systems without permission and for non-school purposes may be guilty of a criminal violation and will be prosecuted.

III. **Protection of Students**

A. **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)**

1. The school will not allow companies to collect personal information from children under 13 for commercial purposes. The school will make reasonable efforts to disable advertising in educational computer applications.

2. This policy allows the school to act as an agent for parents in the collection of information within the school context. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes.

B. **Education About Appropriate On-Line Behavior**

1. School district staff will educate students about appropriate online behavior, both in specific computer usage units and in the general curriculum.

2. Staff will specifically educate students on

   a. Appropriate interactions with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms.

   b. cyberbullying awareness and response.

3. The School District's technology coordinator shall inform staff of this educational obligation and shall keep records of the instruction which occurs in compliance with this policy

Conferences

Students' academic success has been closely linked to parental involvement in school. The school district has formal parent-teacher conferences during the first and third quarters. When the teachers and the principal deem them necessary, additional conferences will be scheduled with parents on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to formal conferences, classroom teachers will communicate with parents as necessary. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their student's teacher or the building principal to discuss parental concerns, student needs or any other issue.

Copyright and Fair Use

The school district complies with federal copyright laws. Students must comply with copyright laws when using school equipment or working on school projects and assignments. Federal law prohibits the unauthorized reproduction of works of authorship, regardless of the medium in which they were created.

The "fair use" doctrine allows limited reproduction of copyrighted works for educational and research purposes. "Fair use" of a copyrighted work includes reproduction for purposes such as criticism, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research. Students who are unsure whether their proposed reproduction of copyrighted material constitutes "fair use" should consult with their teacher or building principal, review the school district's copyright compliance policy, and review *Copyright for Students* found at https://www.whoishostingthis.com/resources/student-copyright/. You can find more information on copyright compliance requirements and permitted uses from the U.S. Copyright Office and the Library of Congress at the following site: http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/copyright.html.

Contact Information

Parents must supply the school with their student's address and telephone number as well as information about how to reach a responsible adult during the school day. Students will be sent home with an emergency contact form at the beginning of the school year or when they register for classes. The purpose of this contact form is to provide the aforementioned information and to ensure the school maintains accurate contact information that may be used in the event of an emergency. Parents must promptly inform the school if this contact information changes during the school year.

Damage to School Property

Students who damage school property either intentionally or unintentionally may be required to pay to replace or restore the property, at the discretion of the administration.

Dating Violence

Dating violence, as that term is defined by Nebraska law, will not be tolerated by the school district. Students who engage in dating violence on school grounds, in a school vehicle, at a school activity or that otherwise violates the Nebraska Student Discipline Act will receive consequences consistent with the Act and the district's student discipline policies.

Dating violence training shall be provided to staff deemed appropriate by the administration and in accordance with Nebraska Law.

Discrimination and Harassment

The school district prohibits discrimination and harassment based upon or related to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, marital status, disability, age or any other unlawful basis that (1) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school environment, (2) has the

purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's school performance, or (3) otherwise adversely affects a student's school opportunities. Students who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their disability should contact the following Section 504 Coordinator: Marty Kobza, Supt. at (402-879-3257 ext.127), mkobza@superiorwildcats.org or in person at school. Students who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their sex should contact the following Title IX Coordinator: Marty Kobza at Superior Public Schools (402-879-3257 ext. 127), mkobza@superiorwildcats.org, 601 West 8th Street, Superior NE 68978 or in person at school. Students who believe that they have been the subject of any other unlawful discrimination or harassment should contact Jodi Fierstein, Elementary Principal at Superior Elementary School (402-879-3257 ext 225), jfierstein@superiorwildcats.org or in person at school. Students may report discrimination or harassment to any staff member who will then forward it on to the appropriate coordinator or administrator. The staff member will follow school district policies to respond to the report.

Dress and Appearance

The dress of students attending the Superior Public School District is the responsibility of parents. Inappropriate dress by students is dress that interferes with the educational process of the school.

All students are expected to take pride in their personal appearance. Students should be clean, neat, and dressed in proper clothing to conform to educational standards. The attires should not disrupt the educational process or constitute a possible threat to the safety and health of the student or his peers. Decency and modesty should prevail. By regulation, the administration may establish specific attire that is prohibited.

The following are examples of unacceptable school attire:

1. Spaghetti strap tops
2. Clothing that does not properly and adequately cover the student's body. For example, bare midriff clothing, extremely tight shorts, shorts that expose the buttocks, etc.
3. Pants or shorts worn below the waist.
4. Exposed undergarments such as sports bras, underwear, etc.
5. Jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, etc.) that may pose a safety hazard.
6. Headwear, such as caps/hats/bandanas in school buildings during the school day.
7. Attire that advertises, promotes, or makes reference to drugs, alcohol, violence, tobacco, profanity, or sexual acts.
8. Flip flop sandals.

The school dress code will be in effect during the school hours and during school activities unless students are given permission by the principal to wear something different. The Principal or Superintendent will have authority to make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of attire and grooming.

Students who violate dress code guidelines will be required to correct the violation by changing into something appropriate at school or returning home to change. A detention or suspension may be given to make up the time away from school. ~~Students will also receive zeros for any assignments they miss~~

~~while correcting the violation.~~ Continual violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary action up to suspension and expulsion.

Drug Free Schools

The board of education has adopted policies to comply with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Students are prohibited from using, possessing, or selling any drug, alcohol or tobacco while on school grounds, at a school activity or in a school vehicle. In addition, students who participate in the school's activities program should refer to the Activities Handbook which prohibits the use or possession of alcohol, controlled substances and tobacco at all times.

Any student who violates any school policy regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use will be disciplined, up to and including short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion from school and/or referral to appropriate authorities for criminal prosecution.

Fire Drills and Emergency Exits

As required by law, fire drills will be held at regular intervals. Fire drills are important and are to be treated seriously. Specific instructions for evacuation of the building for a fire drill will be given on the first day of school. Students will leave the room immediately when the fire alarm sounds. Conversation should be kept at a minimum and lines should be kept well organized and moving rapidly. The first student out of a door should step aside and hold the door open for those that follow. The same procedure is used in case of a bomb threat.

Food and Drink Regulations

The classroom is meant to be an academic environment. Food, candy, and drink items, other than water, should be used on a limited basis in classrooms under the supervision of the classroom teacher. Food and drink containers cannot be taken to the lockers, unless it is the student's sack lunch brought from home. The juice, water and milk machines will remain on the entire school day.

Food Service Program

The Superior Public Schools participate in USDA's National School Lunch Program and offer a complete hot lunch program. Prices for lunch meals shall be determined by the Board of Education. **Pursuant to Superior Board Policy, students may NOT charge lunches.** Students will be notified of their lunch status the last day of the week so meals can be taken care of early Monday morning. "Blue sheets" will be sent home with elementary students in their red folders when their lunch account or snack milk balance reaches five (5) lunches/milks or lower.

Breakfast

The school will serve breakfast daily from 7:40 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch also qualify for free or reduced-price breakfast. The school district charges students $1.50 and adults $2.25 for breakfast.

Lunch

Lunch prices depend on the federal funding that the program receives. Lunch for K-5 is $2.75. Lunch for 6-12 lunch is $2.90 for students and $4.00 for adults.

Kindergarten Snack Milk

The school will offer a snack milk program to students in kindergarten Monday through Thursday. All milk served to a student (except the initial carton served with lunch) will cost $0.45 per half pint. This snack milk is not part of the Free & Reduced Lunch Program. The price for milk may change during the school year. Milk will be served in the afternoon. Teachers will record the number of cartons of milk each child consumes and give the information to the office at the end of the month where it will be added to the family account.

Payment for Meals

Students are encouraged to pay for meals several weeks in advance. Payment should be made to the bookkeeper in the office.

If a family account has no funds available to pay for a meal, the family account will be permitted to charge up to ten meals. Thereafter, if the family account has no funds available to pay for a meal, no food will be provided.

Students who qualify for free meals will not be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from other food purchases. School staff may prohibit any students from charging a la carte or extra items if they do not have cash in hand or their account has a negative balance.

If a student repeatedly lacks funds to purchase a meal, has not brought a meal from home, and is not enrolled in a free meal program, the district will use its resources and contacts to protect the health and safety of the student. Failure or refusal of parents or guardians to provide meals for students may require mandatory reporting to child protection agencies as required by law.

Collection of Delinquent Meal Charge Debt

The school district is required to make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges. The building principal or his or her designee will contact households about unpaid meal charges and notify them again of the availability of the free and reduced meal program and/or establish payment plans and due dates by telephone, e-mail, or other written or oral communication. If these collection efforts are unsuccessful, the school district may pursue any other methods to collect delinquent debt as allowed by law. Collection efforts may continue into a new school year.

Notice of Non-discrimination

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the school district. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Las agencias estatales o locales de SNAP y FDPIR, y sus beneficiarios secundarios, deben publicar el siguiente Aviso de No Discriminación:

De conformidad con la Ley Federal de Derechos Civiles y los reglamentos y políticas de derechos civiles del Departamento de Agricultura de los EE. UU. (USDA, por sus siglas en inglés), se prohíbe que el USDA, sus agencias, oficinas, empleados e instituciones que participan o administran programas del USDA discriminen sobre la base de raza, color, nacionalidad, sexo, credo religioso, discapacidad, edad, creencias políticas, o en represalia o venganza por actividades previas de derechos civiles en algún programa o actividad realizados o financiados por el USDA.

Las personas con discapacidades que necesiten medios alternativos para la comunicación de la información del programa (por ejemplo, sistema Braille, letras grandes, cintas de audio, lenguaje de señas americano, etc.), deben ponerse en contacto con la agencia (estatal o local) en la que solicitaron los beneficios. Las personas sordas, con dificultades de audición o con discapacidades del habla pueden comunicarse con el USDA por medio del Federal Relay Service [Servicio Federal de Retransmisión] llamando al (800) 877-8339. Además, la información del programa se puede proporcionar en otros idiomas.

Para presentar una denuncia de discriminación, complete el Formulario de Denuncia de Discriminación del Programa del USDA, (AD-3027) que está disponible en línea en: http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Spanish_Form_508_Compliant_6_8_12_0.pdf. y en cualquier oficina del USDA, o bien escriba una carta dirigida al USDA e incluya en la carta toda la información solicitada en el formulario. Para solicitar una copia del formulario de denuncia, llame al (866) 632-9992. Haga llegar su formulario lleno o carta al USDA por:

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Field Trips

Classes occasionally take field trips off school property for educational enrichment. A student's parent, or "caregiver" as that term is defined in the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, must authorize a student to participate in a field trip by signing a permission slip and providing it to the school before the field trip. Students who have not completed classroom work on time may not be allowed to attend field

trips. Students must comply with the student code of conduct, any applicable extracurricular conduct codes, and all directives by trip chaperones.

First-Aid

First-aid items may only be used by school staff. Students who need first aid should ask for assistance from their classroom teacher or the nearest staff member.

Fundraising

No school or community fundraising activities will be sponsored without the consent of the administration.

Gifts

Students and their parents are discouraged from the routine presentation of gifts to district employees. This provision is not to be interpreted as discouraging acts of generosity in unusual circumstances.

Head Lice

Students found to have live head lice or louse eggs will not be permitted at school and will be sent home. Upon discovering the presence of any indication of lice or louse eggs the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified, and if appropriate will be asked to pick up the student from school immediately.

Students will not be permitted to return to school until the district finds that no live lice or eggs can be detected. The parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to treat the student and accompany the student to school to be examined.

The student cannot ride the school bus until the district has cleared the student to return to school.

Homebound Instruction

The school district may provide a student with instruction in his or her home and under parental supervision if the student is physically or mentally ill or injured and unable to attend regular classes for an extended period of time. Homebound instruction shall be provided when the student's physical and mental condition are such that the student can benefit from instruction and no other provision will meet the student's educational needs. If you believe that homebound instruction is appropriate for your child, please contact the building principal to initiate the appropriate process to determine eligibility.

Homeless Children and Youth

Homeless students generally include children who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, as further defined by applicable state and federal law.

It is the school's policy not to stigmatize or segregate homeless students on the basis of their status of being homeless. Transportation for homeless students who enroll in the district shall be furnished by the district under the same guidelines applying to other students or if such transportation is necessary for compliance with federal law.

Each homeless child shall be provided services for which the child is eligible comparable to services provided to other students in the school selected regardless of residency. Homeless children shall be

provided access to education and other services that such children need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same student performance standards to which all students are held.

If a homeless child registered to attend school in the district is receiving family reconciliation services pursuant to state law, the district will work in cooperation with any county or department of social services in the district to jointly develop an educational program for the child. The district's homeless coordinator is Marty Kobza, Supt., who may be contacted at 402-879-3257 ext. 127.

Illness or Injury at school

The school district will contact parents if a student becomes ill at school. Students becoming ill at school must report to the principal's office to obtain a pass and transportation home. **Under no circumstances is a student to simply leave school.**

Students who feel ill or are hurt while at school should seek immediate assistance from their classroom teacher or the nearest staff member. The school will contact parents to pick students up from school whenever necessary. When school officials determine that a student needs immediate medical attention but the parents cannot be reached by phone, emergency services will be summoned or the student will be taken directly to the doctor and/or hospital. Parents must complete an emergency information card for each child enrolled in the district. The card should list the family physician's name, where parents or a responsible adult can be located, and any necessary emergency instructions.

Immunizations

All students must furnish one of the following to school officials:

- proof of adequate immunizations for mumps, measles, rubella; diphtheria, pertusis, tetanus; polio; and hepatitis B series; or
- a signed parental statement of refusal to provide the immunization history.

Homeless students who are in need of immunizations will be referred to the homeless coordinator, who shall assist in obtaining necessary immunizations or medical records. A summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations are available upon request.

Provisional Enrollment. Students who meet the statutory requirements for provisional enrollment shall be allowed to attend school for sixty days without the necessary immunizations.

Students who are excepted from the immunization requirement may be excluded from school in the event of an outbreak of any contagious disease in the school population.

Initiations and Hazing

Initiations and hazing by members of classes, clubs, athletic teams, or any other organization affiliated with the district are prohibited except as otherwise permitted by this policy. Any student engaging in hazing or non-approved initiations is subject to discipline as permitted by policy and law.

Initiations are defined as any ritualistic expectations, requirements, or activities placed upon new members of a school organization for the purpose of admission into the organization, even if those activities do not rise to the level of "hazing" as defined below. Initiations are prohibited except by permission of the superintendent.

Hazing is defined as any activity by which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any school organization. Hazing activities include, but are not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, an act of sexual penetration, an exposure of the genitals of the body done with the intent to affront or alarm any person, a lewd fondling or caressing of the body of another person, forced and prolonged calisthenics, prolonged exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or harmful substance not generally intended for human consumption, prolonged sleep deprivation, or any brutal treatment or the performance of any unlawful act that endangers the physical or mental health or safety of any person.

Kindergarten Registration

During the 3rd quarter Parent-Teacher conferences, all prospective kindergarten students may be registered for the fall term during Kindergarten Registration. Children who will be **five** years of age on or before July 31st may register for the upcoming school year. Students who turn age six before January 1 of the upcoming school year **must** enroll for kindergarten. The student's birth certificate is to be presented at this time.

Library Media Center

Students are encouraged to check out materials from the library, provided they return them on time. The media center may assess fees for overdue, damaged, or lost materials, books, or equipment.

Students must check out materials from the librarian on duty. Each borrower is responsible for all books checked out in his/her name. If a book is lost and not found by the end of the semester, the student must pay for it. Students must also pay for any damage they cause to library books.

Lost and Found

All lost and found articles are to be taken to the office of the principal. Students may claim lost articles there. Unclaimed articles will be donated to a local charity or otherwise disposed of at the conclusion of each semester.

Medications

Whenever possible, parents should arrange medication schedules to eliminate the need for giving medication during school hours. When it is necessary for school personnel to administer medication to students, the school district will comply with the Nebraska Medication Aide Act, the requirements of Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 59, (promulgated by the Nebraska Department of Education and entitled *Methods of Competency Assessment of School Staff Who Administer Medication*), and all state and federal regulations. Parents and guardians who wish to have their child receive medication from school personnel must comply with the following procedures:

Prescription medication. (1) Parents/guardians must provide a physician's written authorization for the administration of the medication. (2) Parents/guardians must provide their own written permission for the administration of the medication. (3) The medication must be brought to school in the prescription container and must be properly labeled with the student's name, the physician's name, the medication name and dosage, and directions for administering the medication. Only the amount needed at school is to be sent.

Non-prescription medication. (1) Parents/guardians must provide written permission for the administration of the medication. (2) The medication must be brought to the school in the manufacturer's container. (3) The container must be labeled with the child's name and with directions for provision or administration of the medication
All medicine must be accompanied by a parent/guardian's written permission. All medication must be taken to the office. If the above procedures are not followed, the administering of medicine will not be done at school.

The district reserves the right to review and decline requests to administer or provide medications that are not consistent with standard pharmacological references, are prescribed in doses that exceed those recommended in standard pharmacological references, or that could be taken in a manner that would eliminate the need for giving them during school hours. The district may request parental authorization to consult with the student's physician regarding any medication prescribed by such physician.

Opting Out of Assessments

The Board of Education has adopted a policy on approval and denial of state and federal assessment opt-out requests, which is based on requirements in law. The policy can be requested by contacting the Superintendent of Schools at 402-879-3257 ext. 127.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy - Title I

Superior Public Schools intends to follow the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy guidelines in accordance with federal law, Section 1116(a-f) ESSA, (Every Student Succeeds Act) of 2015. The written District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, updated periodically and distributed to parents and family members of participating children and the local community in an understandable and uniform format. This policy is below. ~~agreed on by such parents describes the means for carrying out the requirements as listed below.~~

The school district will jointly develop with parents a School-Parent-Student Compact that outlines how the parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

The written District Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be jointly developed and distributed to parents and family members of participating children and the local community in an understandable format and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. An annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be used to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, to revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and to remove barriers to participation.

The school district recognizes the unique needs of students who are being served in its Title I program, and the importance of parent and family engagement in the Title I program. Parent and family engagement in the Title I Program shall include, but is not limited to:

1. An annual meeting to which all parents of participating children will be invited to inform parents of their school's participation under this part, to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved. Invitations may take the form of notes sent with students or

announcements in the school newsletter. Additional meetings may be scheduled, based upon need and interest for such meetings.

2. An explanation of the details for the child's and parents' participation, including but not limited to: curriculum objectives, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards, type and extent of participation, parental input in educational decisions, coordination and integration with other Federal, State, and district programs, and evaluations of progress.

3. Opportunities for participation in parent involvement activities such as training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement. A goal of these parent activities is to provide parents with opportunities to participate in decisions relating to the education of their students, where appropriate.

4. The district will, to the extent practicable, provide parents of limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, parents with limited literacy, are economically disadvantaged, are of a racial or minority background or parents of migratory children with opportunities for involvement in the Title I Program. Communication to parents about student progress and the district's other Title I Program communications will be provided in the language used in the home to the extent practicable. Responses to parent concerns will be provided in a timely manner.

5. Opportunities for parent-teacher conferences, in addition to those regularly scheduled by the school district, if requested by the parents or as deemed necessary by school district staff.

6. The district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other programs in the community. These may include cooperation with other community programs such as Head Start and preschools and other community services such as the public library.

7. Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, with the assistance of parents in the value and utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners.

~~• Parents and family members of all students are welcomed and encouraged to become involved with their child's school and education; this includes parents and family members that have limited English proficiency, limited literacy, are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, racial or ethnic minority background or are migratory children. Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, school reports and other activities are sent to parents of participating children in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.~~

~~• Parents are involved in the planning, review, evaluation and improvement of the Title I program, Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the School-Parent Compact at an annual parent meeting scheduled at a convenient time. This would include the planning and implementation of effective parent and family involvement activities.~~

~~• Conduct, with meaningful parents and family involvement, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Use the evaluation finds to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy~~

~~• Opportunities are provided for parents and family members to participate in decisions related to the education of their child/children. The school and local education agency shall provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities.~~

~~• Parents of participating children will be provided timely information about programs under this part, a description and explanation of the curriculum in use, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards. The school will provide assistance, opportunities, and/or materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement in a format, and when feasible, in a language the parents and family members can understand.~~

~~• Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, with the assistance of parents in the value and utility of contributions of parent, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners.~~

~~• Coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State and local programs, including preschool programs that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.~~

Participation in P.E., Art, Music, Band, and Outdoor Activities

Students may be excused from participation in a specialist's class or outdoor activities. However, the student is required to attend the class with his/her classmates. Parents who do not want their children to play outdoors or participate in the specialist's class must send a written request to school. Non-participation for more than three (3) days will require a doctor's written statement. The Specialist for the activity missed will make alternative assignments to be completed by the student. Requests for non-participation should be limited.

Parents should notify the principal or school nurse if their student has any special health problems such as diabetes, asthma, or the like.

Parties/Private Party Invitations

Elementary classes may have seasonal parties during the year. Recognized room parties include those held for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. The school wellness committee does not recommend bringing treats with minimal nutritional value. Treats are not allowed for any other purposes, aside from when a teacher gives permission for birthday treats to be brought. Room parties are not to exceed one (1) hour in length and should be well organized. Room party activities must be approved by the classroom teacher. Any additional parties must receive prior approval from the Principal.

Invitations for private parties and non-school sponsored events may only be distributed at school if every student in the child's classroom receives an invitation. (just moved from a different section)

PBiS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)

Superior Elementary is a Nebraska PBIS School. PBiS is an evidence-based, data-informed process that works to increase student achievement, school attendance, and school success while decreasing challenging student behaviors. Our school wide umbrella expectations are Considerate, Accountable, Teamwork, and Safe (C.A.T.S.). We have implemented our school wide PBIS expectations in five common areas on the school campus. Each year classroom teachers along with input from their

students will develop classroom expectations to be implemented. The specific expectations for each common area at Superior Elementary are listed below:

Common Area Expectations

Location	Considerate	Accountable	Teamwork	Safe
Hallways	Keep hands and feet to yourself. Make room for others passing. Walk on the right side. Visit quietly in groups of 2-3. In larger groups the line is silent. Greet others appropriately (smile, wave, “hello”).	Keep lockers neat and closed.	Help others pick up dropped items. Pick up trash on the floor. Keep hands, feet and face off walls, lockers and windows. Use door handles to open doors.	Use your walking feet. Eyes looking forward. Walk facing forward.
Bathrooms	Enter Quietly. Keep hands and feet to yourself. Flush, Don’t Rush. Dry to 5. Leave Quietly.	Take 2 minutes. Be neat and check the seat.	Report messes or accidents to an adult. Keep your space while you wait. Keep it clean.	Use walking feet. Keep feet on the floor. Wash hands with soap and shake them over the sink.
Cafeteria	Use please and thank you with lunch staff. Visit quietly with others near you. Keep hands and feet to yourself.	Keep your space/table area clean. Get everything you need the first time in line. Take appropriate	Return unopened/sealed items to designated area. Keep your table area and floor clean. Eat over your tray.	Report messes/accidents. Stay seated until dismissed. Use walking feet.

		amounts of food.		
Bus	Keep hands off other people's things. Keep hands to yourself. Use kind words and actions. Patiently wait your turn. Visit quietly with others near you.	Follow technology rules.	Clean up after yourself. Check seat before you leave. Report problems to the driver. Keep your hands and face off windows.	Stay seated until bus stops. Keep feet on the floor. Use walking feet.
Recess	Allow anyone to join your game and encourage others. Keep your body to yourself. Take turns and share the space. (slides, swings, balls, basketball court, etc.)	Make sure equipment is dry before using. Keep sand and gravel inside their borders. Return equipment. Line up quickly when the bell rings.	Follow official game rules. (4-Square, Basketball, Kickball, tag games, etc.) Use good sportsmanship. Help others if needed. (hold doors, carry equipment) Keep hallways clean and wipe your feet.	Walk in the playground equipment area. (tag games in the grass only) Use all equipment properly. (monkey bars, slides, swings, basketballs, sandbox) Walk to the field with an adult. Stay out of the street and away from the fence.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Pedestrian Safety

Parents are encouraged to plan with their child the shortest and safest route to school. Students should cross streets using the proper crosswalks. Parents should instruct their children to cross at corners or areas where school crossing signs are erected.

If students are transported by motor vehicle to school, children should be instructed to enter and leave the vehicle from the curbside. This prevents children from darting across streets or between parked cars. Students being picked up by motor vehicles must be met on the **north** side of the elementary school building or on Paw Print Road on the **south** side of the building.

The school has a safety patrol crossing guards that will direct students across streets. Students are not to cross the streets onto the school grounds without the direction of a crosswalk guard. While waiting for the crosswalk guard, students are to stand well away from the curb.

Bicycle Safety

Students riding bicycles in an inappropriate or unsafe manner present hazards to motorists, pedestrians, bike riders, and themselves. **Parents should discuss bicycle safety with their children before allowing them to ride their bicycles to school.** Students should 'walk' their bicycle across all marked crosswalks on school property. All bicycles are to be placed in the bike racks provided at the elementary building.

Pets

Students are responsible for obtaining specific approval and pre-arranging with their teacher before pets may be brought to school. Pets may only be brought to school according to the following guidelines:

1. Pets will be: a) brought by parents; b) taken home with parents; c) may only stay at school with consent from the building principal.
2. Animals will be confined in suitable cages.
3. Snakes, insects, and spiders will be kept in proper containers.
4. Students will not handle squirrels, bats, owls, skunks, or monkeys because of the danger of rabies.
5. Cages will be cleaned daily including the removal of surplus food, excreta, and soiled bedding.
6. Students will not be permitted to observe a creature suffer through neglect or improper treatment.

In the case of an animal bite, the student's parents and the school nurse will be notified.

Personal Items

The school provides the necessary equipment for classroom and school day activities. **Students should not bring items such as athletic equipment, electronic devices, toys, or other similar personal items to school unless they have the prior permission of their classroom teacher or a school administrator. The school is not responsible for theft, loss or damage to personal items or equipment.**

Physical Education

The school district requires students to receive physical education to assist them in developing gross and fine motor skills. Students are not required to wear P.E. uniforms, but are encouraged to wear tennis shoes for P.E. Elementary students will keep their "P.E." shoes in their lockers during the school year.

Pictures

The school district arranges for a photographer to be present at school in the fall to take class pictures. Parents will be notified of the date. Purchase will be optional and information will be sent home regarding costs. Payment is required when the picture is taken.

Playground Rules

Students must follow these rules to keep the playground safe:

1. Students must obey the playground supervisor at all times.
2. There will be no fighting on the playground.
3. Gum, candy, and food of any type is prohibited from the playground.
4. Students may not enter the street/highway to retrieve a ball unless given permission by the playground supervisor.
5. Students must play away from the school windows.
6. Touch and flag football are permitted, but tackle football is prohibited. Students may only play football on grassy areas. Games of tag must be authorized by the supervising adult.
7. No games of dodgeball are permitted.
8. Bicycles should not be brought into the playground. Bicycles are to be placed in the racks located at school.
9. Students may throw balls and other authorized play equipment. They may not throw rocks, gravel, snowballs, and clothing.
10. Students may not slide on the sidewalks, ice, or gravel.
11. Students must use the playground equipment properly and in a safe manner.
12. Students must play away from the building and may not congregate near the doors.
13. All playground equipment must come from the school; no personal equipment is to be brought from home.
14. Students may not stand on, or jump from, swings.
15. No balls are allowed around the equipment, except basketballs in the basketball court and Four Square Balls on the cement. All other balls are to be used in the grass area on the softball field, and will not be permitted in the playground area.
16. When the entry bell rings, students must enter the building in a quiet, clean, and respectful manner.
17. Students are to enter the building through the assigned doors.
18. Students may not leave the playground after they have arrived at school for the day.

Students who violate these rules will be disciplined with the loss of recess or other privileges, detention, and/or other consequences.

School staff supervise the playground when it is in use during school hours. However, it is not supervised after school, and students should not play on the equipment without adult supervision.

Police Questioning and Apprehension

Police or other law enforcement officers may be called to the school at the request of school administration, or may initiate contact with the school in connection with a criminal investigation. The school district shall inform parents when law enforcement officers seek access to their student prior to the student being questioned unless the officers are investigating charges that the student has been the victim of abuse or neglect. Members of the school district staff will comply with board policy regarding police questioning of students.

~~**Private Party Invitations**~~

~~Party invitations should not be distributed in the classroom or at school unless **every** child receives an invitation.~~ (moved to Parties/Private Party Invitations)

Protection of Student Rights

The Board of Education respects the rights of parents and their children and has adopted a Protection of Pupil Rights policy in consultation with parents to comply with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). The policy is available on the district's website or upon request from the district's administrative office. Parents may opt their child out of participation in activities identified by the Protection of Pupil Rights policy by submitting a written request to the superintendent. The approximate dates during the school year when a survey requesting personal information as defined in the Protection of Pupil Rights policy is scheduled are as follows: During the month of August of the current school year. Parents may have access to any survey or other material described in the Protection of Pupil Rights policy by submitting a written request to the superintendent.

Public Displays of Affection

Students may not engage in public displays of affection that are disruptive to the school environment or distracting to others. Prohibited conduct includes hugging, kissing, touching, or any other display of affection that a staff member determines to be inappropriate.

Required Documents for Student Admission

1. A certified copy of the student's **birth certificate** issued by the state in which the child was born is required prior to admission of a child for the first time. Other reliable proof of the child's identity and age, accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate, may be used in lieu of a birth certificate. An affidavit is defined as a notarized statement by any individual who can verify the reason a copy of the birth certificate cannot be produced.
2. Evidence of a **physical examination** by a physician, physician assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse. The examination must have taken place within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade and the seventh grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement objecting to a physical examination.
3. Evidence of a **visual evaluation** by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist. The evaluation must have taken place within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement objecting to a visual evaluation. The visual evaluation is to consist of testing for amblyopia, strabismus, and internal and external eye health, with testing sufficient to determine visual acuity.
4. Evidence of protection against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella (chicken pox) and Haemophilus Influenza type b (Hib) and other diseases as required by applicable law, by immunization, prior to enrollment. Exceptions area allowed based on:
    a. Written statement by health care provider that immunization would be injurious to the student or a family member; or
    b. Affidavit of a religious reason for non-immunization.

Provisional enrollment is allowed based on a written statement of health care provider that immunizations have begun, and immunization is continued as rapidly as medically feasible or a written statement of parent guardian that immunizations have been completed, where the child's parent is in the military, the child is enrolling following residence outside the state, and proof of immunization is given within 60 days. Refer to HHS regulations, 173 NAC 3. Forms to submit objections are available from the school.

Rights of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents

The school district will honor the parental rights of natural and adoptive parents unless those rights have been altered by a court.

The term "custodial parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent to whom a court has given primary physical and legal custody of a child, and a person such as a caseworker or foster parent to whom a court has given legal custody of a child.

The district will not restrict the access of custodial and non-custodial parents to their students and their students' records, unless the district has been provided a copy of a court order that limits those rights. If the district is provided such a court order, school officials will follow the directives set forth in the order.

The district will provide the custodial parent with routine information about his or her child, including notification of conferences. The district will not provide the non-custodial parent with such information on a routine basis, but will provide it upon the non-custodial parent's request unless it has been denied by the courts.

A non-custodial parent who wishes to attend conferences regarding his or her child will be provided information about conference times so both parents may attend a single conference. The district is not required to schedule separate conferences if both parents have been previously informed of scheduled conference times.

If either or both parents' behavior is disruptive, staff members may terminate a conference and reschedule it with appropriate modifications or expectations.

Secret Organizations

Secret organizations are prohibited. School officials shall not allow any person or representative of any such organization to enter upon school grounds or school buildings for the purpose of rushing or soliciting students to participate in any secret fraternity, society, or association.

School Day

The school day typically begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:35 pm Mondays-Thursdays. On Friday school begins at 8:10am and ends at 2:35pm. Students are to leave the school grounds after dismissal. School staff will provide supervision for students on school grounds 20 minutes before the school day begins and 10 minutes after the school day ends. **There will be no supervision provided by the school before or after these times.** Parents must make arrangements for their children to leave school promptly at the end of the day.

Elementary Daily Schedule

7:40-8:05	**Breakfast Served**
7:50	Non-breakfast students are permitted to go to their classrooms
8:05	**Entry bell rings**
8:10	Classes begin – Tardy bell rings
10:45-11:00	4-5 Recess
11:00-11:30	K-5 Lunch Period
11:30-11:45	K-3 Recess

3:35	**Monday-Thursday Dismissal bell**
(2:35)	**(Friday Dismissal Time)**
3:35-3:50	Teacher contact and prep time

Self Management of Diabetes or Asthma/Anaphylaxis

Subject to school policy, the school district will work with the parent or guardian in consultation with appropriate medical professionals to develop a medical management plan for a student with diabetes, asthma, or anaphylaxis. Parents desiring to develop such a plan should contact school nurse, Megan McMeen. 402-879-3257 ext. 157.

Standardized Testing

The school district will use a basic testing and assessment program to evaluate the outcome of the educational program and to provide information needed in working with individuals. The program will be supplemented by such individual and supplementary tests as the needs of the educational program and the district indicate. The superintendent and designees will coordinate the program from Kindergarten through twelfth grade to provide continuity. Teachers are prohibited from engaging in any behavior that adversely affects the validity of test scores as a measure of student achievement. Teachers should consult with relevant board policies and district protocols assessment administration and security.

At the board of education's regular October meeting, the superintendent of schools or principals shall provide an annual written report consisting of the results of the district's performance program including but not limited to: standardized norm-referenced assessments, criterion-referenced assessments, student performance, school system demographics, financial information, a follow-up study of graduates, and a learning climate survey. This report shall be made available to all patrons of the district. Building level results will be reported only to appropriate staff for review and goal setting. This report shall not include any individual test scores or assessment, but individual student test scores or assessment results will be reported to the student's parents or legal guardian(s).

A comprehensive evaluation of the district shall be conducted at least once every five years using instruments and guides approved by the Department of Education.

Student Assistance

If your child has any learning, behavior, or emotional needs that you believe are not being addressed by the school district under existing circumstances, please contact your child's teacher. If appropriate, the teacher may convene the Student Assistance Team (SAT). The SAT can explore possibilities and strategies that will best meet the educational needs of your child.

Student Fee Policy

The Superior Public Schools District 65-0011 shall provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution and Nebraska state law. The district also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the district is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

There will be a $30 service charge on all returned checks.

Definitions.

1. "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.

2. "Extracurricular activities" means student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the district; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the district.

3. "Post-secondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

Listing of Fees Charged by this District.

1. **Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities.** Students are responsible for complying with the district's grooming and attire guidelines and for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach, or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course, or activity.

2. **Safety Equipment and Attire.** The district will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.

3. **Personal or Consumable Items.** The district does provide students with personal or consumable items for participation in courses and activities including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers, and notebooks. Students who wish to supply their own personal or consumable items may do so, as long as those items comply with the requirements of the district. The district will provide students with facilities, equipment, materials, and supplies, including books. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students will be charged for damage to school property caused by the student and will be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of any school property that they lose.

4. **Materials Required for Course Projects.** The school district will provide students with the materials necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. In courses where students choose to produce a project that requires materials beyond the basic materials provided by the district, the students will either furnish the materials, purchase the materials from the school, or purchase the materials from an outside vendor with an order form provided by the school.

5. **Extracurricular Activities.** The school district may charge students a fee to participate in extracurricular activities to cover the district's reasonable costs in offering such activities. The district may require students to furnish specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation in extracurricular activities, or may charge a reasonable fee for the use of district-owned equipment or attire. Attached to this policy is a list of the fees charged for

particular activities. The coach or sponsor will provide students with additional written guidelines detailing the fees charged, the equipment and/or clothing required, or the usage fee charged. The guidelines will explain the reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for the activity.

The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all extracurricular activities fees and the specifications for any equipment or attire required for participation in extracurricular activities:

· Student Season Pass: $20 Covers admission to all home extracurricular events. This excludes conference and NSAA activities.

· Student participation fee: $20 Required of all students who participate in athletics and/or other extracurricular activities. Includes Season Pass.

· FFA: Annual membership fee of $20. Cost of attendance at State and/or National Conventions are the student's responsibility. Students must purchase the jacket and other attire.

· Art Club: Annual membership fee of $10.

· Drill Team/Flag Corps: Students must purchase uniforms and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group.

· Swing Choir: Students must purchase outfits and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group.

· Instrumental Music/Band: $10 uniform cleaning fee. Students must provide their own instruments and marching band shoes.

· Football: Students must provide their own football shoes, undergarments, and mouth guards.

· Golf: Students must provide their own golf shoes, undergarments, and clubs.

· Physical Education: Students are responsible for the cost of off campus activities if not graded.

· Track, Volleyball, Wrestling, and Basketball: Students must provide their own shoes and undergarments.

· Future Business Leaders of America: Annual membership fee of $20. Cost of attendance at State and/or National Conventions are the student's responsibility.

· Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America: Annual membership fee of $20. Cost of attendance at State and/or National Conventions are the student's responsibility.

· Foreign Language Club: Annual membership fee of $10.

6. Post-Secondary Education Costs. Post-Secondary Education Costs. Some students enroll in post-secondary courses while still enrolled in the district's high school. As a general rule, the district will pay all tuition costs for post-secondary courses and cost for achieving industry-based certifications. Students will be responsible for books and other such fees associated with the course. Students who do not successfully meet the requirements to receive credit or certification must reimburse the district for all costs associated with the course or certification.

7. Transportation Costs. The district will charge students reasonable fees for district-provided transportation services to the extent permitted by federal and state statutes and regulations. The maximum dollar amount of the transportation fee charged by this district shall be $10.

8. Copies of Student Files or Records. The school district will charge a fee for making copies of a student's files or records for the student's parents or guardians. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of student record fees. Students' parents have the right to inspect and review the students' files or records without the payment of a fee, and the district shall not charge a fee to search for or retrieve any student's files or records. The district will charge a fee of 10 cents per page for reproduction of student records.

9. Participation in Before-and-After School or Pre-Kindergarten Services. The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in before-school, after-school, or pre-kindergarten services offered by the district pursuant to statute. The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these services shall be $100 per month.

10. Participation in Summer School or Night School. The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in summer school or night school and may charge reasonable fees for correspondence courses. The maximum dollar amount for summer and night school shall be $300.

11. Charges for Food Consumed by Students. The district will charge for items that students purchase from the district's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charged for these items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The district will charge students for the cost of food, beverages, and the like that students purchase from a school store, vending machine, booster club, or from similar sources. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for the breakfast and lunch programs is as follows:

- Breakfast Program – Grades K-12

Adults	$2.25
Student Regular Price	$1.50
Student Reduced Price	$0.30

- Lunch Program – Grades K-5

Adults	$4.00
Student Regular Price	$2.75
Student Reduced Price	$0.40

Extra Milk	$0.45

12. Charges for Musical Extracurricular Activities. Students who qualify for fee waivers under this policy will be provided, at no charge, the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. For musical extracurricular activities, the school district will require students to provide the following equipment and/or attire:

- Band — Students must provide their own instruments and marching band shoes, plus a suggested $10 uniform cleaning fee.
- Swing Choir — Students must purchase outfits and shoes selected by the and/or student group.

13. Contributions for Class Extracurricular Activities. Students are eligible to participate in a number of unique extracurricular activities during their years in high school, including prom, various recognition's dances, class trips, and graduation. In order to fund these extracurricular activities, the school district will ask each student to make a contribution to their class's fund. The suggested donation to the class fund will be $5 to $100.

Waiver Policy

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) materials for course projects, and (3) the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Students are not required to participate in the free or reduced-price lunch program to qualify for the waivers provided in this section. The district is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other material to eligible students. Students who wish to be considered for waiver of a particular fee must submit a completed fee waiver application to their building principal.

Voluntary Contributions to Defray Costs

When appropriate, the district will request donations of money, materials, equipment, or attire from parents, guardians, and other members of the community to defray the costs of providing certain services and activities to students. These requests are not requirements, and staff members of the district are directed to communicate that fact clearly to students, parents and patrons.

Student Fee Fund

The school board established a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund is a separate school district fund that will not be funded by tax revenue, and that will serve as a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected from students.

Student Pick-Up

Parents picking up elementary students should do so in the parking lot on the **north** side of the elementary building or on Paw Print Road on the **south** side of the building.

Student Records

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") provides parents certain rights with respect to their student's education records. These rights include the right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the date the school receives a request for access; and the right to request the amendment of the student's education records that you believe to be inaccurate.

If parents believe one of their student's records is inaccurate, they should write to the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why they believe it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested, it will notify the parents of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment.

Directory Information. FERPA and the Nebraska Public Records Law authorize school districts to make "directory information" available for review at the request of non-school individuals. These laws also give parents and guardians a voice in the decision-making process regarding the disclosure of directory information regarding their children. The school district has designated the following as directory information:

> Name and grade, name of parent and/or guardian, address, telephone number, including the student's cell phone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, the image or likeness of student in pictures, videotape, film or other medium, major field of study, participation in activities and sports, degrees and awards received, weight and height of members of athletic teams, most recent previous school attended, certain class work which may be published onto the Internet, classroom assignment and/or home room teacher, student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by the student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems (but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a personal identification number (PIN), password, or other factor known or possessed only the authorized user). Directory information does not include a student's social security number.

Directory information about students may also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that market or manufacture class rings, sell student photographs or publish student yearbooks.

Federal law requires school districts to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education with the names, addresses, and telephone listings of high school students unless parents have notified the school district in writing that they do not want this information disclosed without prior written parental consent. Military recruiters will be granted the same access to a student in a high school grade as is provided to postsecondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of such students.

Parents who ***OBJECT*** to the disclosure of any directory information about their student should write a letter to the principal. This letter should specify the particular categories of directory information that

the parents do not wish to have released about their child or the particular types of outside organizations to which they do not wish directory information to be released. This letter must be received by the school district **no later than the last Friday in August of the current school year.**

Non-Directory Information
All of the other personally identifiable information about students that is contained in this school district's education records will generally not be disclosed to anyone outside the school system except under one of two circumstances: (1) in accordance with the provisions of the FERPA statutes and related administrative regulations, or (2) in accordance with the parent's written instructions.

One FERPA exception permits disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests without consent. A school official includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a teacher or other educator, administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); school board member; volunteer; contractor or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, representative of the district's insurance provider, auditor, medical consultant, therapist, or a third-party website operator who has contracted with the school district or its agent to offer online programs for the benefit of students and/or the district; members of law enforcement acting on behalf of the school district, a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a "legitimate educational interest" if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill a school-related professional, contractual, statutory, or regulatory responsibility.

The district will share information with the Department of Education necessary to comply with the requirement of state law that all third- year high school students take a college entrance exam. Any redisclosure of information related to the administration of this exam shall be governed by the agreement between the Nebraska Department of Education and the third-party testing company.

Transfer of Records Upon Student Enrollment
Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. The school is not obligated to inform parents when it makes a disclosure under this provision.

Maintenance and Destruction
All files or records shall be maintained so as to separate academic and disciplinary matters, and all disciplinary materials shall be removed and destroyed upon the pupil's graduation or after his/her continuous absence from the school for a period of three years, and after authorization is given by the State Records Board pursuant to law.

Complaints
Individuals who wish to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA may contact the Office that administers FERPA:

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education
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Student Transfer or Withdrawal

Students withdrawing or transferring to another school must inform the building principal. The administration will give necessary suggestions for a successful transfer. Grades may be withheld pending payment of all school debts and obligations. Complete cumulative records are transferred through the administrator's office on request from the new school's administration.

Telephone Calls

The school's telephone may be used only with permission of staff. However, use of school phones by students should be as limited as possible. Parents should not plan to use the school phones to contact students about pick-ups or visits to the homes of other students. Parents may call the school and leave a message with the office that will be given to the students between classes or during their study time. When it is necessary for a student to use the school telephone, they will be allowed to do so when the telephone is not otherwise in use.

Students who need to use their cell phones to make a phone call need to report to the office to place their call. Students need to have approval from the administration before using their cell phones during school hours.

Threat Assessment and Response

The board of education is committed to providing a safe environment for members of the school community. Students, staff and patrons are urged to immediately report any statements or behavior that makes the observer fearful or uncomfortable about the safety of the school environment.

1. **Definitions**
   - A. A **threat** is an expression of willful intent to physically or sexually harm someone or to damage property in a way that indicates that an individual poses a danger to the safety of school staff, students or other members of the school community.
     - i. The threat may be expressed/communicated behaviorally, orally, visually, in writing, electronically, or through any other means.
     - ii. A **transient threat** is an expression of anger or frustration that can be quickly or easily resolved.
     - iii. A **substantive threat** is an expression of serious intent to harm others which includes, but is not limited to, any threat which involves a detailed plan and means
   - B. A **threat assessment** is a fact-based process emphasizing an appraisal of observed (or reasonably-observable) behaviors to identify potentially dangerous or violent situations, to assessment them and to manage/address them. Threat assessment is the process of distinguishing "transient" threats from serious ones in a systematic, data-informed way.
     - i. The threat assessment process is distinct from student disciplinary procedures. The mere fact that the district is conducting a threat assessment does not by itself necessitate suspension, expulsion or emergency exclusion without complying with state law and board policy related governing those actions.

ii. The threat assessment process is distinct from specialized instruction which a student with a disability may receive from the school district. The school district will not change a student's educational placement as that term is used in the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act *solely* as part of a threat assessment.

2. Obligation to Report Threatening Statements or Behaviors.

All staff and students must report **substantive threats** to a member of the administration immediately and comply with any other mandatory reporting obligations. Staff and students who are unsure whether a threat is substantive or transient should report the situation. Staff and students must make such report regardless of the nature of the relationship between the individual who initiated the threat or threatening behavior and the person(s) who were threatened or who were the focus of the threatening behavior. Staff and students must also make such reports regardless of where or when the threat was made or the threatening behavior occurred.

THREATS OR ASSAULTS WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE AT 911

3. Threat Assessment Team

The threat assessment team (team) shall consist of the superintendent, building principals, guidance counselor, social worker, SPED director, school nurse, and school psychologist. Local law enforcement will be involved as needed. Not every team member need participate in every threat assessment. If the threat has been made by or is directed towards, a student with a disability, the threat assessment team must include a staff member who is knowledgeable about special education services or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as appropriate. Neither the student nor the student's family members are part of the threat assessment team. The team is responsible for investigating all reported threats to school safety, evaluating the significance of each threat, and devising an appropriate response. The threat assessment team shall work closely with the crisis team in planning for crisis situations. The threat assessment team shall be familiar with mental health resources available to students, staff and patrons and shall collaborate with local mental health service providers as appropriate.

4. Threat Assessment Investigation and Response

When a threat is reported, the school administrator shall initiate an initial inquiry/triage and, in consultation with members of the threat assessment team, make a determination of the seriousness of the threat as expeditiously as possible. The school administrator must contact law enforcement if the administrator believes that an individual poses a clear and immediate threat of serious violence.

If there is no reasonably apparent imminent threat present or once such an imminent threat is contained, the threat assessment team will meet to evaluate and respond to the threatening behavior. The superintendent may, but is not required to, review the following types of information:

- Review of the threatening behavior and/or communication;
- Interviews with the individuals involved including students, staff members, and family members as necessary and/or appropriate;
- Review of school and other records for any prior history or interventions with the students involved;

- Any other investigatory methods that the law enforcement unit determines to be reasonable and useful.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the team will determine what, if any, response to the threat is appropriate. The team is authorized to disclose the results of its investigation to law enforcement and to the target(s) of any threatened acts. The team may refer the individual of concern to the appropriate school administrator for consequences under the school's student discipline policy or, if appropriate, report results of its investigation to the student's individualized education plan team. Regardless of threat assessment activities, disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement will occur consistent with board policy and Nebraska law.

5. Communication with the Public about Reported Threats

To the extent possible, the team will keep members of the school community appropriately informed about substantive threats and about the team's response to those threats. This communication may include oral announcements, written communication sent home with students, or communication through print or broadcast media. However, the team will not reveal the identity of the individual of concern or of any target(s) of threatened violence unless permitted by law.

6. Coordination with the Crisis Team After Resolution of Threat

The threat assessment team will confer with the district's crisis team after a threat has been investigated to provide the crisis team with information that the crisis team may use in assessing or revising the district's All Hazard School Safety Plan.

Tornado Drill Procedures

The school intercom system will notify classrooms of tornado drills. PreK-5 teachers are to move their students to the designated tornado shelter. Students will put their arms over their ears, hands on top of their heads, and assume a kneeling position towards the wall.

In the event of a tornado warning, students will remain at school until the danger passes. If tornado sirens go off, teachers will move students to the designated tornado shelter. Parents will not be able to pick students up at such time.

Transportation Services

The district operates school buses as a convenience for students and parents. These buses operate for the transportation of students living outside the city limits of Superior and who attend Superior Public Schools. They represent a substantial investment, and students are expected to care for and respect them. The bus stop is located on the **east** side of the elementary building. This loading area is reserved for buses only during the afternoon.

Questions concerning scheduling and routes of buses should be directed to the Bus Supervisor (402-879-3257 ext. 204). Problems on the bus should be directed to the particular bus driver and bus supervisor.

Transportation to School

Students who ride the bus to school will arrive in time for them to eat breakfast at school. Parents must contact their bus driver if a student will not ride the bus on a given day. Bus drivers endeavor to adhere

to their schedule, and will wait for riders only a short period of time so as not to jeopardize the time remaining for the rest of their schedule.

Non-resident or option enrollment students may ride the buses, but they will be charged a fee to be established by the board of education.

Bus Regulations

Students who are passengers in school buses are to abide by the same rules that apply to classroom conduct. The bus drivers have the same authority as teachers while transporting students. If a student misbehaves on the bus, the driver is expected to report the incident to the administration. If misconduct reoccurs, the student will not be allowed to ride the bus.

Students must comply with the following rules and all school conduct rules and directives while riding in school vehicles. In addition, students must also comply with the student code of conduct while riding in school vehicles. If misconduct is recurring, the student will not be allowed to ride the bus.

a) **Rules of Conduct on School Vehicles:**

1) Students must obey the driver and any authorized bus monitors promptly.

2) Students must be on time at the designated bus stops; the bus cannot wait beyond its regular time schedule for tardy pupils.

3) Students must wait in a safe place for the bus to arrive, clear of traffic and away from where the vehicle stops.

4) Students are prohibited from fighting, engaging in bullying, harassment, shouting or horseplay.

5) Students must enter the bus without crowding or disturbing others and go directly to their assigned seats.

6) If seats are assigned, students must occupy the seat assigned to them.

7) Students must remain seated and keep aisles and exits clear while the vehicle is moving. Students may not attempt to get on or off a moving bus.

8) Students must refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver.

9) Students are prohibited from throwing or passing objects on, from, or into vehicles.

10) Students may not use profane language, obscene gestures, tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substance on the vehicles.

11) Students may not carry weapons, look-a-like weapons, hazardous materials, nuisance items or animals onto the vehicle.

12) Students may carry on conversations in ordinary tones, but may not be loud or boisterous. Students must be absolutely quiet when the vehicle approaches a railroad crossing and any time the driver calls for quiet.

13) Students may not open windows without permission from the driver. Students may not dangle any item (e.g. legs, arms, backpacks) out of the windows.

14) Students must not at any time put hands, arms, or heads out of the bus windows.

15) Student must secure any item or items that could break or produce injury if tossed about the inside of the vehicle if the vehicle were involved in an accident

16) Student must respect the rights and safety of others at all times.

17) Students must help keep the vehicle clean, sanitary and orderly. Students must remove all personal items and trash upon exiting. Students must not throw items on the floor or out of the windows of the bus.

18) Students may not leave or board the vehicle at locations other than the assigned stops at home or school unless written parental permission is provided.

19) Students must wait for the signal from the driver to cross a road or highway. Once given signal, students must cross promptly. The crossing should be made approximately ten (10) feet in front of the bus, in full view of the driver.

20) All students riding to an elementary school function on the bus will return on the bus. The only exception will be when a parent or guardian personally requests permission to take their son or daughter home.

b) **Consequences**

Drivers must promptly report all student misconduct to the administration. These reports may be oral or written. Students who violate the Rules for Conduct will be referred to their building principal for discipline. Disciplinary consequences may include a note home to parents, suspension of bus riding privileges, exclusion from extracurricular activities, in-school suspension, short term or long term suspension from school, and/or expulsion.

These consequences are not progressive, and school officials have discretion to impose any listed punishment they deem appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law and board policy.

c) **Records**

Records of vehicle misconduct will be forwarded to the appropriate building principal and will be maintained in the same manner as other student discipline records. Reports of serious misconduct may be forwarded to law enforcement.

d) **Procedures Concerning Regular Bus Routes**

1) Requests to be dropped off at a point not on the regular route will not be accommodated unless extenuating circumstances arise and the request is approved by the transportation director or administration.

2) Students who are not regular route riders may not ride the bus home with a friend unless written permission is presented to the bus driver ahead of time by the parent of the non-route rider. The written permission should include the non-route rider's name, the date, the signature of the non-rider's parent, and the place approved for drop off.

3) Non-route riders requests may not be granted if it causes overcrowding of the vans or buses (vans have a 10-rider plus driver maximum occupancy).

4) Students not following bus rules may not be allowed to use bus services.

Transportation to Activities

The school district provides transportation to students who are participating in school-sponsored events and they must ride to those events in a school vehicle. Students who wish to take private transportation home from a school event must submit a release form to the sponsor which has been signed by that student's parent.

Video Surveillance and Photographs

The Board of Education has authorized the use of video cameras on school district property to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all staff, students and visitors, and to safeguard District facilities and equipment. Video cameras may be used in locations deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

Notice is hereby given that video surveillance may occur on Superior Public Schools District 0011 property. If a video surveillance recording captures a student or other building user violating school policies or rules or local, state, or federal laws, it may be used in appropriate disciplinary proceedings against the student or other building user and may also be provided to law enforcement agencies.

Unless otherwise authorized by board policy or law, students are prohibited from making audio or video recordings during the school day on school grounds; when being transported to and from school activities or programs in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee; or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event, unless the recording is made in a manner permitted by the school for members of the public. In such an instance, the students remain
subject to the district's appropriate use and student discipline policies. For example, students are not prohibited from making recordings of an athletic event for their personal use similar to a parent or other patron are permitted, subject to other applicable board policy. However, this policy generally prohibits students from using smart-speakers or other devices which actively or passively create or transmit audio or video recordings, including Google Home, Amazon Alexa, Apple HomePod, and AngelSense devices.

An exception will be made to this policy if photographs or video recordings are necessary to accommodate a student's disability or are required by the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.

In no event shall photographs or video recordings be taken or made in restrooms, locker rooms, or other areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. Students who violate this policy may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.

Visits to the School

The board and staff of the school district welcome members of the community and other interested persons to visit the school. **All visitors must report to the office.** Students wishing to bring a visitor must have approval from the principal or classroom teacher at **least 48 hours (2 days) prior to the visit**. The following stipulations shall also apply to visitors other than parents/guardians:

1. No visits during the first four (4) weeks of the school year.
2. Visits during the last three (3) weeks of the school year are not advisable.
3. Visiting students must be enrolled in another school district.
4. Visiting students in pre-school, kindergarten, first, or second grade **must** be accompanied by parents or an adult.
5. Visiting students in grades 3, 4, 5 may visit relatives or friends by permission from the building principal.
6. Visits should be kept to two (2) hours in length.
7. Each visitor will be given a visitor's pass that must be worn at all times.

Weather-Related School Closing

The Superintendent will occasionally announce an emergency early school dismissal, late start, or cancellation of school due to extreme heat, snow or ice. **School closings will be announced via radio on KRFS. Closing information will also be made available via television on NBC Nebraska Channel 4, KOLN/KGIN Channels 9/10, and NTV channel 13. JMC Text messaging and/or email notification is also available. Please contact the school if you are interested in getting signed up for the JMC text messaging and/or email program. An automated calling service will also be utilized for notifications.**

Parents should assume that school is open and a regular schedule is being followed if there is no announcement concerning the school district. Please do not call the school or individual staff members to find out whether school is being canceled. Parents who do not believe it is safe to transport their students to school may keep their students home after contacting the district office.

If schools are closed due to severe weather conditions, all after-school activities will be canceled.

SECTION TWO
ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academics

Promotion and Retention of Students

The following are taken into consideration when deciding whether a student should be retained in lieu of promotion to the next grade.

1. The student's grades for the present year.
2. Regular attendance. Excessive absenteeism, even if excused, may be a basis for student retention.
3. The student's scores on the standardized achievement tests given in the spring.
4. What the student is capable of achieving.
5. The student's attitude and cooperation.
6. The student's actual age and physical size.
7. The parent's views are considered and parent's will be notified if retention is recommended.

If a student is recommended to be retained, a parent/teacher conference will be scheduled.

Report Cards

Following the end of each nine-week grading period, report cards will be given to students. **Students must have all fines and bills paid before receiving their report cards or having their online account reactivated.** The report cards are to be taken home.

Pupils entering school for the first time after the school year has started must be in school at least 4 ½ weeks prior to the date report cards are issued to be entitled to receive a report card.

Grading Scales

Grading in the Superior Elementary Schools will follow the guidelines below. Quarter and Semester grades will be given. The Grade-level Classroom teacher and the Resource teacher will work cooperatively to give special needs students grades that are appropriate for that student's ability and effort. Parents may be contacted concerning their student's performance.

**Superior Elementary School is beginning to make a transition to Standards-Referenced Grading. This year Standards-Referenced Grading will be used for Math. All core subjects will make the transition within the next few years. Information will be provided to parents at open house and through a variety of methods to explain how Standards-Referenced grading functions. For those subjects except for Math in 2022-23 the following grading scale will be used.

Kindergarten: Each quarter a student will receive a standards/benchmark based-report card. As skills are mastered the report card will be marked accordingly each quarter.

Grades 1-2: The letter grades listed below will be used in all subject areas for grades 1-2

H	High Quality	97%-100%
S+	Above Average	90%-96%
S	Satisfactory	80%-89%
S-	Below Average	70%-79%
N	Needs Improvement	0%-69%

Grades 3-5: Percentage grades will be used in core curricular and related subject areas. Letter grades (H, S+, S, S-, N) will be given in Art, Handwriting, Band, Music, and Physical Education.

A+	98% - 100%	C+	82% - 84%	F	0%-69%
A	93% - 97%	C	77% - 81%		
B+	90% - 92%	D+	74% - 76%		
B	85% - 89%	D	70% - 73%		

After School Sessions

Students who may have to stay after school will be allowed to telephone parents and advise them of the situation. Bus students who may have to stay will be given a 24-hour notice so that the parents may make plans to pick the student up the following night. We realize this could be an inconvenience to parents; however, the after school time is important and should still be reserved for any student who needs the after school time. Students who are failing may be required by their teacher to stay after school until their grade is passing. Teachers will utilize such times sparingly and for good reason. We ask your sincere cooperation for full effectiveness. After school sessions will not exceed 30 minutes from the time of dismissal.

Tutoring

It is expected that every effort will be made by the principal and teacher to help the student with difficulties at school before recommending that parents engage a tutor. The board believes that by maintaining a high-quality instructional staff and providing for a rich and varied curriculum the need for individual tutoring is minimized. The following rules relating to tutoring have been established:

1. A teacher may not arrange to tutor any student enrolled in his/her class for pay.
2. No tutoring for which a teacher receives a fee will be in a school building, without administrative approval.

3. Teachers who accept outside tutoring engagements make their own arrangements with parents for the fees assessed.

Homework

The average primary student will be doing his or her work at school. Primary teachers do encourage parents to listen to their children read and to go over addition and subtraction facts with them. Intermediate grade students may have some homework. No hard and fast rule concerning homework can be made. Some generally accepted guidelines should govern the teacher in the assignment of homework.

1. Homework should stem from real needs and the consideration of the total education background of the individual student.
2. Homework should serve a definite purpose; to provide drill or practice on a principle or skill already taught; to provide real- life application of the matter in hand; to develop appreciation for or knowledge of community resources; or to develop the personal culture of the student.
3. Homework should be reasonable in view of the student's situation. Health, housing conditions, outside work or responsibility, leisure time activity, and conflicting demands of home and school should not be allowed to become a frustrating and damaging combination for the student.
4. The teacher will check homework and mistakes will be marked. Teachers will indicate what work may be corrected and provide comments about work when possible.

SECTION THREE
STUDENT DISCIPLINE

General Discipline Philosophy

The school district has the authority to discipline students who behave inappropriately on the way to school, at school, during lunch, on the way home, and at all school activities (and and away or any time while on school or district property).

The school district's discipline is guided by the following principles:

- The school district's discipline policy is intended to ensure that students take responsibility for their behavior.
- Behavior expectations and the consequences for failing to meet those expectations will be clearly communicated to all students and their parents.
- The severity of consequences for violating behavior expectations will generally be progressive in nature. That is, sanctions will increase with each instance of misconduct; however, each instance will be assessed on its only facts, and sanctions will be imposed based on the severity of the misconduct.
- Parents play a vital role in supporting and reinforcing the school district's expectations of their students.

- Behavior expectations apply to all students; consequences are enforced consistently without regard to a student's academic record or achievement.

Extracurricular activities including athletics, cheerleading, band, chorus, and club activities, are governed by the Student Activity Handbook. Students who are involved in extracurricular activities may face consequences related to the activity in addition to the consequences discussed in this handbook.

The school district reserves the right to refer to the appropriate non-school agency any act or conduct of its students which may constitute a crime under federal, state, county, or local law. The administration will cooperate with these agencies in their investigations.

Forms of School Discipline

Administrative and teaching personnel may take actions regarding student behavior which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but need not be limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, referral to restorative justice practices or services, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation. The actions may also include in-school suspensions during the day or mandatory attendance at Saturday school. When in-school suspensions, after-school assignments, Saturday School or other disciplinary measures are assigned, the student is responsible for complying with such disciplinary measures; a failure to serve such assigned discipline as directed will serve as grounds for further discipline, up to expulsion from school. District administrators may develop building-specific protocols for the imposition of student discipline.

In this section, references to "Principal" shall include building principals, the principal's designee, or other appropriate school district administrators.

Any statement, notice, recommendation, determination, or similar action specified in this section shall be effectively given at the time written evidence thereof is delivered personally to or upon receipt of certified or registered mail or upon actual knowledge by a student or his or her parent or guardian.

Any student who is suspended or expelled from school pursuant to this section may not participate in any school activity during the duration of that exclusion including adjacent school holidays and weekends. The student activity eligibility of a student who is mandatorily reassigned shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the principal of the building to which the student is reassigned.

After School Sessions and Detentions

Teachers and administrators may require students to stay after school or to serve a detention when the student violates any of the rules contained in this handbook or violates classroom-specific conduct rules set by individual teachers.

Students who may have to stay after school will be allowed to telephone parents and advise them of the situation. Students who ride the bus home from school will be given a 24-hour notice of after-school time or a detention so that the parents may make plans to pick up the student the following day. We realize this could be an inconvenience to parents, however, the after-school time is important

and should be reserved for all students who need it. Teachers will utilize such times sparingly and for good reason. We ask for your sincere cooperation for full effectiveness.

- After-school sessions will not exceed 30 minutes from the time of dismissal and are to be served in the teacher's room. A student who fails to attend an after school session may be given a detention by the teacher or may face additional disciplinary consequences up to and including long-term suspension and/or expulsion. A student who has a conflict with an after-school session is responsible for working it out with the teacher.

- Detentions are 30 minutes, served in the central office.

After a student receives a third detention in the school year the student will receive a one (1) day in-school suspension. Parents will be notified by phone or mail of the suspension and the student will be allowed to return to classes after the suspension.

After a student receives a sixth detention, a one (1) day out-of-school suspension **or** a one (1) day parent/guardian supervised suspension. A conference involving the student, teacher, parents, and administrator intended to develop a behavior plan will be required before the student is allowed to return to classes. Students who receive multiple
detentions in one semester will face escalating consequences up to and including possible suspension or expulsion

In-School Suspension
The building administrator may require a student to service in-school suspension. Students may be required to attend up to six hours per day of school-sponsored suspension a day at a designated location where they will study and participate in campus clean-up. There will be zero tolerance for behavior problems from students placed in in-school suspension. Students not completing their in-school suspension will face further disciplinary action.

Emergency Exclusion
Students may be emergency excluded from school pursuant to the board's separate policy on emergency exclusion or state law.

Short-Term Suspension
The Principal or the Principal’s designee may exclude a student from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (short-term suspension) on the following grounds:

1. Conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth; or

2. Other violations of rules and standards of behavior adopted by the board of education or the administrative or teaching staff of the school, which occur on or off school grounds, if such conduct interferes with school purposes or there is a nexus between such conduct and school.

The following process will apply to short-term suspensions:

1. The Principal shall make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. Short-term suspension shall be imposed only after a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.

2. Prior to commencement of the short-term suspension, the student will be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student. The student will be advised of what he/she is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and an opportunity to explain his/her version of the facts.

3. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Principal will send a written statement to the student and the student's parent or guardian, describing the student's conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or standard and the reasons for the action taken. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with the Principal ordering the short-term suspension before or at the time the student returns to school. The Principal shall determine who, in addition to the parent or guardian, is to attend the conference.

4. Students who are short-term suspended will be given the opportunity to complete class work, including but not limited to examinations, under the following conditions outlined by the principal at the time of the suspension.

Weapons and/or Firearms
Students may be disciplined for the possession of weapons and/or firearms pursuant to the board's separate policy on weapons and firearms or state law.

Long-Term Suspension
Students may be excluded by the Principal from school or any school function for a period of more than five school days but less then twenty school days (long-term suspension) for any conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth. The process for long-term suspension is set forth below.

Expulsion

Meaning of Expulsion. Expulsion means exclusion from attendance in all schools, grounds and activities of or within the system for a period not to exceed the remainder of the semester in which it took effect unless the misconduct occurred (a) within ten school days prior to the end of the first semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect through the second semester, or (b) within ten school days prior to the end of the second semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for summer school and the first semester of the following school year, or (c) unless the expulsion is for conduct specified in these rules or in law as permitting or requiring a longer removal, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for the period specified therein. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period.

Summer Review. Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year will be automatically scheduled for review before the beginning of the school year. The review will be conducted by the hearing officer who conducted the initial expulsion hearing, or a hearing officer appointed by the Superintendent in the event no hearing was previously held or the initial hearing officer is no longer available or willing to serve, after the hearing officer has given notice of the review to the student and the student's parent or guardian. This review shall be limited

to newly discovered evidence or evidence of changes in the student's circumstances occurring since the original hearing. This review may lead to a recommendation by the hearing officer that the student be readmitted for the upcoming school year. If the school board or board of education or a committee of such board took the final action to expel the student, the student may be readmitted only by action of the board. Otherwise the student may be readmitted by action of the Superintendent.

Suspension of Enforcement of an Expulsion: Enforcement of an expulsion action may be suspended (i.e., "stayed") for a period of not more than one full semester in addition to the balance of the semester in which the expulsion takes effect, and as a condition of such suspended action, the student may be assigned to a school, class, or program/plan and to such other consequences which the school district deems appropriate.

Alternative School or Pre-expulsion Procedures. The school shall either provide an alternative school, class or educational program for expelled students or shall follow the pre-expulsion procedures outlined in Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-266.

Expulsion for Causing Personal Injury or for Possessing a Dangerous Weapon Other than a Firearm

If a student is expelled for the use of force, or causing or attempting to cause personal injury to another iπndividual, or for knowingly and intentionally possessing or transmitting a dangerous weapon other than a firearm, the expulsion shall be for a period not to exceed the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester. If the expulsion takes place during the second semester, the expulsion may remain in effect for the first semester of the following year.

Automatic Review of Expulsions Which Continue During the First Semester of the Following Year

Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year shall be automatically scheduled for review and shall be reviewed by the Hearing Examiner before the beginning of the school year. The review shall take place after the Hearing Examiner has given notice of the review to the student and the student's parent or guardian. The review shall be limited to newly discovered evidence or evidence of changes in the student's circumstances occurring since the original hearing. If there is no such evidence, the Hearing Examiner need not provide a hearing in order to complete his or her review.

The Hearing Examiner may make a recommendation that the student be readmitted for the upcoming school year. The student may be readmitted by action of the Superintendent unless the School Board took the final action to expel the student. Under such circumstances, the student may be readmitted only by action of the board.

Use of Force

In the event a student is expelled for the knowing and intentional use of force in causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, school volunteer, or student, or the knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm, the expulsion shall be for a period not to exceed the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester. If the expulsion takes place during the

second semester, the expulsion may remain in effect for the first semester of the following year. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period.

Firearms

When a student is determined to have knowingly and intentionally possessed, used, or transmitted a firearm as defined by 18 U.S.C. 921, as that statute existed on January 1, 1995, to expel such student for a period of not less than one year if such conduct occurred on school grounds, in a school owned vehicle being used for school purpose, or at a school sponsored activity or athletic event. Nothing in this policy, however, shall prohibit the superintendent of schools or the board of education from modifying such required expulsion on an individual basis. This policy shall not apply to the issuance of firearms to, or possession of firearms by, members of the reserve officer training corp., or to firearms that may lawfully be possessed by the person receiving instruction under the immediate supervision of an adult instructor who may lawfully possess firearms.

Grounds for Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment:

The following conduct constitutes grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, subject to the procedural provisions of the Student Discipline Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-254 through 79-296, when such activity occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event:

1. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes;
2. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, or repeated damage or theft involving property;
3. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, to a school volunteer, or to any student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision;
4. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student;
5. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (see also board policy on weapons and firearms);
6. Engaging in the unlawful possession, selling, dispensing, or use of a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance, as defined in section 28-401, a substance represented to be a controlled substance, or alcoholic liquor as defined in section 53-103.02 or being under the influence of a controlled substance or alcoholic liquor (note: the term “under the influence” for school purposes has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant);
7. Public indecency as defined in section 28-806, except that this prohibition shall apply only to students at least twelve years of age but less than nineteen years of age;
8. Engaging in bullying as defined in section 79-2,137 and in these policies;

9. Sexually assaulting or attempting to sexually assault any person if a complaint has been filed by a prosecutor in a court of competent jurisdiction alleging that the student has sexually assaulted or attempted to sexually assault any person, including sexual assaults or attempted sexual assaults that occur off school grounds not at a school function, activity, or event. For purposes of this subdivision, sexual assault means sexual assault in the first degree as defined in section 28-319, sexual assault in the second degree as defined in section 28-320, sexual assault of a child in the second or third degree as defined in section 28-320.01, or sexual assault of a child in the first degree as defined in section 28-319.01, as such sections now provide or may hereafter from time to time be amended;

10. Engaging in any other activity forbidden by the laws of the State of Nebraska which activity constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes; or

11. A repeated violation of any of the following rules, or a single violation if the conduct amounts to a criminal act, if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes:

    a. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to students or staff members. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, sex, national origin, or religion;

    b. Dressing or grooming in a manner which violates the school district's dress code and/or is dangerous to the student's health and safety, a danger to the health and safety of others, or which is disruptive, distracting or indecent to the extent that it interferes with the learning and educational process;

    c. Violating school bus rules as set by the school district or district staff;

    d. Possessing, using, selling, or dispensing tobacco, drug paraphernalia, an electronic nicotine delivery system, or a tobacco imitation substance or packaging, regardless of form, including cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and any other form of tobacco, tobacco derivative product or imitation, or such as electronic cigarettes, vapor pens, etc.;

    e. Possessing, using, selling, or dispensing any drug paraphernalia or imitation of a controlled substance regardless of whether the actual substance possessed is a controlled substance by Nebraska law;

    f. Possession of pornography;

    g. Sexting or the possession of sexting images (a combination of sex and texting - the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically);

    h. Engaging in initiations, defined as any ritualistic expectations, requirements, or activities placed upon new members of a school organization for the purpose of admission into the organization, even if those activities do not rise to the level of "hazing" as defined below. Initiations are prohibited except by permission of the superintendent;

    i. Engaging in hazing as defined by state law and this policy. Hazing is defined as any activity by which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any school organization. Under state criminal law, hazing activities include, but are not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, an act of sexual penetration, an exposure of the genitals of the body done with the intent to affront or alarm any person, a lewd fondling or caressing of the body of another

person, forced and prolonged calisthenics, prolonged exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or harmful substance not generally intended for human consumption, prolonged sleep deprivation, or any brutal treatment or the performance of any unlawful act that endangers the physical or mental health or safety of any person. For purposes of school rules, hazing also includes any activity expected of someone joining a group, team, or activity that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate; personal servitude; restrictions on personal hygiene; yelling, swearing and insulting new members/rookies; being forced to wear embarrassing or humiliating attire in public; consumption of vile substances or smearing of such on one's skin; binge drinking and drinking games; sexual simulation and sexual assault;

j. Bullying which shall include cyber-bullying, defined as the use of the internet, including but not limited to social networking sites such as Facebook, cell phones or other devices to send, post or text message images and material intended to hurt or embarrass another person. This may include, but is not limited to; continuing to send e-mail to someone who has said they want no further contact with the sender; sending or posting threats, sexual remarks or pejorative labels (i.e., hate speech); ganging up on victims by making them the subject of ridicule in forums, and posting false statements as fact intended to humiliate the victim; disclosure of personal data, such as the victim's real name, address, or school at websites or forums; posing as the identity of the victim for the purpose of publishing material in their name that defames or ridicules them; sending threatening and harassing text, instant messages or emails to the victims; and posting or sending rumors or gossip to instigate others to dislike and gang up on the target;

k. Violation of the district's computer acceptable computer use policy are subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion; and

l. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a simulated or
"look-a-like" weapon;

m. Using any object to simulate possession of a weapon;

n. Knowingly making a false statement or knowingly submitting false information during the Title IX grievance process or any other school investigation or making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a Title IX grievance proceeding or any other school investigation; and

o. Any other violation of a rule or regulation established by a school district staff member pursuant to authority delegated by the board.

The length of any suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment shall be as provided or allowed by law.

Reporting Requirement to Law Enforcement

Violations of this section will result in a report to law enforcement if:

1. The violation includes possession of a firearm;
2. The violation results in child abuse;
3. It is a violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code that the administration believes cannot be adequately addressed by discipline from the school district;

4. It is a violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code that endangers the health and welfare of staff or students; or

5. It is a violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code that interferes with school purposes.

Due Process Afforded to Students Facing Long-term Suspension or Expulsion

The following procedures shall be followed with regard to any long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment.

1. On the date of the decision to discipline, the Principal shall file with the Superintendent a written charge and a summary of the evidence supporting such charge.

2. The Principal shall serve the student and the student's parents or guardian with a written notice by registered or certified mail or personal service within two school days of the date of the decision to recommend long-term suspension or expulsion. The notice shall include the following:

a. The rule or standard of conduct allegedly violated and the acts of the student alleged to constitute a cause for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, including a summary of the evidence to be presented against the student;

b. The penalty, if any, which the principal has recommended in the charge and any other penalty to which the student may be subject;

c. A statement that, before long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment for disciplinary purposes can be invoked, the student has a right to a hearing, upon request, on the specified charges;

d. A description of the hearing procedures provided by the act, along with procedures for appealing any decision rendered at the hearing;

e. A statement that the principal, legal counsel for the school, the student, the student's parent, or the student's representative or guardian has the right (i) to examine the student's academic and disciplinary records and any affidavits to be used at the hearing concerning the alleged misconduct and (ii) to know the identity of the witnesses to appear at the hearing and the substance of their testimony; and

f. A form on which the student, the student's parent, or the student's guardian may request a hearing, to be signed by such parties and delivered to the principal or superintendent in person or by registered or certified mail.

3. When a notice of intent to discipline a student by long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment is filed with the superintendent, the student may be suspended by the principal until the date the long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment takes effect if no hearing is requested or, if a hearing is requested, the date the hearing examiner makes the report of his or her findings and a recommendation of the action to be taken to the superintendent, if the principal determines that the student must be suspended immediately to

prevent or substantially reduce the risk of (a) interference with an educational function or school purpose or (b) a personal injury to the student himself or herself, other students, school employees, or school volunteers.

4. Nothing in this policy shall preclude the student, student's parents, guardian or representative from discussing and settling the matter with appropriate school personnel prior to the hearing stage.

5. If a hearing is requested within five days after receipt of the notice, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer who shall follow the "hearing procedures" outlined below.

6. If a hearing is requested more than five school days following the receipt of the written notice, but not more than thirty calendar days after receipt, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer who shall follow the "hearing procedures" outlined below, except that the time constraints set forth may differ as provided by law and this policy. The student shall be entitled to a hearing but the consequence imposed may continue in effect pending final determination.

7. If a request for hearing is not received within thirty calendar days following the mailing or delivery of the written notice, the student shall not be entitled to a hearing.

In the event a hearing is requested, the hearing, hearing procedures, the student's rights and any appeals or judicial review permitted by law shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Nebraska Student Discipline Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-254 to 79-294). The school district will provide parents with copies of the relevant statutes upon request.

SECTION FOUR
TITLE IX POLICY

It is the policy of the school district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any of the school district's programs or activities. The district is required by Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to not discriminate in such a manner.

1. **Title IX Coordinator**

1.1. **Designation.** The district will designate and authorize at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with its responsibilities under this policy, who will be referred to as the "**Title IX Coordinator.**" The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, of the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator. Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment). This report may be made by any means, including but not limited to, in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX

Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours).

2. **Definitions.** As used in this policy, the following terms are defined as follows

2.1. **Actual knowledge** means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to any district employee. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge. This standard is not met when the only district employee with actual knowledge is the respondent (as that term is defined below). "Notice" as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator as described in subsection 1.1 above.

2.2. **Complainant** means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.3. **Formal complaint** means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the district investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. The only district official who is authorized to initiate the Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment against a respondent is the Title IX Coordinator (by signing a formal complaint). At the time of filing a formal complaint with the district, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the district's education program or activity. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic mail, by using the contact information required to be listed for the Title IX Coordinator under subsection 1.1 above, and by any additional method designated by the district. As used in this paragraph, the phrase "document filed by a complainant" means a document or electronic submission (such as by electronic mail or through an online portal provided for this purpose by the district) that contains the complainant's physical or digital signature, or otherwise indicates that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint. Where the Title IX Coordinator signs a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator is not a complainant or otherwise a party under this policy or under 34 C.F.R. part 106, and will comply with the requirements of this policy and 34 C.F.R. part 106, including subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4 and 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(1)(iii).

2.4. **Respondent** means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.5. **Consent** for purposes of this policy means the willingness in fact for conduct to occur. An individual may, as a result of age, incapacity, disability, lack of information, or other circumstances be incapable of providing consent to some or all sexual conduct or activity. Neither verbal nor physical resistance is required to establish that an individual did not consent. District officials will consider the totality of the circumstances in determining whether there was consent for any specific conduct. Consent may be revoked or withdrawn at any time.

2.6. **Sexual harassment** means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

2.6.1. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;

2.6.2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity;

2.6.3. **Sexual assault**, as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), which means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

2.6.3.1. **Sex Offenses, Forcible—**Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

2.6.3.1.1. **Rape—**(Except Statutory Rape) The carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

2.6.3.1.2. **Sodomy—**Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.3. **Sexual Assault With An Object—**To use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.4. **Fondling—**The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.2. **Sex Offenses, Non-forcible—**(Except Prostitution Offenses) Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

2.6.3.2.1. **Incest—**Non-Forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

2.6.3.2.2. **Statutory Rape—**Non-Forcible sexual intercourse by a person at least nineteen years of age with a person who is under sixteen years of age

2.6.4. **Dating violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(10), which means violence committed by a person—

2.6.4.1. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and

2.6.4.2. where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

2.6.4.2.1. The length of the relationship.

2.6.4.2.2. The type of relationship.

2.6.4.2.3. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

2.6.5. **Domestic violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(8), which includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate

partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction

2.6.6. **Stalking**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(30), which means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

2.6.6.1. fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or

2.6.6.2. suffer substantial emotional distress.

2.7. **Supportive measures** means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures. The district will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the district to provide the supportive measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

3. Discrimination Not Involving Sexual Harassment.

3.1. **General Prohibition.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other education program or activity operated by the district

3.2. **Specific Prohibitions.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, in providing any aid, benefit, or service to a student, the district will not on the basis of sex:

3.2.1. Treat one person differently from another in determining whether such person satisfies any requirement or condition for the provision of such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.2. Provide different aid, benefits, or services or provide aid, benefits, or services in a different manner;

3.2.3. Deny any person any such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.4. Subject any person to separate or different rules of behavior, sanctions, or other treatment;

3.2.5. Apply any rule concerning the domicile or residence of a student or applicant;

3.2.6. Aid or perpetuate discrimination against any person by providing significant assistance to any agency, organization, or person which discriminates on the basis of sex in providing any aid, benefit or service to students or employees;

3.2.7. Otherwise limit any person in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity.

3.3. **Complaint Procedure.** All complaints regarding any alleged discrimination on the basis of sex, including without limitation violations of this policy, 34 C.F.R. part 106, Title IX, Title VII,

or other state or federal law—when the alleged discrimination does not arise from or relate to an allegation of sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 above—shall be addressed pursuant to the district's general complaint procedure.

4. **Response to Sexual Harassment**

4.1. **Reporting Sexual Harassment.** Any person who witnesses an act of unlawful sexual harassment is encouraged to report it to the District's Title IX Coordinator. No person will be retaliated against based on any report of suspected sexual harassment or retaliation. Any District employee who receives a report of sexual harassment or has actual knowledge of sexual harassment must convey that information to the Title IX Coordinator as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no case later than the end of the following school day.

4.2. **General Response to Sexual Harassment.** When the district has actual knowledge of sexual harassment in its education program or activity against a person in the United States, the district will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent. The district will be deemed to be deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. For the purposes of this policy "education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the district exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs. The district's response will treat complainants and respondents equitably by offering supportive measures as defined in subsection 2.7 above to a complainant, and by following the grievance process described in section 5 below before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures, against a respondent. The Title IX Coordinator will promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.

4.3. **Emergency Removal.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from removing a respondent from the district's education program or activity on an emergency basis, provided that the district undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis, and determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment justifies removal. In the event that the district so removes a respondent on an emergency basis, then the district will provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.4. **Administrative Leave.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from placing a non-student employee respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of a grievance process that complies with section 5 below. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.5. **General Response Not Conditioned on Formal Complaint.** With or without a formal complaint, the district will comply with the obligations and procedures described in this section 4.

5. **Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment.**

5.1. **General Requirements.**

5.1.1. **Equitable Treatment.** The district will treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, and by following the grievance process described in this section 5 before the imposition of any disciplinary

sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. Remedies will be designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. Remedies may include the same individualized services described in subsection 2.7 as "supportive measures"; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent.

5.1.2. **Objective Evaluation.** This grievance process requires an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence—including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence. Credibility determinations may not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness.

5.1.3. **Absence of Conflicts of Interest or Bias.** The district will require that any individual designated by a recipient as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or any person designated by a recipient to facilitate an informal resolution process, not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

5.1.4. **Training.** The district will ensure that all individuals or entities described in this Training section 5.1.4 receive training as provided below. Any materials used to train these individuals will not rely on sex stereotypes and will promote impartial investigations and adjudications of formal complaints of sexual harassment.

5.1.4.1. **All District Employees and Board Members.** All district employees and board members will be trained on how to identify and report sexual harassment.

5.1.4.2. **Title IX Coordinators, Investigators, Decision-Makers, or Informal Resolution Facilitators.** The district will ensure that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, or any person designated by the district to facilitate an informal resolution process receive training on:

5.1.4.2.1. The definition of sexual harassment in subsection 2.6;

5.1.4.2.2. The scope of the district's education program or activity;

5.1.4.2.3. How to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and informal resolution processes, as applicable; and

5.1.4.2.4. How to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias.

5.1.4.3. **Decision-Makers.** The district will ensure that decision-makers receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, as set forth in subsection 5.6.

5.1.4.4. **Investigators.** The district will also ensure that investigators receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence, as set forth in subsection 5.5.8.

5.1.5. **Presumption.** It is presumed that the respondent is not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

5.1.6. **Reasonably Prompt Time Frames.** This grievance process shall include reasonably prompt time frames for conclusion of the grievance process, including reasonably prompt time frames for filing and resolving appeals and informal resolution processes if the district offers informal resolution processes. The process shall also allow for the temporary delay of the grievance process or the limited extension of time frames for good cause with written notice to the complainant and the respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities.

5.1.7. **Range of Possible Sanctions and Remedies.** Following a determination of responsibility, the district may impose disciplinary sanctions and remedies in conformance with this and the district's student discipline policy, and other state and federal laws. Depending upon the circumstances, these policies provide for disciplinary sanctions and remedies up to and including expulsion.

5.1.8. **Range of Supportive Measures**. The range of supportive measures available to complainants and respondents include those listed in subsection 2.7.

5.1.9. **Respect for Privileged Information.** The district will not require, allow, rely upon, or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitute, or seek disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege.

5.2. **Notice of Allegations.**

5.2.1. **Initial Notice.** Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the district will provide the following written notice to the parties who are known:

5.2.1.1. A copy of this policy.

5.2.1.2. Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6, including sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview. Sufficient details include the identities of the parties involved in the incident, if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known. The written notice will include a statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process. The written notice will inform the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, under subsection 5.5.5, and may inspect and review evidence under subsection 5.5.5. The written notice will inform the parties of any provision in the district's code of conduct that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process.

5.2.2. **Supplemental Notice.** If, in the course of an investigation, the district decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the Initial Notice described above, the district will provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known

5.3. **Dismissal of Formal Complaint.**

5.3.1. The district will investigate the allegations in a formal complaint.

5.3.2. **Mandatory Dismissals.** The district **must** dismiss a formal complaint if the conduct alleged in the formal complaint:

5.3.2.1. Would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 even if proved;

5.3.2.2. Did not occur in the district's education program or activity; or

5.3.2.3. Did not occur against a person in the United States.

5.3.3. **Discretionary Dismissals.** The district **may** dismiss the formal complaint or any allegations therein, if at any time during the investigation or hearing:

5.3.3.1. The complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;

5.3.3.2. The respondent is no longer enrolled in or employed by the district; or

5.3.3.3. Specific circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

5.3.4. Upon a dismissal required or permitted pursuant to subsections 5.3.2 or 5.3.3 above, the district will promptly send written notice of the dismissal and an explanation of that action simultaneously to the parties.

5.3.5. Dismissal of a formal complaint under this policy does not preclude the district from taking action under another provision of the district's code of conduct or pursuant to another district policy.

5.4. **Consolidation of Formal Complaints.** The district may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one respondent, or by more than one complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances. Where a grievance process involves more than one complainant or more than one respondent, references in this policy to the singular "party," "complainant," or "respondent" include the plural, as applicable.

5.5. **Investigation of Formal Complaint.** When investigating a formal complaint and throughout the grievance process, the district will:

5.5.1. Designate and authorize one or more persons (which need not be district employees) as investigator(s) to conduct the district's investigation of a formal complaint;

5.5.2. Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rest on the district and not on the parties provided that the district cannot access, consider, disclose, or otherwise use a party's records that are made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional's or paraprofessional's capacity, or assisting in that capacity, and which are made and maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless the district obtains that party's voluntary, written consent to do so for a grievance process under this section (if a party is not an "eligible student," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3, then the district will obtain the voluntary, written consent of a "parent," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3);

5.5.3. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence;

5.5.4. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;

5.5.5. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and not limit the choice or presence of advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding; however, the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties;

5.5.6. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all hearings, investigative interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate;

5.5.7. Provide both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint, including the evidence upon which the district does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source, so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to conclusion of the investigation. Prior to completion of the investigative report, the district will send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy, and the parties will have at least 10 calendar days to submit a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report; and

5.5.8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 calendar days prior to the time of determination regarding responsibility, send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response.

5.6. **Exchange of Written Questions.** After the district has sent the investigative report to the parties pursuant to subsection 5.5.8, but before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker(s) will afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. The decision-maker(s) will explain to the party proposing the questions any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

5.7. **Determination Regarding Responsibility**

5.7.1. **Decision-Maker(s).** The decision-maker(s) cannot be the same person as the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator(s).

5.7.2. **Written Determination.** The decision-maker(s) will issue a written determination regarding responsibility. To reach this determination, the decision-maker(s) will apply the preponderance of the evidence standard. The written determination will include:

5.7.2.1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6;

5.7.2.2. A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications

to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held;

5.7.2.3. Findings of fact supporting the determination;

5.7.2.4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct to the facts;

5.7.2.5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant; and

5.7.2.6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal.

5.7.3. The district will provide the written determination to the parties simultaneously. The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the district provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.

5.7.4. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies.

5.8. **Appeals.** The district will offer both parties the opportunity to appeal from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, on the grounds identified below.

5.8.1. **Time for Appeal.** Appeals may only be initiated by submitting a written Notice of Appeal to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within three calendar days of the date of the respective written determination of responsibility or dismissal from which the appeal is taken. The Notice of Appeal must include (a) the name of the party or parties making the appeal, (b) the determination, dismissal, or portion thereof being appealed, and (c) a concise statement of the specific grounds (from subsection 5.8.2 below) upon which the appeal is based. A party's failure to timely submit a Notice of Appeal will be deemed a waiver of the party's right to appeal under this policy, 34 C.F.R. part, 106, and Title IX.

5.8.2. **Grounds for Appeal.** Appeals from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, are limited to the following grounds:

5.8.2.1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;

5.8.2.2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and

5.8.2.3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome of the matter.

5.8.3. As to all appeals, the district will

5.8.3.1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties;

5.8.3.2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is not the same person as the decision-maker(s) that reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator;

5.8.3.3. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal complies with the standards set forth in subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4.

5.8.3.4. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome;

5.8.3.5. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result; and

5.8.3.6. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties.

5.9. **Informal Resolution.** The district will not require as a condition of enrollment or continuing enrollment, or employment or continuing employment, or enjoyment of any other right, waiver of the right to an investigation and adjudication of formal complaints of sexual harassment consistent with this section. Similarly, the district will not require the parties to participate in an informal resolution process under this section and may not offer an informal resolution process unless a formal complaint is filed. However, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility the district may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication, provided that the district:

5.9.1. Provides to the parties a written notice disclosing:

5.9.1.1. The allegations;

5.9.1.2. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations.

5.9.1.3. That at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint; and

5.9.1.4. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared;

5.9.2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process; and

5.9.3. Does not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

5.10. **Recordkeeping**

5.10.1. The district will maintain for a period of seven years records of:

5.10.1.1. Each sexual harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, and any remedies provided to the complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity;

5.10.1.2. Any appeal and the result therefrom;

5.10.1.3. Any informal resolution and the result therefrom; and

5.10.1.4. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district will

make these training materials publicly available on its website, or if the district does not maintain a website then the district will make these materials available upon request for inspection by members of the public.

5.10.2. For each response required under section 4, the district will create, and maintain for a period of seven years, records of any actions, including any supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment. In each instance, the district will document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. If the district does not provide a complainant with supportive measures, then the district will document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. The documentation of certain bases or measures does not limit the district in the future from providing additional explanations or detailing additional measures taken.

6. **Superintendent Authorized to Contract.** The board authorizes the Superintendent to contract for, designate, and appoint individuals to serve in the roles of the district's investigator(s), decision-maker(s), informal resolution facilitator(s), or appellate decision-maker(s) as contemplated by this policy.

7. **Access to Classes and Schools.**

7.1. **General Standard.** Except as provided in this section or otherwise in 34 C.F.R. part 106, the district will not provide or otherwise carry out any of its education programs or activities separately on the basis of sex, or require or refuse participation therein by any of its students on the basis of sex.

7.1.1. **Contact sports in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit separation of students by sex within physical education classes or activities during participation in wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and other sports the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

7.1.2. **Ability grouping in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit grouping of students in physical education classes and activities by ability as assessed by objective standards of individual performance developed and applied without regard to sex.

7.1.3. **Human sexuality classes.** Classes or portions of classes that deal primarily with human sexuality may be conducted in separate sessions for boys and girls.

7.1.4. **Choruses.** The district may make requirements based on vocal range or quality that may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one sex.

7.2. **Classes and Extracurricular Activities.** The district may provide nonvocational single-sex classes or extracurricular activities as permitted by 34 C.F.R. part 106.

8. **Athletics.** It is the policy of the district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic, club, or intramural athletics offered by the district, and that the district will not provide any such athletics separately on such basis.

8.1. **Separate Teams.** Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the district may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.

8.2. **Equal opportunity.** The district will provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both sexes. Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams will not constitute noncompliance with this section.

9. **Certain Different Treatment on the Basis of Sex Permitted.** Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the district from treating persons differently on the basis of sex as permitted by Title IX or 34 C.F.R. part 106. For example, and without limiting the foregoing, the district may provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of sex, but such facilities provided for students of one sex shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other sex.

10. **Retaliation Prohibited.** Neither the district nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. The district will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any complainant, any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination, any respondent, and any witness, except as may be permitted by the FERPA statute, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, or FERPA regulations, 34 C.F.R. part 99, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of 34 C.F.R. part 106, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder. Complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to shall be addressed pursuant to Board Policy 2006 (Complaint Procedure).

10.1. **Specific Circumstances.**

10.1.1. The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation prohibited by this section.

10.1.2. Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding under this part does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this section, provided, however, that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a materially false statement in bad faith.

11. **Notification of Policy.** The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the existence of this policy. The requirement to not discriminate, as stated in Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, in the district's education program(s) or activities extends to admission and employment, and inquiries about the application of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education, or both.

12. **Publication of Policy.** The district will prominently display on its website, if any, and in each handbook that it makes available to applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the employee or employees designated as the Title IX Coordinator(s).

13. **Application Outside the United States.** The requirements of this policy apply only to sex discrimination occurring against a person in the United States.

14. **Scope of Policy.** Nothing herein shall be construed to be more demanding or more constraining upon the district than the requirements of Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106. To the extent that the district is in compliance with Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, then all of the district's obligations under this policy shall be deemed to be fulfilled and discharged.

SECTION FIVE
SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY

The school district is committed to providing a school environment that enhances learning and the development of lifelong wellness. The district will use evidence-based strategies to develop, structure, and support student wellness.

1. Goals for Nutrition Promotion and Education

a. The district will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs by such methods as implementing evidence- based healthy food promotion techniques through the school meal programs and promoting foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

b. The health curriculum will include information on good nutrition and healthy living habits.

c. Teachers will incorporate information on nutrition and wellness into the classroom curriculum as appropriate by grade level and ability.

d. The district encourages parents and guardians to support their children's healthy eating habits by being role models in their own eating habits.

e. Water will be made available to students throughout the school day.

f. The district will participate in state and federal child nutrition programs as appropriate.

g. Students will be provided sufficient time in which to eat school-provided meals.

2. Goals for Physical Activity

a. The school district's curriculums shall include instruction on physical activity and habits for healthy living.

b. Staff will provide opportunities for students to engage in physical activities throughout the school day.

c. The district encourages parents and guardians to support their children's participation in physical activity, to be physically active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.

d. The district will strive to provide physical activity breaks for all students, recess for elementary students, and before and after school activities, as well as encourage students to use active transport (walking, biking, etc.)

3. Goals for Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student Wellness

a. The district will provide professional development, support, and resources for staff about student wellness.

b. The district's lunchrooms will be attractive and well-lighted.

c. The district will allow other health-related entities to use school facilities for activities such as health clinics and screenings so long as the activities meet the district's requirements and criteria for the use of facilities.

4. Standards and Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages Sold to Students on the School Campus and During the School Day

a. The district will ensure that student access to foods and beverages meet federal, state and local laws and guidelines including, but not limited to:

i. USDA National School Lunch and School Breakfast nutrition standards

ii. USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

b. The district will offer students a variety of age-appropriate, healthy food and beverage selections with plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains aimed at meeting the nutrition needs of students within their calorie requirements in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity.

5. Standards for All Foods and Beverages Provided, But Not Sold to Students During the School Day
The district may provide a list of healthy party ideas or food and beverage alternatives to parents, teachers, and students for classroom parties, rewards and incentives, or classroom snacks. The district discourages the use of food and beverages as a reward or incentive for performance or behavior.

6. Food and Beverage Marketing
Marketing and advertising is only allowed on school grounds or at school activities for foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, except as follows:

a. This requirement does not apply to marketing that occurs at events outside of school hours such as after school sporting or any other events, including school fundraising events.

b. The district will not immediately replace menu boards, coolers, tray liners, beverage cups, and other food service equipment with depictions of noncompliant products or logos to comply with the new USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition requirements. All previously purchased products will be used, and all existing contracts honored.

c. All equipment that currently displays noncompliant marketing materials will not be removed or replaced (e.g.,a score board with a Pepsi logo). However, as the district reviews and considers new contracts, and as scoreboards or other such durable equipment are replaced or updated over time, any products that are marketed and advertised will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards

7. Public Participation
Parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers, school health professionals, board members, school administrators, and members of the general public shall be allowed to provide their input to the school district during the wellness policy adoption and review process. The district will collaborate with public and private entities to promote student wellness. The district may partner with other individuals or entities in the community to support implementation of this policy.

8. Competitive Foods (Includes Food and Beverages Sold in Vending Machines, School Stores, Fundraisers or in Competition with the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs)

a. Except as otherwise allowed by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), all foods and beverages sold during the school day as part of a fundraiser or for any other purpose in competition with the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs must meet the nutrition standards of those Programs.

b. Fundraiser food or beverages are NOT exempt from the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. Therefore, if food is sold as a fundraiser:

(1) It shall not be sold in competition with school meals in the food service area during the meal service.

(2) It shall not be sold or otherwise made available to students anywhere on school premises during the period beginning one half hour prior to the serving period for breakfast and/or lunch and lasting until one half hour after the serving of breakfast and/or lunch.

(3) The sale of food items during the school day shall meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition requirements

(4) This restriction does not apply to food sold during non-school hours, weekends, and off-campus fundraising events such as concessions during after- school sporting events, school plays or concerts; or to bulk food items that are sold for consumption at home. (Ex: frozen pizzas, cookie dough tubs, etc.)

9. Triennial Assessment

The school board shall assess and review this policy at least every three years to determine:

a. Compliance with this policy;

b. How this policy compares to NDE model wellness policies;

c. Progress made in attaining the goals of this policy.

The school board will update or modify this policy as appropriate.

10. Public Notice

In addition to identifying the topic on its meeting agenda as required by the Open Meetings Act, the school district will provide notice of this policy at least annually to the public and other stakeholders identified in this policy by one or more of the following methods: on its webpage, in its newsletter, in the student and employee handbooks, newspaper advertisements, direct mailings, electronic mail, and public postings. In addition to identifying the topic on its meeting agenda as required by the Open Meetings Act, the school district will provide notice of the Triennial Assessment and progress reports towards meeting the goals in this policy using one or more of those same methods.

11. Recordkeeping

The District will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy at the superintendent's office.

12. Operational Responsibility

The superintendent is responsible for coordinating the implementation of this policy and for monitoring the district's progress in meeting the goals established by this policy. The superintendent will periodically report to the board on the district's progress in implementing this policy.

* These strategies include, but are not necessarily limited to, those cited in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Model Wellness Policy (Updated 9/2016 to reflect the USDA Final Rule) found at https://www.healthiergeneration.org/_asset/wtqdwu/14-6372_ModelWellnessPolicy.doc.

SECTION SIX
STAFF DIRECTORY AND CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Matt Sullivan, President 402-879-1891
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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Supt. of Schools	Marty Kobza	879-3257 Ext. 127
Secondary Principal	Bob Cook	879-3257 Ext. 116
Elementary Principal	Jodi Fierstein	879-3257 Ext. 225
Director of Special Services	Jodi Fierstein	879-3257 Ext. 225
School Maintenance	Kent Kottmeyer	879-3257 Ext. 166
Transportation Supervisor	Kevin Knoell	879-3257 Ext. 204
Food Service Supervisor	Kris Holcomb	879-3257 Ext. 191

ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM

PALLS A	Mary Tietjen
PALLS B	Kara Smith
KGTN A	Laura Baird
KGTN B	Jocelyn Grube
Grade 1A	Haley VanNatter
Grade 1B	Rachel Renz
Grade 2A	Katelin Long
Grade 2B	Shaelynn Rothchild
Grade 3A	Kate Elting
Grade 3B	Dana Henry
Grade 4A	Tricia Kuhlmann
Grade 4B	Nicole Fiegener
Grade 5A	Jake Nannen
Grade 5B	Courtney Baker

ELEMENTARY SPECIALISTS

5th Band	Allison White
Vocal Music/Art	Tierney Casper
Library/Media	Sara Fuller
Physical Ed	Andrew Diehl
Title I	Heather Blackstone
Reading Specialist	Jenny Utecht
Resource Teacher	Sami Trauernicht
Resource Teacher	Courtney Utecht
Resource Teacher	Cori Sheff
S-L Pathologist	Mackenzie Trumble
Nurse	Megan McMeen
Social Worker	Casey Zoltenko

ELEMENTARY SUPPORT STAFF

Administrative Assistant	Rebecca Fullerton	Reading Para	Jessica Diehl
Resource Para	Janice Hatzenbuehler	Resource Para	Melissa Mikkelsen
Resource Para	Jeanie Keifer	Resource Para	Melissa Jensen
Resource Para	Jamie Henderson	Resource Para	Teghn Kobza
Resource Para	Cindy Adamson	Communication Assistant	Nancy Hass
Resource Para PreK	Dani Freeman	Custodian	Teresa Richardson
Resource Para PreK	Rebecca Lueking	Custodian	Marlin Rothchild
Library/Media Para	Rhonda Freeman		

Superior Public Schools
Elementary School Calendar 2022-23

(subject to change)

August	9	PreK through 5 Open House - Students and Parents 6:00-7:00 p.m.
	11	First day of school for K-5 students!
September	5	NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
	16	NO SCHOOL - TEACHER INSERVICE
	21	Lunch Buddy Picnic
	27	School Pictures Grades PreK-2
	29	School Pictures Grades 3-5
	29	Parent - Teacher Conferences 1:30-4:30 & 5:00-8:00 p.m.
	30	NO SCHOOL - COMP DAY DUE TO PT CONFERENCES
October	14	End of first quarter (44 days)
	21	NO SCHOOL - TEACHER INSERVICE
November	3	Donuts with Grownups
	23-25	NO SCHOOL PREK-12 STUDENTS - THANKSGIVING BREAK
December	8	Family Fun Night
	21	EARLY DISMISSAL 1:15 P.M. - WINTER BREAK
		End of second quarter (44 days). End of 1st semester (88 days)
	22 - Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK
January	3-4	NO SCHOOL PREK-12 STUDENTS - TEACHER WORKDAY/INSERVICE
	5	School resumes for all PREK-12 students second semester
	19	Popcorn with my Peeps
	20	NO SCHOOL - TEACHER INSERVICE
February	9	Parent - Teacher Conferences 1:30-4:30 & 5:00-8:00 p.m.
	10	NO SCHOOL - COMP DAY DUE TO PT CONFERENCES
	27	Family Fun Night
March	10	End of third quarter (45 days)
	13-17	NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK!
April	7	NO SCHOOL - PREK-12 STUDENTS GOOD FRIDAY
	20	Family Fun Night
	21	NO SCHOOL - TEACHER INSERVICE
May	1	Popsicles on the Playground
	5	NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY!
		Kindergarten Visitation for the Kindergarten Class of 2023-24
	9	Elementary Spring Music Program @ 6:30pm
	12	Elementary Fitness Day
	18	EARLY DISMISSAL 1:15 P.M., Last Day of School for PreK-12
		End of fourth quarter (42 days) End of 2nd semester (87 days)
	19	Teacher In-service/Work Day

SECTION SEVEN
FORMS AND NOTICES

The section contains forms for students and parents to utilize during the school year.

Parent-Student-Teacher Compact (Page 80)

Copies of these forms will be sent home in your child's Red Folder and must be completed and returned to the school by: **Monday, August 22, 2022.**

Student Handbook Receipt Form (Yellow Form in Red Folder) (Page 81)

Emergency Contact Information Form (Green Form in Red Folder) (Page 82-83)

Superior Elementary District and Personal Technology Usage Agreement
(Blue Form in Red Folder) (Pages 84-85)

SCHOOL - PARENT COMPACT
Superior Elementary School
2022-23 School Year

(Will be discussed at September Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Teacher/School:
It is important that students achieve. I agree to do the following:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective environment to enable children to meet the challenging state academic achievement standards.
2. Regularly communicate with parents on their child's progress.
3. Demonstrate professional behavior and positive attitude.
4. Discuss school-parent compact at annual parent-teacher conferences.

(Optional) Teacher Signature _____

Parent/Caring Adult:
I want my child to achieve; therefore I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

1. Communicate and work with teachers and schools staff on an ongoing basis to be involved and support my child's learning.
2. Make sure my child is at school every day and on time, unless he/she is ill.
3. Provide a quiet place and time to do schoolwork and encourage my child to complete schoolwork.

(Optional) Parent Signature _____

Student:
I know my education is important to me. It is important that I work to the best of my ability. I agree to do the following:

1. Be at school every day and on time unless I am sick.
2. Come to school each day prepared with supplies and an attitude to learn.
3. Be responsible for my own behavior.
4. Respect and cooperate with other students and adults.
5. Return completed schoolwork on time.
6. Read at home.

(Optional) Student Signature _____

STUDENT HANDBOOK RECEIPT FORM
2022-2023

(Yellow Form will be sent home in student's Red folder separate from Handbook)

The Superior Elementary School Student Handbook is distributed in accordance with Nebraska State Law, Section 79-262, paragraph three which states in part: "Rules and Standards which form the basis for discipline shall be distributed to students and parents at the beginning of each school year or at the time of enrollment…"

Parents (or guardians) and students are requested to sign & return the receipt form below before August 22, 2022.

PARENT/STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have received and read the Student Handbook that describes the Superior Elementary Schools discipline policies, regulations, rules, and expectations to be followed by students enrolled in the Superior Public Schools, including the Drug Free School Policy. My child and I have discussed these policies and understand that we must comply with them.

RECOGNITION OF POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS

In light of the unique challenges and circumstances posed by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus and the recent promulgation of expansive federal regulations, the rules and information provided in this handbook may be supplemented or amended by the School District's administration at any time, consistent with applicable law and board policy. All parents shall be provided notice of any such changes by the district's regular means of contact. By signing below, you agree that you will read any such information and communications, discuss them with your child, and recognize that you must comply with all rules, procedures, and requirements as they apply at that time.

_____
Student's First and Last Name

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

_____ _____
Student's Signature Date
(K-2 optional, 3-5 required)

SUPERIOR ELEMENTARY
STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

(GREEN FORM will be sent home in student's Red folder separate from Handbook)

School Year 2022-2023

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Parent's Cell Phone

Email Address

Parent's Employer

Work Phone Number

Parent/Guardian's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Parent's Cell Phone

Email Address

Parent's Employer

Work Phone Number

Other persons who may be contacted in case of emergency:

Name and Relationship to child

Phone Number

Name and Relationship to child

Phone Number

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Day Care Contact Information *(if applicable)*:

_____

Name Phone Number

Regular Weekly Routine Information

Please indicate how your child gets to and from school in the spaces below:

	Arrival	**Dismissal**
Monday:	_____	_____
Tuesday:	_____	_____
Wednesday:	_____	_____
Thursday:	_____	_____
Friday:	_____	_____

In case of early dismissal due to bad weather, my child is to go home:

_____ Same way as listed above

_____ Different *(please specify)* _____

Please notify the elementary office of any changes in the information listed above. If you want your child to go home a different way, please notify the office by phone 402-879-3257 (option 2, ext. 252) or send a note with your child. Thank you for your help!

_____ _____

Parent Signature Date

Superior Elementary
District and Personal Technology Usage Agreement
2022-2023

(Blue Form will be sent home in student's Red folder separate from Handbook)

Privileges – The use of the Superior Public Schools technology devices and computer network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Violations of the Technology Usage Agreement will result in consequences which could include loss of privileges, detention, in school and/or out of school suspension.

Students are expected to use technology devices and the Internet as an educational resource. The District hereby establishes the rules and regulations as outlined in the Computer Network Use by Students section of the student handbook.

Account Information – Email is not guaranteed to be private. Network storage areas will be treated as school property and may be reviewed by District personnel. Students must notify Superior Public School of any changes in Internet account information.

Personal Electronic Device Policy
In order to maintain a secure and orderly learning environment and to promote respect and courtesy regarding the use of electronic devices, the District hereby establishes the rules and regulations as outlined in the Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices section of the student handbook.

Responsibility for Electronic Devices
The District is not responsible for the security and safekeeping of students' electronic devices and is not financially responsible for any damage, destruction, or loss of electronic devices.

I have received and read the Superior Public Schools Technology Usage Agreement that describes Superior Public Schools internet/computer use policies, regulations, rules, and expectations to be followed by students enrolled in Superior Public Schools. My child and I have discussed and understand the content of these policies.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of system usage as may be further added from time to time by the administrator of the Network/Internet System and the Superior Public Schools system.

_____ _____
Student's Signature Date

As a parent/guardian, I understand I am responsible for the actions of my child.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

SUPERIOR MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



PARENT – STUDENT HANDBOOK

2022-23

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Superior Public Schools is to provide a student centered environment that ensures personal success by developing resilient, healthy, productive citizens through partnerships with families and the community.

INTENT OF HANDBOOK

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, and staff as a guide to the rules, procedures, and general information about Superior High School. Students and their parents must become familiar with the handbook, and parents should use it as a resource and assist their children in following the rules contained in it. The use of the word "parents" refers to any adult who has the responsibility for making education-related decisions about a child, including, but not limited to biological parents, adoptive parents, legal guardians, and adults acting in loco parentis.

Although the information in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, it is not intended to be all-encompassing or to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during a school day or school year. This handbook does not create a "contract" with parents, students, or staff, and the administration may make decisions and rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well-being of all students. The administration is responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. If a situation or circumstance arises that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based on applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Name:	Marty Kobza
Title:	Superintendent
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Telephone:	(402) 879-3257 ext. 127
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For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, visit http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area or call 1-800-421-3481.

For additional prohibited discrimination and related information, please review school district Policy 3053 – Nondiscrimination.

The Superior Public Schools District 65-0011 offers the following career and technical education programs for all students regardless of race, color, national origin, including those

with limited English proficiency, sex or disability in grades 9-12: *Business Education, Agricultural Education and Industrial Arts.* Persons seeking further information concerning the career and technical education offerings and specific pre-requisite criteria should contact.

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Aviso de no discriminación

El distrito escolar no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad o edad en sus programas y actividades, y brinda acceso equitativo a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados. La siguiente persona ha sido designada para manejar las consultas relacionadas con las políticas de no discriminación:

Nombre:	Marty Kobza
Título:	Superintendente
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Para obtener más información sobre la notificación de no discriminación, visite http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm para obtener la dirección y el número de teléfono de la oficina que atiende en su área o llame al 1-800-421-3481.

Para más discriminación prohibida e información relacionada, revise la Política del distrito escolar 3053 - No discriminación.

El Distrito 65-0011 de las Escuelas Públicas Superiores ofrece los siguientes programas de educación técnica y profesional para todos los estudiantes, independientemente de su raza, color, origen nacional, incluidos aquellos con dominio limitado del inglés, sexo o discapacidad en los grados 9-12: Educación Empresarial, Educación Agrícola y Artes Industriales. Las personas que deseen obtener más información sobre las ofertas de educación profesional y técnica y los criterios específicos de requisitos previos deben ponerse en contacto.

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CHILD FIND

Superior Public School has the responsibility to identify, locate and evaluate all children (birth through age 21) with disabilities regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education related services. If you have questions or concerns about a child, please contact the Superintendent of Schools or High School Principal (879-3257) concerning the district's special education referral process.

SECTION ONE
ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academics and Credit Requirements

Credit Requirements

The definition of a credit shall be as follows:

Credit - a classroom subject which meets each day for a full period for the semester shall be one (1) credit. One (1) credit is equal to five (5) hours of instruction each week.

Requirements for High School Graduation

Forty-eight (48) credits are required to graduate. Thirty-four (34) credits will be from within the core curriculum which is listed below in the "Core Curriculum" subsection.

Parents shall be notified when a student is ineligible to receive a diploma after seven (7) semesters of attendance. A student ineligible to receive a diploma after completion of seven (7) semesters of attendance will be allowed to participate in the commencement exercises but will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance. If the student completes eight (8) semesters of attendance and is still ineligible to receive a diploma, that student shall be awarded a Certificate of Attendance. There shall be no distinction made between students receiving Certificates of Attendance at the spring commencement exercises. A student receiving a Certificate of Attendance shall have the option of returning to school and completing the requirements for a diploma.

Early Graduation

In unique circumstances, the Board may waive the four-year attendance requirement for high school graduation, provided that the student has met the requirements listed below.

Students must make an application to the high school principal before they may seek permission to graduate early from the Board. The principal may consult with appropriate instructional and guidance staff members in making the determination. The student's application must include:

1. Proof that the student will meet all academic requirements necessary to graduate on or before the proposed graduation date;
2. A transcript showing that the student has no grade lower than "C" in any required course at the time of application;
3. A detailed essay that (a) addresses the reasons for seeking early graduation and (b) articulates the student's post-graduation plans, including goals and objectives justifying the need to graduate early; and
4. A letter from a parent/guardian supporting the application.

The student may submit any additional materials which support the student's efforts to graduate early. Such materials may include, but are not required to include: letters of support from staff and community members; proof of admission in a postsecondary program; and/or any other materials which the student believes to support the student's application.

Early graduates will be considered graduates of the district at the time the Board confers such status upon them. Therefore, early graduates will no longer be considered members of the student body and will forfeit those rights and privileges accorded such students.

Promotion and Retention of Students
Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of the grade level, students attending the sixth thru eighth grades of the Superior High School shall advance to the next grade.

Students may be required to repeat the same grade provided that the student's building principal believes that the student will benefit from repeating the grade. If retention of a student is considered, a careful study of the needs of the student shall precede any decision relative to the retention. The building principal in basing his/her decision to retain the student may include, but is not limited to a conference with the student, the student's parents or guardian, the student's teacher(s) and the guidance counselor. Adequate testing of the student shall be performed to determine if the leading difficulty of the student could best be served in a special education program. The final decision for the retention of a student shall be made by the administration.

CORE CURRICULUM:
The following subject areas are required or recommended as part of the core curriculum:

English/Language Arts: Eight (8) credits required: (4 years)
- English I (or *Practical English)
- English II (or *Applied English)
- English III (or *Creative Writing/Reading)
- English IV (or *Career English) (or A.P. English)

*Classes are for students who have failed classes in the regular English curriculum and for those students recommended by the English department.

Mathematics: Six (6) credits required: (3 years)

Science: Six (6) credits required: (3 years)
***Biology** shall be required for two of these credits.

Social Science: Six (6) credits. (3 years)
***American History** and American Government shall be required for four of these credits.

Personal Health and Physical Fitness: Two (2) credits. (1 year)

Visual and Performing Arts: Two (2) credits. (1 year)

Vocational Education: Four (4) credits required. (2 years)

Foreign Language: Four (4) credits are recommended if a student plans on attending a four-year college. Students should check potential college choices for entrance requirements.

Distance Learning or On-Line Classes: Not required, but is recommended to all students.

Electives
The remaining ten or fourteen (10 or 14) credits needed to complete graduation requirements shall be selected from subjects offered within the high school curriculum. This will depend on whether the student takes Foreign Language.

Other

Credits or semester hours earned through Armed Forces programs and/or correspondence courses must be approved by the principal prior to acceptance as credit toward completion of a student's graduation requirements.

Dropping or Adding Subjects

Students may not drop, discontinue, or add subjects without permission of the counselor.

Students wishing to drop, discontinue, or add a subject must complete the following steps within the first three (3) days of the semester:

1. Receive approval from their parents.
2. Consult with the instructor of the subject to be dropped or added.
3. Secure the proper paperwork from the counselor and receive permission from the counselor.

A student who enrolls in a two-semester subject will be expected to complete both semesters. However, if a student is removed from a class after the first week of the semester he/she will fail the semester, receive a "0" and be reassigned for the remainder of the semester.

Reports to Parents

Parents/guardians of students should monitor their students' grades via the Superior High School online website or by calling the school periodically. Parents/guardians wanting to view their students' grades via the website should contact Superior High School to receive more information.

Report cards

Following the end of each nine weeks grading period report cards will be made available online. **Students must have all fines and bills paid before having their online account reactivated.** Students who are unable to view their report cards online and have all fines and bills paid will have their report cards printed for them by request.

Pupils entering school for the first time after the school year has started must be in school at least 4 1/2 weeks prior to the date report cards are issued to be entitled to receive a report card.

Class Rank

Class Rank and Grade Point Average are computed twice yearly in grades 9-12 at the conclusion of each semester. Student class rank shall be determined by using a numeric grade point average derived from all classes graded on a numeric basis. To be included in the class ranking, a student must have received a numeric grade for each curriculum class in which he/she was enrolled. For the purposes of this policy, all classes are used for class rank except for Drivers Education and Teacher Aide.

Students who transfer into the school district will be eligible to be included in class ranking after two semesters of attendance.

Students who transfer into the school district in the middle of their senior year will be eligible to be included in class ranking, although a mid-year transfer will not displace the ranking of a

student who has not transferred mid-year. In those circumstances there will be two students holding the relevant class ranking. Mid-year transfer students will not be eligible to receive senior awards such as valedictorian and salutatorian unless the student has been enrolled in the district's high school for at least two semesters.

Grading Scale

A+	98-100%	C	77-81%
A	93-97%	D+	74-76%
B+	90-92%	D	70-73%
B	85-89%	F	0-69%
C+	82-84%	I	Incomplete

A student with a low grade 65% through 69% may receive a conditional passing grade for the first semester of a two semester course if the teacher thinks it advisable. However, at the end of the second semester the student's grades must average out to a 70 percent. The pupil's record must clearly be marked to indicate a conditional passing grade; otherwise, any grade below 70 percent is failing. There will be no conditional passing grades given at the end of the second semester.

Semester Test Policy

All students in grades 9-12 will be required to take a semester test in each class. **Semester test are 15% of a student's final semester grade.**

Honor Roll

The Honor Roll, which is designed to recognize student achievement, is divided into two categories:

High Honor Roll: An accumulative average in percentage graded courses of 93% or above, with no grade lower than 86%, no letter grade lower than a B and no incompletes for the quarter or semester.

Honor Roll: An accumulative average in percentage graded courses of 88%-92%, with no grade lower than 82%, no letter grade lower than a C and no incompletes for the quarter or semester.

Teacher-Aide Periods

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors may serve as a teacher-aide for one (1) period per day if they have a 85% or above cumulative GPA.

SECTION TWO
BASIC SCHOOL RULES AND GENERAL PRACTICES

Academic Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the school's activity programs, each student must (1) meet Nebraska State Activities Association (NSAA) requirements concerning scholastic eligibility, (2) be registered for 20 credit hours per semester and be in regular attendance, (3) received 20 credit hours in the immediate preceding semester, and (4) have not less than a 70% grade in two or more classes to remain eligible to participate in any portion of the activities program. The period of ineligibility will be from the following Monday to Sunday of the school week when a student has attained ineligible status. Teachers will report grades to the office on Friday of the preceding week. Participants must attend practices and participate in all conditioning during any period of ineligibility.

The school district will notify a participant and his or her parents whenever the participant is declared academically ineligible.

Students may not participate in any activity, performance, or practice while serving a short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion from school.

Accidents

A report is to be filed with the building principal of all accidents involving teachers and/or students. All accidents, including vehicle accidents, in which teachers are involved while performing services for the school district shall be immediately reported to the Superintendent.

Announcements and Bulletins

Announcements are distributed and read during the beginning of third period in the morning if possible or at another time deemed appropriate by the principal. Announcements may also be sent via email to students when possible. Announcements are also posted on the school website and may also be accessed via Superior Public Schools automated phone system by dialing ext. 187.

Annual Health Screening Information

An annual health screening of students will be completed by the school nurse. This includes a measure of height and weight, oral screening for severe cavities and deformities, observation of and personal instruction on cleanliness. Grades K-5, 6, 8, 10 and new students are given a farsighted vision screening and hearing screening. Kindergarten students will do a color vision test. Other students may be screened when a staff member or parent requests. Parents will be notified if their student does not pass the screening checks. *Significant health information will be shared with appropriate staff.*

Blood pressure screening is routinely done for grades 3,5,8,10 and 12. The nurse will also take BP readings on students as they request and as time permits. The nurse uses pediatric equipment for the appropriate ages and size of the child. The BP readings are compared to the percentile at risk chart established by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Any reading in the 90th percentile or above will be rechecked twice. If the BP continues in the 90th percentile or above, a note will be sent to the parents.

Scoliosis is a side-to-side curvature of the spine and early diagnosis is essential to allow for simple treatment. Treatment delayed beyond the growth years may limit their physical abilities. Progressive scoliosis will cause serious health complications later on if not treated. Parents will be notified if their child has any symptoms of a possible curvature. A diagnostic evaluation is recommended by the physician of your choice, and may involve a series of exams through the rapid growth years. Grade 5 is screened for scoliosis.

Health screenings according to the DHHS Rules and Regulations will be followed. If any parent wishes to object to any routine school screening of their student, they need to send a written statement within one week. However parents are advised that they may be required to provide a medical exam report in place of allowing Health screening.

Attendance Policy

The philosophy of Superior Schools is that student attendance is necessary for the proper education of the youth. Thus, regular attendance strengthens the student's educational growth and well-being. Students cannot contribute to, or gain from, the discussions in class unless they are in attendance.

Required Attendance

Every person residing in the school district who has legal or actual charge or control of any child who is of mandatory attendance age shall cause that child to attend a public or private school regularly unless the child has graduated from high school or has been allowed to disenroll pursuant to this policy.

Mandatory Attendance Age

All children who are or will turn six years old before January 1 of the current school year are of mandatory attendance age. Children who have not turned eighteen years of age are of mandatory attendance age.

Exceptions

This policy does not apply when temporary illness or severe weather conditions make attendance impossible or impracticable.

A child who will not reach age 7 before January 1 of the current school year may be excused from mandatory attendance if the child's parent or guardian completes an affidavit affirming that alternative educational arrangements have been made for the child.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 5 Year Old Students

The person seeking to discontinue the enrollment of a student who will not reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the current school year shall submit a signed, written request and submit it to the superintendent using the form which is available from the building principal. The school district may request written verification or documentation that the person signing the form has legal or actual charge or control of the student. The school district shall discontinue the enrollment of any student who satisfies requirements. Any student whose enrollment is discontinued under this subsection shall not be eligible to reenroll in this school district until the beginning of the following school year unless otherwise required by law.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 16 and 17 Year Old Students

Only children who are at least 16 years of age may be disenrolled from the district. The person seeking to discontinue the child's enrollment shall submit a signed, written request and submit it to the superintendent using the form which is available from the building principal. The district will follow the procedures outlined on the form in considering requests to disenroll.

Only children disenrolling to attend a non-accredited school may be exempt from this policy. The person with legal or actual charge or control of the child must provide the superintendent with a copy of the signed request submitted to the State Department of Education for attending non-accredited schools. The superintendent may confirm the validity of the submission with the State Department of Education.

Attendance Officer

Each building principal is designated as an attendance officer for the district. Each building principal, at his or her discretion, may delegate these responsibilities to any other qualified individual. The attendance officer is responsible for enforcing the provisions of state law relating to compulsory attendance. This responsibility includes but is not limited to filing a report with the county attorney of the county in which a student resides. Compensation for the duties of attendance officer is included in the salary for the superintendent or designee.

Excused Absences and Make-Up Privileges

The following absences will be considered excused if they are confirmed by communication to the school from the student's parent/guardian:

1. Physical or mental illness of the student or of a child whom the student is parenting (a physician's verification is required after four (4) consecutive days of absence for illness.)
2. Death or serious illness of the student's family member.
3. Attending a funeral, wedding, or graduation.
4. Observance of religious holidays of the student's own faith.
5. Personal or family vacations.
6. Medical appointments for the student or for a child whom the student is parenting.
7. Participating in an event as a member of a team or group representing Superior Middle/High School in an approved activity.
8. Severe Weather.
9. Appearance at court or for other legal matters.
10. College planning visits. (Limit of 3)
11. Absences excused at the discretion of the Building Principal.

In order to ensure an absence is excused, and make-up privileges granted, the student must:

1. Have parent/legal guardian call the office requesting excused absence prior to the day of the absence. (Written requests in advance will be accepted only if parent/guardian has no telephone).
2. In case of student illness, **the office must be notified between 8:00-9:00 A.M. of the morning the student is absent due to illness.**

Students participating as members of a team or group representing Superior Middle/High School in an approved activity will automatically receive an excused absence. Students

participating in an activity should contact their teachers for make-up work prior to leaving for the activity. All of the student's teachers will need to sign the student's sign out sheet, signifying that the student has completed the necessary homework. Homework that is due for the day of the absence will need to be completed before the student leaves for the activity. If the student is not signed out by the teacher, the student will not be allowed to attend the activity.

Students who, after being in attendance at school, find he/she must leave school must obtain permission from the principal in order to earn an excused absence and make-up privileges. If, for some reason, it is impossible to notify the office prior to a student's absence, the parents may request a meeting with the principal in order to present reasons why the office was not notified pursuant to this policy. If the reasons are acceptable, make-up privileges will be granted to the student.

Parents who know in advance that a student will be absent must call the school at the earliest possible date. Students who will be absent for reasons that can be anticipated, such as routine medical appointments and school activities, must complete any work required by the teacher before the absence. Parents should make every attempt to schedule medical and other appointments after school hours when possible.

Students who have missing work will be expected to complete the work by the end of the day it was due or will be required to stay after school the following day. Students who do not show up for their after school work session, will receive a detention to be served with the teacher who is owed the missing work. If a student doesn't show up for the detention, they will receive an in school suspension each day until the missing assignment is completed.

Make-Up Work

Students with excused absences, as defined above, will have **two (2) days** for each day absent to make up the assignments missed due to the excused absence. For example, a student with two consecutive days of excused absence will have four (4) days to make up work for all classes, starting with the day they return to school.

Upon their return to school, students must contact all teachers to determine what make-up work must be completed.

Unexcused Absences

All other absences are unexcused unless the student was given prior approval by the principal. Students will not be permitted to make-up work missed due to an unexcused absence. For each assignment missed due to an unexcused absence, the student will receive a grade of zero (0) which will be averaged with the other grades for that grading period.

Excessive Absenteeism

A student may miss a total of **five (5) days per quarter**. This number is inclusive of both excused and unexcused absences; however, absences resulting from the participation in school activities do not count towards the limit of five. An absence that would place the student above the limit of five and is due to a funeral may be granted at the discretion of the Administration. Students absent due to a funeral should make arrangements with the Administration prior to the absence if possible.

Parents of students who miss more than five (5) days per quarter will be notified in writing and will be scheduled to meet with the Principal to discuss the attendance problem. **A report may be filed with the County Attorney if the parent/guardian refuses to meet with the administration and the attendance problem continues.**

Make-Up Time

Each case of excessive absence will be judged, based on its own merits. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, the student exhibiting excessive absenteeism will be required to make up time in the office. **This period of time will be 3:38 to 4:08 for a period of five days for each absence in excess of the 10 permitted per semester.** Failure to serve the make-up time may result in an "in-school" suspension. All make up time must be completed outside of the regular school day. Students not completing the necessary make-up time by the designated due date will not receive credit for the semester.

Start of School Day and Tardiness

The school day starts at **8:05 A.M.** and ends at **3:38 P.M. Monday through Thursday and runs from 8:05 A.M. to 2:38 P.M. on Fridays.** Students are expected to arrive at school no more than 15 to 20 minutes prior to the first class or school program in which they are participating. **Prior to that time, the school is not responsible for supervision of the students.**

Students will be dismissed at the end of the last period of the school day unless other circumstances dictate otherwise (early dismissal, detention, etc.). Unless participating in a school sponsored activity, upon dismissal students must leave the school grounds and proceed home or to a previously designated location unless participating in a school sponsored activity. **The school is not responsible for supervision of students once the students are to have left school grounds.**

Students who are tardy either at the beginning of the school day, or to any class period during the day must report to the office for a tardy slip. The office will determine whether the tardy is excused or unexcused. Students who report to class later than fifteen (15) minutes after class has started will be counted **absent** for that class. Students reporting to class late will be given a pass that is clearly marked either tardy or absent. Special circumstances may arise where the principal will admit a student or group of students to class late with no tardy or absence assessed.

Being tardy is disruptive to the instructional process and students are expected to be on time for classes. Excessive tardiness may result in not being admitted to class and a zero (0) given for all assignments missed due to the absence. Students who accrue unexcused tardies after accumulating over twenty (20) absences may be reported to the county attorney of the county in which the student resides.

Consequences will be assessed for repeated or habitual tardiness.

- Student will receive verbal warnings for the first 3 unexcused tardies they receive. Students will also be required to turn their phones into the office for any unexcused tardies.

- Starting with the 4th unexcused tardy, the student will receive a 30-minute detention. The detention will be served the day the unexcused tardy is received, unless the student is a bus student. Bus students unable to make arrangements to serve detentions the day they receive the tardy, will need to complete the detention the next day. Students will also be required to turn their phones into the office for any unexcused tardies. This will continue for tardies 5 through 9.
- Students receiving a 10th unexcused tardy will receive a 3 day in-school suspension. Students will also be required to turn their phones into the office while they are serving the in-school suspension.
- Students receiving their 11th unexcused tardy will be required to serve a 30-minute detention. The detention will be served the day the unexcused tardy is received, unless the student is a bus student. Bus students unable to make arrangements to serve detentions the day they receive the tardy, will need to complete the detention the next day. Students will also be required to turn their phones into the office for any unexcused tardies. This will continue for tardies 12 and 13.
- Students who receive a 14th unexcused tardy will receive a 3 day out-of-school suspension.
- Students receiving their 15th unexcused tardy will be required to serve a 30-minute detention. The detention will be served the day the unexcused tardy is received, unless the student is a bus student. Bus students unable to make arrangements to serve detentions the day they receive the tardy, will need to complete the detention the next day. Students will also be required to turn their phones into the office for any unexcused tardies. This will continue for tardies 16 and 17.
- Students receiving an 18th unexcused tardy will receive a 5 day out-of-school suspension.
- Students receiving their 19th unexcused tardy will be required to serve a 30-minute detention. The detention will be served the day the unexcused tardy is received, unless the student is a bus student. Bus students unable to make arrangements to serve detentions the day they receive the tardy, will need to complete the detention the next day. Students will also be required to turn their phones into the office for any unexcused tardies. This will continue for tardies 20 and 21.
- Students receiving a 22nd unexcused tardy will be suspended for the rest of the semester and will also be turned into the county attorney.

Pregnant and Parenting Students

Students who are pregnant or parenting are encouraged to continue participating in the district's educational and extracurricular programs. Students who anticipate deviations from their regular school experience or accrue absences due to pregnancy or parenting should notify their building principal as early as possible to discuss their educational programming. The building principal will work with the student to develop a plan to assist the student in participating in district curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

Bills

Students should pay bills for supplies, fines, shop materials, clothing orders, etc. in the school bookkeeper's office. Any check for these payments should be made out to Superior Public Schools unless otherwise instructed. Pursuant to board policy, the district will assess an additional penalty of $30 for any check returned from the bank for insufficient funds.

When students purchase items of significant value, such as class rings and letter jackets, they must make payment at the time of purchase or when the order is placed.

Book Bags

Book bags will not be allowed in classrooms or hallways during the school day. Students may use book bags to carry books to and from school, but the book bags should be stored in their locker during the school day. This guideline is in place for the safety of students, teachers and staff.

Books and Supplies

Students must take care of books and other supplies provided by the district. The school will assess fines for damage to books and school property.

Students may supply their own consumable items such as pens, pencils, tablets, notebooks, erasers, and crayons. If a family is unable to provide all of the listed supplies due to financial circumstances, please contact the building principal or office for assistance.

Breakfast and Lunch Periods – Closed Campus

Students may not leave the building without permission from the administration. The campus is closed for all students. Students will not leave the school grounds during the lunch period. Students may bring their own breakfast/lunch or use the regular school menu. No pop, candy or commercial foods can be brought to the school or purchased from the vending machines a half hour before and after the scheduled breakfast/lunch periods. Middle School and High School students may be assigned seating areas by the lunch supervisors.

Breastfeeding and Lactation

In order to accommodate lactating and breastfeeding students, the district will provide reasonable opportunities to express breast milk or breastfeed in a place, other than a bathroom, which is shielded from view and free from intrusion from district students, employees, and the public. The district will also provide a location for students to store expressed breast milk in or near the location designated for students to express milk to create the least amount of disruption to the student's participation in class or activities.

Students who wish or need to express breast milk on a regular schedule must work with school administrators to create a schedule that accommodates the student's needs while facilitating education to the maximum extent possible.

In order to prevent interference with the educational process, no student shall express breast milk with school classrooms or buses. Nothing in this policy limits the authority of the administration to impose consequences consistent with the Student Discipline Act and other state and federal law.

Bulletin Boards

Bulletin boards are maintained throughout the building to communicate general information, material, and school announcements. Students should check the bulletin boards carefully each day. A written copy of daily announcements will be posted on the bulletin board by the main entrance and also on the bulletin board in the junior high hallway.

Bulletin board or electronic publishing space may be provided for the use of students and student organizations for notices relating to matters of general interest to students. The following general limitations apply to all posting or publishing:

1. All postings must be approved the appropriate building principal or designee. Students may not post any material containing any statement or expression that is libelous, obscene, or vulgar; that would violate board of education policies, including the student code of conduct; or that is otherwise inappropriate for the school environment.
2. All postings must identify the student or the student organization posting or publishing the notice.
3. Material shall be removed after a reasonable time to assure full access to the bulletin boards or electronic publishing media.

Bullying

Students are prohibited from engaging in any form of bullying. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines bullying as "any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths who are not siblings or current dating partners that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated." Nebraska statute defines bullying as "an ongoing pattern of physical, verbal or electronic abuse." The District's administrators will consider these definitions when determining whether any specific situation constitutes bullying. Both of these definitions include both in-person and cyberbullying behaviors.

Students are prohibited from engaging in any form of bullying. A student who engages in bullying on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or his or her designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events may be subject to disciplinary consequences. Without limiting the foregoing, a student who engages in bullying behavior that materially and substantially interferes with or disrupts the educational environment, the district's day-to-day operations, or the education process, regardless of where the student is at the time of engaging in the bullying behavior, may be subject to discipline to the extent permitted by law. The disciplinary consequences for bullying will depend on the severity, frequency, duration, and effect of the behavior and may result in sanctions up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Reporting Bullying

Students who experience or observe bullying behavior must immediately report what happened to a teacher or administrator. Students can use the district's anonymous platform Safe2HelpNE to make this report. Reports may be made via the toll free number: 833-980-7233 or by downloading the Safe2HelpNE app on your smartphone. Students may always confer with their parents or guardians about bullying they experience or witness, but the students must also ultimately report the situation to a teacher or administrator.

Bullying Investigations

School district staff will investigate allegations of bullying using the same practices and procedures that the district observes for student disciplinary matters. In no circumstances will school district staff be deliberately indifferent to allegations of bullying.

Cafeteria Rules

1. All food is to be eaten by the student or left on the tray when returned to the dishwasher. All straws, papers, milk cartons should be deposited in the trash cans. All leftover food should be scraped off the tray into the correct container.
2. Forks and spoons should be placed in the pan with water, NOT THROWN AWAY! If disposable utensils are being utilized, they will need to be placed in the trash after their use.
3. Students are to use proper manners including eating quietly.
4. There will be no throwing of food or other items.
5. Second servings are available to those who have made an effort to clean their trays and have requisite funds as required by board policy.
6. Students should remain at their tables until they are dismissed. Students are expected to either eat lunch at school or go to their own homes. Parents must provide a written authorization for their student to eat lunch at home to the student's building principal.
7. Students must treat lunch personnel with respect.
8. Students who violate the above rules will be disciplined.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Regulations on Use

1. Students in grades 9-12 are allowed to use their cell phones or other electronic communication device until the 8:05 A.M. bell rings. Then, they should turn off the device and place it in the area assigned by the classroom teacher. Students in grades 6-8 are not allowed to use their phones during school. Their cell phones should be left at home or turned off and left in their locker. Cell phones are not allowed in the restrooms or locker rooms. Teachers may, at their discretion, utilize cell phones in the classroom for educational purposes.
2. All students who are ineligible or who have not attended detentions or after school sessions with teachers should turn their cell phones into the office before 8:05 A.M. The phone should be turned off and placed in the area assigned by office personnel. Students who are tardy should turn the device into the office upon arrival.
3. Students in grades 9-12 are allowed to use their cell phones and other electronic communication devices at lunch or during passing time, unless they are ineligible according to the Down List. Students in grades 6-8 are not allowed to use their cell phones or other electronic communication device at lunch at any time. If a student would like to make a phone call during lunch, he/she must do so in the office.
4. If a student wishes to make a phone call during the school day, they should do so in the office or in the teacher's presence.
5. Students are prohibited from taking or sending inappropriate messages/texts. If a student is found to have taken or sent an inappropriate message/text with their phone or other device, the device will be confiscated and returned to the student's parent. The student will not be allowed to have their phone at school for a period of two (2) weeks following such a violation.
6. Students are permitted to possess and use phones and electronic devices before school hours and after school hours, provided that the student does not otherwise violate this policy. Administrators have the discretion to prohibit student possession or use of phones and electronic devices on school grounds during these times. In the event the

administration determines such further restrictions are appropriate, an announcement will be given regarding the change in permitted use.

7. Phones and electronic devices may be used during class time by 9-12 grade students when specifically approved by the teacher or school administrator. Such use should be limited to that which is in conjunction with appropriate and authorized class or school activities or events (i.e., a student use of a camera during a photography class, student use of a laptop computer for a class presentation).
8. Ear buds will not be allowed during school hours. Students caught using ear buds during school hours will lose the use of their cell phone or other electronic communication for a period of two weeks.

Violations

1. Prohibited Use of Electronic Devices:

   Students shall not use electronic devices for:
   a. activities which disrupt the educational environment;
   b. illegal activities;
   c. unethical activities, such as cheating on assignments or tests;
   d. immoral or pornographic activities;
   e. activities in violation of Board or school policies and procedures relating to student conduct and harassment;
   f. recording the image or voice of another person, without the express permission of the person recorded, while on school grounds, at a school activity, or in a school vehicle, other than the recording of persons participating in school activities open to the public;
   g. failing to promptly delete any recording or image in violation of this policy;
   h. "sexting", or while on school grounds or at a school activity having any "sexting" message on their electronic devices regardless of when the message was received; or
   i. activities that invade the privacy of others.

Students who violate this policy will have their cell phones or other electronic devices confiscated immediately. The administration will return the confiscated devices to the offending student's parent or guardian after meeting with the parent or guardian to discuss the violation. Students who violate this policy may, at the discretion of the school's administration, be subject to additional discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Violations of federal or state laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the Nebraska Child Protection Act or the Nebraska Child Pornography Prevention Act shall be reported to appropriate legal authorities and law enforcement.

Cheating, Plagiarism, and Academic Dishonesty

Students may not cheat, plagiarize, or otherwise participate in any academic dishonesty in any form. Prohibited behavior includes:

- Obtaining, attempting to obtain, or aiding another person to obtain credit for work by any dishonest or deceptive means.
- Lying.
- Copying another person's work or answers.
- Discussing the answers or questions on a test or assignment unless specifically authorized by the teacher.

- Taking or receiving copies of a test without the permission of the teacher.
- Using or displaying notes, “cheat sheets,” or other sources of unauthorized information.
- Using the ideas or work of another person as if they were your own without giving proper credit to the source.
- Submitting work or any portion of work completed by another person.
- Failing to give credit for ideas, statements, facts, or conclusions which rightfully belong to another person.
- Failing to use quotation marks or other appropriate means of attribution when quoting directly from another person or source.

A student who cheats, plagiarizes, or otherwise participates in any academic dishonesty is subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion.

Child Abuse and Neglect

School employees will report suspected abuse or neglect of a child as required by state law and school policy. Nebraska law defines abuse or neglect as knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causing or permitting a minor child or an incompetent or disabled person to be (1) placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical or mental health; (2) cruelly confined or cruelly punished; (3) deprived of necessary food, clothing, shelter or care; (4) left unattended in a motor vehicle, if such child is six years of age or younger; (5) sexually abused; (6) placed in a situation to be sexually exploited through sex trafficking of a minor as defined in state law or by allowing, encouraging, or forcing such person to engage in debauchery, public indecency, or obscene or pornographic photography, films, or depictions; or (7) placed in a situation to be a trafficking victim as defined in state law.

Class Dismissal

Classes are in session from the ringing of the tardy bell until the teacher dismisses the class. The bell at the end of the period is not a dismissal bell, and students may not leave their classrooms until they have been excused by their classroom teacher.

Classroom Behavior

Student behavior and attitude in the classroom must be cooperative and serious. All students must:

- arrive to class on time;
- remain in the classroom the first 30 minutes of each class period;
- prepare for class with all necessary materials;
- be considerate of others;
- respond promptly to all directions of the teacher; and
- take care of school property and the property of others.

Teachers will establish classroom conduct rules which students must obey.

Communicable Diseases

Any student who has contracted a contagious disease may be restricted from attendance at school until the student is no longer contagious. The school district uses the Title 173-Nebraska Health and Human Services/Control of Communicable Disease, Chapter 3 of the Nebraska Administrative Code as a “best practice” guideline for contagious and infectious diseases. If there are questions regarding the communicability of your child’s health condition

or if you know your child has contracted a contagious or communicable disease or condition not otherwise specified in board policy or this handbook, please call Bob Cook 402-879-3257 ext. 116.

Communicating with Parents

Parents shall be kept informed of student progress, grades, and attendance through report cards, progress reports, and parent/teacher conferences. The school district will notify parents if their students are failing or close to failing. The school district will endeavor to notify parents of failing students prior to entry of the failing grade on the student's report card. Parents will also be notified of their student's possible failure to meet graduation requirements. Other pertinent information will be communicated to parents by mail or by personal contact. Official transcripts of student progress, grades, and attendance will be sent to other school systems upon the student's transfer when the district receives a written request signed by the student's parent or guardian or upon being notified that the student has enrolled in another school.

Computer\Chromebook Network Use by Students

Students are expected to use computers\Chromebooks and the Internet as an educational resource. The following procedures and guidelines govern the use of computers\Chromebooks and the Internet at school.

I. **Student Expectations in the Use of the Internet**

A. Acceptable Use

1. Students may use the Internet to conduct research assigned by teachers.
2. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for classroom projects.
3. Students may use the Internet to gain access to information about current events.
4. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for school-related activities.
5. Students may use the Internet for appropriate educational purposes.

B. Unacceptable Use

1. Students shall not use school computers\Chromebooks to gain access to material that is obscene, pornographic, harmful to minors, or otherwise inappropriate for educational uses.
2. Students shall not engage in any illegal or inappropriate activities on school computers\Chromebooks, including the downloading and copying of copyrighted material.
3. Students shall not use e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, or other forms of direct electronic communications on school computers\Chromebooks for any unauthorized or unlawful purpose or in violation of any school policy or directive.
4. Students shall not use school computers\Chromebooks to participate in on-line auctions, on-line gaming or mp3 sharing systems including, but not limited to Aimster or Freenet and the like.
5. Students shall not disclose personal information, such as their names, school, addresses, or telephone numbers outside the school network.
6. Students shall not use school computers\Chromebooks for commercial advertising or political advocacy of any kind without the express written

permission of the system administrator.

7. Students shall not publish web pages that purport to represent the school district or the work of students at the school district without the express written permission of the system administrator.
8. Students shall not erase, rename or make unusable anyone else's computer\Chromebook files, programs or disks.
9. Students shall not share their passwords with fellow students, school volunteers or any other individuals, and shall not use, or try to discover, another user's password.
10. Students shall not copy, change or transfer any software or documentation provided by the school district, teachers or another student without permission from the system administrator.
11. Students shall not write, produce, generate, copy, propagate or attempt to introduce any computer\Chromebook code designed to self-replicate, damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of any computer's\Chromebook's memory, file system, or software. Such software is often called, but is not limited to, a bug, virus, worm, or Trojan Horse.
12. Students shall not configure or troubleshoot computers\Chromebooks, networks, printers or other associated equipment, except as directed by a teacher or the system administrator.
13. Students shall not take home technology equipment (hardware or software) without permission of the system administrator.
14. Students shall not falsify electronic mail messages or web pages.

II. Enforcement

A. Methods of Enforcement

1. The district monitors all Internet communications, Internet usage and patterns of Internet usage. Students have no right of privacy to any Internet communications or other electronic files. The computer\Chromebook system is owned by the school district. As with any school property, any electronic files on the system are subject to search and inspection at any time.
2. The school district uses a technology protection measure that blocks access to some Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policy of the school district. Standard use of the Internet utilizes a proxy server-based filter that screens for non-curriculum related pages.
3. Due to the nature of filtering technology, the filter may at times filter pages that are appropriate for student research. The system administrator may override the technology protection measure for the student to access a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked.
4. The school district staff will monitor students' use of the Internet through direct supervision and by monitoring Internet use history to ensure enforcement of the policy.

B. Consequences for Violation of this Policy

1. Access to the school's computer\Chromebook system and to the Internet

is a privilege, not a right. Any violation of school policy and rules may result in:

a. Loss of computer\Chromebook privileges;
b. Short-term suspension;
c. Long-term suspension or expulsion in accordance with the Nebraska Student Discipline Act; and
d. Other discipline as school administration and the school board deem appropriate.

2. Students who use school computer systems without permission and for non-school purposes may be guilty of a criminal violation and will be prosecuted.

III. Protection of Students

A. Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

1. The school will not allow companies to collect personal information from children under 13 for commercial purposes. The school will make reasonable efforts to disable advertising in educational computer\Chromebook applications.
2. This policy allows the school to act as an agent for parents in the collection of information within the school context. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes.

B. Education About Appropriate On-Line Behavior

1. School district staff will educate students about appropriate online behavior, both in specific computer usage units and in the general curriculum.
2. Staff will specifically educate students on
   a. Appropriate interactions with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms.
   b. cyberbullying awareness and response.
3. The School District's technology coordinator shall inform staff of this educational obligation and shall keep records of the instruction which occurs in compliance with this policy

Complaint Procedure

Good communication helps to resolve many misunderstandings and disagreements. This complaint procedure applies to board members, patrons, students and school staff, unless the staff member is subject to a different grievance procedure pursuant to policy or contract. Individuals who have a complaint should discuss their concerns with appropriate school personnel in an effort to resolve problems. When such efforts do not resolve matters satisfactorily, including matters involving discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age, a complainant should follow the procedures set forth below.

A preponderance of the evidence will be required to discipline a party accused of misconduct. This means that the investigator must conclude that it is more likely than not that misconduct occurred.

Complaint and Appeal Process

1. The first step is for the complainant to speak directly to the person(s) with whom the complainant has a concern. For example, a parent who is unhappy with a classroom teacher should initially discuss the matter with the teacher. However, the complainant should skip the first step if complainant believes speaking directly to the person would subject complainant to discrimination or harassment.

2. The second step is for the complainant to speak to the building principal, Title IX/504 coordinator, superintendent of schools, or president of the board of education, as set forth below.

    a) Complaints about the operation, decisions, or personnel within a building should be submitted to the principal of the building.

    b) Complaints about the operations of the school district or a building principal should be submitted in writing to the superintendent of schools.

    c) Complaints about the superintendent of schools should be submitted in writing to the president of the board of education.

    d) Complaints involving discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age may also be submitted, at any time during the complaint procedure to the School District's Title IX/504 coordinator. Complaints involving discrimination or harassment may also be submitted at any time to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education: by email at OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov; by telephone at (816) 268-0550; or by fax at (816) 268-0599.

3. When a complainant submits a complaint to an administrator or to the Title IX/504 coordinator, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator shall promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint, and shall:

    a) Determine whether the complainant has discussed the matter with the staff member involved.

        1) If the complainant has not, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator will urge the complainant to discuss the matter directly with that staff member, if appropriate.

        2) If the complainant refuses to discuss the matter with the staff member, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine whether the complaint should be pursued further.

    b) Strongly encourage the complainant to reduce his or her concerns to writing.

    c) Interview the complainant to determine:

1) All relevant details of the complaint;

2) All witnesses and documents which the complainant believes support the complaint;

3) The action or solution which the complainant seeks.

d) Respond to the complainant. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the response shall be in writing and shall be submitted within 180 days after the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator received the complaint.

4. If either the complainant or the accused party is not satisfied with the administrator's or the Title IX/504 coordinator's decision regarding a complaint, he or she may appeal the decision to the superintendent.

a) This appeal must be in writing.

b) This appeal must be received by the superintendent no later than ten (10) business days from the date the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator communicated his/her decision to the complainant.

c) The superintendent will investigate as he or she deems appropriate. However, all matters involving discrimination or harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated.

d) Upon completion of this investigation, the superintendent will inform the complainant in writing of his or her decision. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the superintendent shall submit the decision within 180 days after the superintendent received complainant's written appeal.

5. If either the complainant or the accused party is not satisfied with the superintendent's decision regarding a complaint, he or she may appeal the decision to the board.

a) This appeal must be in writing.

b) This appeal must be received by the board president no later than ten (10) business days from the date the superintendent communicated his/her decision to the complainant.

c) This policy allows, but does not require the board to receive statements from interested parties and witnesses relevant to the complaint appeal. However, all matters involving discrimination or harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated.

d) The board will notify the complainant in writing of its decision. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the board shall submit its decision within 180 days after it received complainant's written appeal.

e) There is no appeal from a decision of the board.

6. When a formal complaint about the superintendent of schools has been filed with the president of the board, the president shall promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint, and shall:

    a) Determine whether the complainant has discussed the matter with the superintendent.

        1) If the complainant has not, the board president will urge the complainant to discuss the matter directly with the superintendent, if appropriate.

        2) If the complainant refuses to discuss the matter with the superintendent, the board president shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine whether the complaint should be pursued further.

    b) Strongly encourage the complainant to reduce his or her concerns to writing.

    c) Determine, in his or her sole discretion, whether to place the matter on the board agenda for consideration at a regular or special meeting.

    d) Respond to the complainant. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the response shall be in writing and shall be submitted within 180 days after the president received the complaint.

No Retaliation. The school district prohibits retaliation against any person for filing a complaint or for participating in the complaint procedure in good faith.

Special Rules Regarding Educational Services and Related Services to Students with Disabilities.

Students with disabilities and their families have specific rights outlined in state and federal law, including administrative processes by which they may challenge the educational services being provided by the school district. Therefore, the appeal process contained in this policy may not be used to challenge decisions made by a student's individualized education plan (IEP) team or 504 team.

Complaints about the educational services provided a student with a disability, including but not limited to services provided to a student with an IEP, access to curricular and extracurricular activities, and educational placement must be submitted to the school district's Director of Special Education. The Director of Special Education will address the complaint in a manner that he/she deems appropriate and will provide the complainant with a copy of the Notice of IDEA Parental Rights promulgated by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Complaints about the educational services provided a student with a disability pursuant to a Section 504 plan must be submitted to the school district's 504 Coordinator. The 504 Coordinator will address the complaint in a manner that he/she deems appropriate and will provide the complainant with a copy of the Notice of Section 504 Parental Rights adopted by the board of education.

Complaints about the educational services provided to a student who is suspected of having a disability must be submitted in writing to the school district's Director of Special Education or to the district's 504 Coordinator. The Director of Special Education or 504 Coordinator will either refer the student for possible verification as a student with a disability or will provide prior written notice of the district's refusal to do so.

Bad Faith or Serial Filings. The purpose of the complaint procedure is to resolve complaints at the lowest level possible within the chain of command. Complaints filed (a) without a good faith intention to attempt to resolve the issues raised; (b) for the purpose of adding administrative burden; (c) at a volume unreasonable to expect satisfactory resolution; or (d) for purposes inconsistent with the efficient operations of the district may be dismissed by the superintendent without providing final resolution other than noting the dismissal. There is no appeal from dismissals made pursuant to this section.

Conferences

Students' academic success has been closely linked to parental involvement in school. The school district has formal parent-teacher conferences during the first and third quarters. When the teachers and the principal deem them necessary, additional conferences will be scheduled with parents on a case-by-case basis.
In addition to formal conferences, classroom teachers will communicate with parents as necessary. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their student's teacher or the building principal to discuss parental concerns, student needs or any other issue.

Copyright and Fair Use

The school district complies with federal copyright laws. Students must comply with copyright laws when using school equipment or working on school projects and assignments. Federal law prohibits the unauthorized reproduction of works of authorship, regardless of the medium in which they were created.

The "fair use" doctrine allows limited reproduction of copyrighted works for educational and research purposes. "Fair use" of a copyrighted work includes reproduction for purposes such as criticism, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research. Students who are unsure whether their proposed reproduction of copyrighted material constitutes "fair use" should consult with their teacher or building principal, review the school district's copyright compliance policy, and review *Copyright for Students* found at https://www.whoishostingthis.com/resources/student-copyright/. You can find more information on copyright compliance requirements and permitted uses from the U.S. Copyright Office and the Library of Congress at the following site:

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/copyright.html.

Contact Information

Parents must supply the school with their student's address and telephone number as well as information about how to reach a responsible adult during the school day. Parents must promptly inform the school if this contact information changes during the school year.

Damage to School Property

Students who damage school property either intentionally or unintentionally may be required to pay to replace or restore the property, at the discretion of the administration.

Dances\Prom\Homecoming

School dances are part of the district's extracurricular activity program. Students who wish to participate in school dances must comply with the activity code. Students may be prohibited from participating in school dances as a consequence for violating school rules or these activity rules.

Middle School Dances

Middle School dances (6-8) are restricted to students currently enrolled in the Superior middle school and will be sponsored by middle school teachers and parents. Any organization wishing to sponsor a middle school dance must obtain permission from the principal regarding date and times. **Each dance must be sponsored by at least two faculty members and one additional adult couple.** Once admitted to the dance, students must remain until the close of the dance. Students who leave the dance will not be readmitted. Students who are academically ineligible will not be allowed to attend school dances.

High School Dances

All high school dances are restricted to Superior High School students and their guests. Any organization wishing to sponsor a dance must obtain permission from the principal regarding date and times. **Each dance must be sponsored by at least two faculty members and one additional adult couple.** Once admitted to the dance, students must remain until the close of the dance. Students who leave the dance will not be readmitted. Students who are academically ineligible will not be allowed to attend school dances.

Junior/Senior Prom

Members of the Superior High School junior and senior classes may invite guests to the prom under the following rules:

1. All guests must be cleared through the principal's office. The name of the guest must be submitted to the principal ahead of time.
2. Guests are expected to follow all rules the students must follow. Each student is responsible for his/her guest's conduct.
3. Appropriate attire is expected. **No blue jeans, shorts, or t-shirts will be allowed at the banquet or dance for prom.** Black dress jeans will be acceptable.
4. **Students who are ineligible will not be allowed to attend prom.**

Homecoming

The selection of Homecoming Queen and Homecoming King candidates shall be made by the entire student body. The male and female students with the highest scores among the candidates will be the Homecoming Royalty Court. The male and female with the highest scores from this vote will be the Homecoming King and Queen.

On the ballot, students will vote on (1) male and (1) female from the senior class that have met the requirements to be on the ballot. The ballots will be based on the following standards:

Number of Students in Senior Class	Number of Candidates
45 or more	12 candidates
35-44	10 candidates
25-34	8 candidates
24 or less	6 candidates

Candidates must be a member of the current senior class and must have a minimum of an 80% grade point average upon completion of his/her junior year. Homecoming activities will be coordinated by the Student Council.

Dating Violence

Dating violence, as that term is defined by Nebraska law, will not be tolerated by the school district. Students who engage in dating violence on school grounds, in a school vehicle, at a school activity or that otherwise violates the Nebraska Student Discipline Act will receive consequences consistent with the Act and the district's student discipline policies.

The school district shall provide dating violence training to staff deemed appropriate by the administration and in accordance with Nebraska law.

Discrimination and Harassment

The school district prohibits discrimination and harassment based upon or related to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, marital status, disability, age or any other unlawful basis that (1) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school environment, (2) has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's school performance, or (3) otherwise adversely affects a student's school opportunities. Students who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their disability should contact the following Section 504 Coordinator: Bob Cook at 402-879-3257 ext. 116, bcook@superiorwildcats.org or in person at school. Students who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their sex should contact the following Title IX Coordinator: Marty Kobza at 402-879-3257 ext. 127, mkobza@superiorwildcats.org, PO Box 288, Superior, NE 68978 or in person at school. Students who believe that they have been the subject of any other unlawful discrimination or harassment should contact Bob Cook at 402-879-3257 ext.116, bcook@superiorwildcats.org or in person at school. Students may report discrimination or harassment to any staff member who will then forward it on to the appropriate coordinator or administrator. The staff member will follow school district policies to respond to the report.

Dress and Appearance

The dress of students attending the Superior Public School District is the responsibility of parents. Inappropriate dress by students is dress that interferes with the educational process of the school.

All students are expected to take pride in their personal appearance. Students should be clean, neat, and dressed in proper clothing to conform to educational standards. The attires should not disrupt the educational process or constitute a possible threat to the safety and health of the student or his peers. Decency and modesty should prevail. By regulation, the administration may establish specific attire that is prohibited.

The following are examples of unacceptable school attire:

1. Tank tops or tops that do not have straps that are at least two (2) inches in width.
2. Clothing that does not properly and adequately cover the student's body. For example, bare midriff clothing, extremely tight shorts, shorts that expose the buttocks, etc.
3. Pants or shorts worn below the waist.
4. Exposed undergarments such as sports bras, underwear, etc.
5. Jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, etc.) that may pose a safety hazard.
6. Headwear, such as caps/hats/bandanas in school buildings during the school day.
7. Attire, including tattoos, that advertises, promotes, or makes reference to drugs, alcohol, violence, tobacco, profanity, or sexual acts.
8. Bare feet (some type of footwear must be worn)
9. Sweatshirts/hoodies may be worn as long as the student does not wear their hood during school hours. Students not following this expectation may lose the opportunity to wear sweatshirts/hoodies.

The school dress code will be in effect during the school hours and during school activities unless students are given permission by the principal to wear something different. The Principal or Superintendent will have authority to make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of attire and grooming.

Students who violate dress code guidelines will be required to correct the violation by changing into something appropriate at school or returning home to change. A detention or suspension may be given to make up the time away from school. Students will also receive zeros for any assignments they miss while correcting the violation. Continual violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary action up to suspension and expulsion.

Drug Free Schools

The board of education has adopted policies to comply with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Students are prohibited from using, possessing, or selling any drug, alcohol or tobacco while on school grounds, at a school activity or in a school vehicle. In addition, students who participate in the school's activities program should refer to the Activities Handbook which prohibits the use or possession of alcohol, controlled substances and tobacco at all times.

Any student who violates any school policy regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use will be disciplined, up to and including short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion from school and/or referral to appropriate authorities for criminal prosecution.

Emergency Contact Information

Parents must complete an emergency information sheet for each child enrolled in the district. The sheet should list the family physician's name, where parents or a responsible adult can be located, and any necessary emergency instructions. Parents should promptly inform the school if this contact information changes during the school year.

Eye Exams

All students enrolling in kindergarten or transferring into the school district from out of state must undergo a visual examination by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist , which consists of testing for amblyopia, strabismus, and internal and external eye health, with testing sufficient to determine visual acuity, except that no such physical examination or visual evaluation shall be required of any child whose parent or guardian objects in writing. They must provide evidence of the vision examination within six months prior to entrance. The cost of such physical examination and visual evaluation shall be borne by the parent or guardian of each child who is examined.

Fighting

The district has a zero tolerance policy in regards to fighting. Fighting will not be tolerated at school or school activities. Students should do everything they can to avoid physical confrontations at school. Fights at school disrupt the learning environment and cause problems for students, teachers, and the school as a whole.

Everyone involved in a fight at school, on school grounds, or at any extracurricular activity (home or away) will be considered "guilty" of the zero tolerance fighting policy. The following guidelines will be used at Superior Jr./Sr. High School for those students involved in fights:

First offense: Automatic two (2) day out-of-school suspension for all students involved.

Second offense: Automatic four (4) day out-of-school suspension for all students involved. Parents and students will be required to meet with the administration before the student is allowed back into classes.

Fire Drills and Emergency Exits

As required by law, fire drills will be held at regular intervals. Fire drills are important and are to be treated seriously. Specific instructions for evacuation of the building for a fire drill will be given on the first day of school. Students will leave the room immediately when the fire alarm sounds. Conversation should be kept at a minimum and lines should be kept well organized and moving rapidly. The first student out of a door should step aside and hold the door open for those that follow. The same procedure is used in case of a bomb threat.

Food and Drink Regulations

The classroom is meant to be an academic environment. Food, candy, and drink items, other than water, should be used on a limited basis in classrooms under the supervision of the classroom teacher. Food and drink containers cannot be taken to the lockers, unless it is the student's sack lunch brought from home. Outside food and drink will not be allowed in the building or classrooms without the permission of the administration.

Gum chewing is allowed during the school day. **Students should dispose of their gum by wrapping it in a tissue and placing it in a trash can. Students should not stick gum under or onto furniture including desks and tables.**

Food Service Program

The Superior Public Schools participate in USDA's National School Lunch Program and offer a complete hot lunch program. Prices for lunch meals shall be determined by the Board of Education.

Breakfast

The school will serve breakfast daily from 7:40 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch also qualify for free or reduced-price breakfast. The school district charges students $1.50 and adults $2.25 for breakfast.

Lunch

Lunch prices depend on the federal funding that the program receives. Lunch for K-5 is $2.75. Lunch for 6-12 lunch is $2.90 for students and $4.00 for adults.

Payment for Meals

Students are encouraged to pay for meals several weeks in advance. Payment should be made to the bookkeeper in the office.

If a family account has no funds available to pay for a meal, the family account will be permitted to charge up to ten meals. Thereafter, if a family account has no funds available to pay for a meal, no food will be provided.

Students who qualify for free meals will not be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from other food purchases. School staff may prohibit any students from charging a la carte or extra items if they do not have cash in hand or their account has a negative balance.

If a student repeatedly lacks funds to purchase a meal, has not brought a meal from home, and is not enrolled in a free meal program, the district will use its resources and contacts to protect the health and safety of the student. Failure or refusal of parents or guardians to provide meals for students may require mandatory reporting to child protection agencies as required by law.

Collection of Delinquent Meal Charge Debt

The school district is required to make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges. The building principal or his or her designee will contact households about unpaid meal charges and notify them again of the availability of the free and reduced meal program and/or establish payment plans and due dates by telephone, e-mail, or other written or oral communication. If these collection efforts are unsuccessful, the school district may pursue any other methods to collect delinquent debt as allowed by law. Collection efforts may continue into a new school year.

Notice of Non-discrimination

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individual who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877- 8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust_html and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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De conformidad con la Ley Federal de Derechos Civiles y los reglamentos y políticas de derechos civiles del Departamento de Agricultura de los EE. UU. (USDA, por sus siglas en inglés), se prohíbe que el USDA, sus agencias, oficinas, empleados e instituciones que participan o administran programas del USDA discriminen sobre la base de raza, color, nacionalidad, sexo, credo religioso, discapacidad, edad, creencias políticas, o en represalia o venganza por actividades previas de derechos civiles en algún programa o actividad realizados o financiados por el USDA.

Las personas con discapacidades que necesiten medios alternativos para la comunicación de la información del programa (por ejemplo, sistema Braille, letras grandes, cintas de audio, lenguaje de señas americano, etc.), deben ponerse en contacto con la agencia (estatal o local) en la que solicitaron los beneficios. Las personas sordas, con dificultades de audición o con discapacidades del habla pueden comunicarse con el USDA por medio del Federal Relay Service [Servicio Federal de Retransmisión] llamando al (800) 877-8339. Además, la información del programa se puede proporcionar en otros idiomas.

Para presentar una denuncia de discriminación, complete el Formulario de Denuncia de Discriminación del Programa del USDA, (AD-3027) que está disponible en línea en: http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Spanish_Form_508_Compliant_6_8_12_0.pdf. y en cualquier oficina del USDA, o bien escriba una carta dirigida al USDA e incluya en

la carta toda la información solicitada en el formulario. Para solicitar una copia del formulario de denuncia, llame al (866) 632-9992. Haga llegar su formulario lleno o carta al USDA por:

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Field Trips

Classes occasionally take field trips off school property for educational enrichment. A student's parent, or "caregiver" as that term is defined in the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, must authorize a student to participate in a field trip by signing a permission slip and providing it to the school before the field trip. Students who have not completed classroom work on time may not be allowed to attend field trips. Students must comply with the student code of conduct, any applicable extracurricular conduct codes, and all directives by trip chaperones.

First-Aid

First-aid items may only be used by school staff. Students who need first aid should ask for assistance from their classroom teacher or the nearest staff member.

Head Lice

Students found to have live head lice or louse eggs will not be permitted at school and will be sent home. Upon discovering the presence of any indication of lice or louse eggs the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified, and if appropriate will be asked to pick up the student from school immediately.

Students will not be permitted to return to school until the district finds that no live lice or eggs can be detected. The parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to treat the student and accompany the student to school to be examined.

The student cannot ride the school bus until the district has cleared the student to return to school.

Health Problems

Parents who do not want their children to play outdoors or participate in physical education for health reasons must send a written request to school. If a student persistently requests to be excused from these activities, the building principal or classroom teacher may require a doctor's verification.

Parents should notify the principal or superintendent if their student has any special health problems such as diabetes, asthma, or the like.

Homebound Instruction

The school district may provide a student with instruction in his or her home and under parental supervision if the student is physically or mentally ill or injured and unable to attend regular classes for an extended period of time. Homebound instruction shall be provided when the student's physical and mental condition are such that the student can benefit from instruction and no other provision will meet the student's educational needs. If you believe that homebound instruction is appropriate for your child, please contact the building principal to initiate the appropriate process to determine eligibility.

Homeless Children and Youth

Homeless students generally include children who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, as further defined by applicable state and federal law.

It is the school's policy not to stigmatize or segregate homeless students on the basis of their status of being homeless. Transportation for homeless students who enroll in the district shall be furnished by the district under the same guidelines applying to other students or if such transportation is necessary for compliance with federal law.

Each homeless child shall be provided services for which the child is eligible comparable to services provided to other students in the school selected regardless of residency. Homeless children shall be provided access to education and other services that such children need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same student performance standards to which all students are held.

If a homeless child registered to attend school in the district is receiving family reconciliation services pursuant to state law, the district will work in cooperation with any county or department of social services in the district to jointly develop an educational program for the child. The district's homeless coordinator is Marty Kobza, who may be contacted at 402-879-3257 ext. 127.

Illness or Injury at school

The school district will contact parents if a student becomes ill at school. Students becoming ill at school must report to the principal's office to obtain a pass and transportation home. **Under no circumstances is a student to simply leave school.**

Students who feel ill or are hurt while at school should seek immediate assistance from their classroom teacher or the nearest staff member. The school will contact parents to pick students up from school whenever necessary. When school officials determine that a student needs immediate medical attention but the parents cannot be reached by phone, emergency services will be summoned or the student will be taken directly to the doctor and/or hospital. Parents must complete an emergency information card for each child enrolled in the district. The card should list the family physician's name, where parents or a responsible adult can be located, and any necessary emergency instructions.

Immunizations

All students must furnish one of the following to school officials:

- proof of adequate immunizations for mumps, measles, rubella; diphtheria, pertusis, tetanus; polio; and hepatitis B series; or

- a signed parental statement of refusal to provide the immunization history.

Homeless students who are in need of immunizations will be referred to the homeless coordinator, who shall assist in obtaining necessary immunizations or medical records. A summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations are included in this handbook.

Provisional Enrollment. Students who meet the statutory requirements for provisional enrollment shall be allowed to attend school for sixty days without the necessary immunizations.

Students who are exempted from the immunization requirement may be excluded from school in the event of an outbreak of any contagious disease in the school population.

Initiations and Hazing

Initiations and hazing by members of classes, clubs, athletic teams, or any other organization affiliated with the district are prohibited except as otherwise permitted by this policy. Any student engaging in hazing or non-approved initiations is subject to discipline as permitted by policy and law.

Initiations are defined as any ritualistic expectations, requirements, or activities placed upon new members of a school organization for the purpose of admission into the organization, even if those activities do not rise to the level of "hazing" as defined below. Initiations are prohibited except by permission of the superintendent.

Hazing is defined as any activity by which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any school organization. Hazing activities include, but are not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, an act of sexual penetration, an exposure of the genitals of the body done with the intent to affront or alarm any person, a lewd fondling or caressing of the body of another person, forced and prolonged calisthenics, prolonged exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or harmful substance not generally intended for human consumption, prolonged sleep deprivation, or any brutal treatment or the performance of any unlawful act that endangers the physical or mental health or safety of any person.

Library

The library is open from 8:05 A.M. until 3:38 P.M. Monday thru Thursday and from 8:05 A.M. until 2:38 P.M. on Friday. Students should become acquainted with the library. The librarian and assistants are prepared to help students utilize the library. Students are expected to keep the library as clean and orderly as possible. Students with overdue, damaged, or lost books will be charged appropriately for each situation.

Lockers and Other School Property

Each student is assigned a locker. These lockers are to be used for storing items such as books and supplies. Inappropriate posters and pictures are not to be displayed in or on the lockers.

It is the student's responsibility to see that their locker is locked and in order at all times. This helps to avoid loss and damage. Students will be fined for damage to lockers and other school property.

The school district owns and exercises exclusive control over student lockers, desks, computer equipment, and other such property. Students should not expect privacy regarding usage of or items placed in or on school property, including student vehicles parked on school property, because school property is subject to search at any time by school officials. Periodic, random searches of lockers, desks, computers and other such property may be conducted at the discretion of the administration. The assignment of a locker is on a temporary basis and may be revoked at any time. School officials may inspect student lockers without any particularized suspicion or reasonable cause.

Lost and Found

All lost and found articles are to be taken to the office of the principal. Students may claim lost articles there. Unclaimed articles will be donated to a local charity or otherwise disposed of at the conclusion of each semester.

Medications

Whenever possible, parents should arrange medication schedules to eliminate the need for giving medication during school hours. When it is necessary for school personnel to administer medication to students, the school district will comply with the Nebraska Medication Aide Act, the requirements of Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 59, (promulgated by the Nebraska Department of Education and entitled *Methods of Competency Assessment of School Staff Who Administer Medication*), and all state and federal regulations. Parents and guardians who wish to have their child receive medication from school personnel must comply with the following procedures:

Prescription medication. (1) Parents/guardians must provide a physician's written authorization for the administration of the medication. (2) Parents/guardians must provide their own written permission for the administration of the medication. (3) The medication must be brought to school in the prescription container and must be properly labeled with the student's name, the physician's name, the medication name and dosage, and directions for administering the medication. Only the amount needed at school is to be sent.

Non-prescription medication. (1) Parents/guardians must provide written permission for the administration of the medication. (2) The medication must be brought to the school in the manufacturer's container. (3) The container must be labeled with the child's name and with directions for provision or administration of the medication

All medicine must be accompanied by a parent/guardian's written permission. All medication must be taken to the office. If the above procedures are not followed, the administering of medicine will not be done at school.

The district reserves the right to review and decline requests to administer or provide medications that are not consistent with standard pharmacological references, are prescribed in doses that exceed those recommended in standard pharmacological references, or that could be taken in a manner that would eliminate the need for giving them during school hours.

The district may request parental authorization to consult with the student's physician regarding any medication prescribed by such physician.

Meetings of Clubs/Societies/Organizations

Meetings will be scheduled during PAWS time whenever possible. Any meeting held after school hours must be approved by the principal and posted on the master calendar. All meetings must have a sponsor present.

Memorials

Memorials or plaques honoring deceased students are generally not allowed in or on the school grounds unless authorized by board policy. Dedications to students will not be allowed.

Scholarships in the deceased person's name will not be set up by the school. Scholarships set up by outside organizations or individuals, such as a foundation will be allowed.

Opting Out of Assessments

The Board of Education has adopted a policy on approval and denial of state and federal assessment opt-out requests, which is based on requirements in law. The policy can be requested by contacting the Superintendent of Schools at 402-879-3257 ext. 127.

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The written District Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be jointly developed and distributed to parents and family members of participating children and the local community in an understandable format and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. An annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be used to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, to revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and to remove barriers to participation.

The school district recognizes the unique needs of students who are being served in its Title I program, and the importance of parent and family engagement in the Title I Program shall include, but is not limited to:

- An annual meeting to which all parents of participating children will be invited to inform parents of their school's participation under this part, to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved. Invitations may take the form of notes sent with students or announcements in the school newsletter. Additional meetings may be scheduled, based upon need and interest in such meetings.

- An explanation of the details for the child's and parents' participation, including but not limited to: curriculum objectives, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards, type and extent of participation, parental input in educational decisions, coordination and integration with other Federal, State, and district programs, and evaluations of progress.

- Opportunities for participation in parent involvement activities such as training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement. A goal of parent activities is to provide parents with opportunities to participate in decisions relating to the education of their students, where appropriate.

- The district will, to the extent practicable, provide parents of limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, parents with limited literacy, are economically disadvantaged, are of a racial or minority background or parents of migratory children with opportunities for involvement in the Title I Program. Communication to parents about student progress and district's other Title I Program communications will be provided in the language used in the home to the extent practicable. Responses to parent concerns will be provided in a timely manner.

- Opportunities for parent-teacher conferences, in addition to those regularly scheduled by the school district, if requested by the parents or as deemed necessary by school district staff.

- The district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other programs in the community. These may include cooperation with other community programs such as Head Start and preschools and other community services such as the public library.

- Educate teachers specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, with the assistance of parents in the value and utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners.

This policy shall be reviewed annually at the annual meeting where concerned parties can have a conversation about possible changes to the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Personal Items

The school provides the necessary equipment for classroom and school day activities. **Students should not bring items such as electronic devices or other similar personal items to school unless they have the prior permission of their teacher or a school administrator. The school is not responsible for damage, loss or theft of personal items or equipment.**

Physical Education

The school district requires students to receive physical education to assist them in developing gross and fine motor skills. Students are not required to wear P.E. uniforms, but are encouraged to wear tennis shoes and bring additional clothes for P.E.

Physical Exam

Students entering kindergarten and the seventh grade, and those entering school from another state, are statutorily required to show evidence that they have had a physical examination within six months prior to the date of entering school.

Pictures

The school district arranges for a photographer to be present at school in the fall to take class pictures. Parents will be notified of the date. Parents who want pictures of their students may purchase them directly from the photographer.

Police Questioning and Apprehension

Law enforcement officers and any officer of the court are encouraged to contact students of the Superior Public School District after school hours whenever possible. In the event it is necessary for such officers to have a conference with a student for the Superior Public School district, an administrator or his designee shall contact the student's parents or guardians and inform them of the conference. If the parent or guardian of such student cannot be contacted or the parent or guardian is unable to be present during the conference between the law enforcement officer and the student, the conference shall not be held during the school hours or school property unless the officer is in pursuit of a student or has a warrant for a student's arrest. Students at risk, i.e., suspected of child abuse or neglect, deemed such by the administration, may conference with representatives of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and/or law enforcement officers without prior knowledge of the parent or guardians.

Protection of Student Rights

The Board of Education respects the rights of parents and their children and has adopted a Protection of Pupil Rights policy in consultation with parents to comply with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). The policy is available on the district's website or upon request from the district's administrative office. Parents may opt their child out of participation in activities identified by the Protection of Pupil Rights policy by submitting a written request to the superintendent. The approximate dates during the school year when a survey requesting personal information as defined in the Protection of Pupil Rights policy is scheduled are as follows: during the month of August of the current school year. Parents may have access to any survey or other material described in the Protection of Pupil Rights policy by submitting a written request to the superintendent.

ACT Exam

Students taking the ACT Exam will be prompted to complete a short, optional questionnaire addressing a number of topics. If you wish to review this questionnaire prior to the administration of the exam, please submit a written request to the superintendent.

Public Displays of Affection

Students may not engage in public displays of affection that are disruptive to the school environment or distracting to others. Prohibited conduct includes hugging, kissing, touching, or any other display of affection that a staff member determines to be inappropriate.

Reasonable Suspicion Testing

Students may be required to submit to drug or alcohol testing if there is a reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Regulations Governing Classes and Organizations

1. A student whose conduct was not satisfactory as determined by the administration or board, or who had a failing grade in any subject in the previous semester, shall not be elected to any office in any class or organization.
2. Any student elected to any office in any class or organization must maintain satisfactory conduct and passing grades. Any student whose conduct becomes unsatisfactory as determined by the administration or board, or who fails a subject, shall be removed from office. An election shall be called to fill the resulting vacancy.
2. No student shall be allowed to hold the same office for more than one year. The election of officers shall take place on a day determined by the principal of the high school and announced at least one day prior to the election. Eligibility lists will be posted at the time of calling the election.
3. Meetings of any class organization may be held with the consent of the sponsor who shall consult the principal before calling such meeting.

All class organization meetings will be governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure.
If class organizations foster antagonism or individual members of class organizations fail to render assistance in prohibiting inter-class controversies, all class organizations may be abolished.

Rights of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents

The school district will honor the parental rights of natural and adoptive parents unless those rights have been altered by a court.

The term “custodial parent” refers to a biological or adoptive parent to whom a court has given primary physical and legal custody of a child, and a person such as a caseworker or foster parent to whom a court has given legal custody of a child.
The district will not restrict the access of custodial and non-custodial parents to their students and their students’ records, unless the district has been provided a copy of a court order that limits those rights. If the district is provided such a court order, school officials will follow the directives set forth in the order.

The district will provide the custodial parent with routine information about his or her child, including notification of conferences. The district will not provide the non-custodial parent with such information on a routine basis, but will provide it upon the non-custodial parent’s request unless it has been denied by the courts.

A non-custodial parent who wishes to attend conferences regarding his or her child will be provided information about conference times so both parents may attend a single conference. The district is not required to schedule separate conferences if both parents have been previously informed of scheduled conference times.

If either or both parents’ behavior is disruptive, staff members may terminate a conference and reschedule it with appropriate modifications or expectations.

Secret Organizations

Secret organizations are prohibited. School officials shall not allow any person or representative of any such organization to enter upon school grounds or school buildings for

the purpose of rushing or soliciting students to participate in any secret fraternity, society, or association.

Searches of Student Lockers and Property

Student lockers, desks, computer equipment, and other such property are owned by the school. The school exercises exclusive control over school property. Students should not expect privacy regarding usage of, or items placed, in or on school property, including student vehicles parked on school property. School property is subject to search at any time by school officials. Periodic, random searches of lockers, desks, computers, and other such property may be conducted at the discretion of the administration.

By driving a vehicle to school and parking on school grounds, students consent to having that vehicle searched by school officials if school officials have reasonable suspicion that such a search will reveal a violation of school rules or state or federal law.

The following rules shall apply to searches of students, searches of a student's personal property, and the seizure of items in a student's possession or control:

1. School officials may conduct a search if there is a reasonable basis to believe that the search will uncover evidence of a crime or a school rule violation. The search is to be conducted in a reasonable manner under the circumstances.
2. Illegal items or other items reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety of others or a threat to educational purposes may be taken and kept by school officials. Any firearm or other weapon shall be confiscated and delivered to law enforcement officials as soon as practicable.
3. Items which have been, or are reasonably expected to be, used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be removed from student possession.

Self Management of Diabetes or Asthma/Anaphylaxis

Subject to school policy, the school district will work with the parent or guardian in consultation with appropriate medical professionals to develop a medical management plan for a student with diabetes, asthma, or anaphylaxis. Parents desiring to develop such a plan should contact Megan McMeen at 402-879-3257 ext. 157 or Bob Cook at 402-879-3257 ext. 116.

Senior Class Activities

1. Announcements and Cards - Seniors may purchase class graduation announcements and name cards. Class colors will be selected from the color options presented by the announcement company. From a variety of announcements, all seniors select the one type they would like to have.

2. Baccalaureate and Commencement - The final step for seniors is Commencement. Seniors, in their caps and gowns, receive their diplomas at this ceremony. Cap and gown colors will be representative of the school colors red and white. Black or silver may be substituted for white since those colors are present in uniforms used by the school. Seniors will secure a graduation speaker by the end of February or may choose to have a Senior video. The Senior video will be 15 - 20 minutes in length. The administration will approve the speaker or video, and will have the final approval. The school district will recognize the outstanding academic achievement of its graduating seniors in the following manner: 93-94% Cum Laude, 95-97% Magna Cum Laude, and 98-100% Summa Cum

Laude. The percentages will be based on the students' cumulative grade point average. Any graduating senior with an ACT score of 30 or higher will have their name placed on a plaque. Students caught smoking/drinking/under the influence of drugs or with tobacco/alcohol/drugs in their possession during graduation practice or at the actual ceremony will not be allowed to participate in the formal ceremony, and will receive their diploma before the formal ceremony has taken place.

Awards Day - This event occurs during the final week of school. At this program students receive recognition through the presentation of various honors and awards.

Smoking and Tobacco

The use or possession of any tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco or tobacco derivative products; vapor products or electronic nicotine delivery systems; alternative nicotine products; or any other such look-alike or imitation product, is not permitted on school property at any time.

Sniffer (Drug) Dogs

The administration is authorized to use sniffer dogs to minimize the presence of illicit items on school grounds. Students and staff are specifically notified of the following:

1. Lockers may be sniffed by sniffer dogs at any time.
2. Vehicles parked on school property may be sniffed by sniffer dogs at any time.
3. Classrooms and other common areas may be sniffed by sniffer dogs at any time students and staff are not present.

If contraband of any kind is found, the student or staff member shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Standardized Testing

The Northwest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Progress (MAPS) is administered annually in grades 3-11 to determine the students' achievement probability for individual success. Tests are administered in fall and spring, and the results are given to parents at parent teacher conferences or sent home with the student.

Student Assistance

If your child has any learning, behavior, or emotional needs that you believe are not being addressed by the school district under existing circumstances, please contact your child's teacher. If appropriate, the teacher may convene the Student Assistance Team (SAT). The SAT can explore possibilities and strategies that will best meet the educational needs of your child.

Student Fee Policy

The Superior Public Schools District 65-0011 shall provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution and Nebraska statutes. The district also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the district is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to

contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

There will be a $30 service charge on all returned checks.

Definitions.

1. "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.

2. "Extracurricular activities" means student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the district; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the district.

3. "Post-secondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

Listing of Fees Charged by this District.

1. **Guidelines for Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities**. Students are responsible for complying with the district's grooming and attire guidelines and for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach, or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course, or activity.

2. **Safety Equipment and Attire**. The district will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.

3. **Personal or Consumable Items**. The district will provide students with personal or consumable items for participation in courses and activities including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers, and notebooks. Students who wish to supply their own personal or consumable items may do so, as long as those items comply with the requirements of the district. The district will provide students with facilities, equipment, materials, and supplies, including books. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students will be charged for damage to school property caused by the student and will be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of any school property that they lose.

4. **Materials Required for Course Projects.** The school district will provide students with the materials necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. In courses where students choose to produce a project that requires materials beyond the basic materials provided by the district, the finished product will remain the property of the district unless the students either furnish or pay for the reasonable cost of materials requires for the course project.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for course materials shall be:

○ Industrial Technology Classes	$5 per semester plus $20 to $800 depending on student choice of materials for personal projects.
○ Art Classes	$5 per semester plus $5 to $50 depending on student choice of materials for personal projects.
○ Family and Consumer Science Classes	$5 per semester plus $5 to $50 depending on student choice of materials for personal projects.
○ Agriculture Education Classes	$5 per semester plus $5 to $50 depending on student choice of materials for personal projects.

5. **Technological Devices.** The district will provide students with the technological devices necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. To the extent that a student is not required by the district's curriculum to utilize a device off district property, the district may charge students a convenience fee to take the device off district property. The maximum dollar amount of this convenience fee charged by the district will be $40.

   As with all school property, students may be charged for damage to such devices. To protect against such potential losses, students and parents may, but are not required, to purchase insurance coverage for the devices. The maximum dollar amount of this insurance coverage facilitated by the district with be $35. The district may also charge a damage deposit which will be returned or may be rolled to cover the damage deposit for the next year if it is not needed to cover the costs of any damage to the device. The maximum dollar amount of this damage deposit will be $50.

6. **Extracurricular Activities**. The school district may charge students a fee to participate in extracurricular activities to cover the district's reasonable costs in offering such activities. The district may require students to furnish specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation in extracurricular activities, or may charge a reasonable fee for the use of district-owned equipment or attire. Attached to this policy is a list of the fees charged for particular activities. The coach or sponsor will provide students with additional written guidelines detailing the fees charged, the equipment and/or clothing required, or the usage fee charged. The guidelines will explain the reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for the activity.

The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all extracurricular activities fees and the specifications for any equipment or attire required for participation in extracurricular activities:

- Student Season Pass: $20 Covers admission to all home extracurricular events. This excludes conference and NSAA activities.

- Student participation fee: $20 Required of all students who participate in athletics and/or other extracurricular activities. Includes Season Pass.

- FFA: Annual membership fee of $20. Cost of attendance at State and/or National Conventions are the student's responsibility. Students must purchase the jacket and other attire.

- Art Club: Annual membership fee of $10.

- Drill Team/Flag Corps: Students must purchase uniforms and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group.

- Swing Choir: Students must purchase outfits and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group.

- Instrumental Music/Band: $10 uniform cleaning fee. Students must provide their own instruments and marching band shoes.

- Football: Students must provide their own football shoes, undergarments, and mouth guards.

- Golf: Students must provide their own golf shoes, undergarments, and clubs.

- Physical Education: Students are responsible for the cost of off campus activities if not graded.

- Track, Volleyball, Wrestling, and Basketball: Students must provide their own shoes and undergarments.

- Future Business Leaders of America: Annual membership fee of $20. Cost of attendance at State and/or National Conventions are the student's responsibility.

- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America: Annual membership fee of $20. Cost of attendance at State and/or National Conventions are the student's responsibility.

- Foreign Language Club: Annual membership fee of $10.

7. **Post-Secondary Education Costs**. Some students enroll in post-secondary courses while still enrolled in the district's high school. As a general rule, the district will pay all tuition costs for post-secondary courses and cost for achieving industry-based certifications. Students will be responsible for books and other such fees associated with the course. Students who do not successfully meet the requirements to receive credit or certification must reimburse the district for all costs associated with the course or certification.

8. **Transportation Costs**. The district will charge students reasonable fees for district-provided transportation services to the extent permitted by federal and state statutes and regulations. The maximum dollar amount of the transportation fee charged by this district shall be $10.

9. **Copies of Student Files or Records**. The school district will charge a fee for making copies of a student's files or records for the student's parents or guardians. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of student record fees. Students' parents have the right to inspect and review the students' files or records without the payment of a fee, and the district shall not charge a fee to search for or retrieve any student's files or records. The district will charge a fee of 10 cents per page for reproduction of student records.

10. **Participation in Before-and-After School or Pre-Kindergarten Services**. The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in before-school, after-school, or pre-kindergarten services offered by the district pursuant to statute. The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these services shall be $100 per month.

11. **Participation in Summer School or Night School.** The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in summer school or night school and may charge reasonable fees for correspondence courses. The maximum dollar amount for summer and night school shall be $300.

12. **Charges for Food Consumed by Students**. The district will charge for items that students purchase from the district's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charged for these items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The district will charge students for the cost of food, beverages, and the like that students purchase from a school store, vending machine, booster club, or from similar sources. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

    The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for the breakfast and lunch programs is as follows:

- Breakfast Program – Grades K-12

Adults	$2.25
Regular Price	$1.50
Reduced Price	$0.30

- Lunch Program – Grades K-5

Adults	$4.00
Regular Price	$2.75
Reduced Price	$0.40
Extra Milk	$0.45
Seconds	$0.50 to $2.00

- Lunch Program – Grades 6-12

Adults	$4.00
Regular Price	$2.90

Reduced Price	$0.40
Extra Milk	$0.45
Seconds	$0.50 to $2.00

13. **Charges for Musical Extracurricular Activities.** Students who qualify for fee waivers under this policy will be provided, at no charge, the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. For musical extracurricular activities, the school district will require students to provide the following equipment and/or attire:

• Band	Students must provide their own instruments and marching band shoes, plus a suggested $10 uniform cleaning fee.
• Swing Choir	Students must purchase outfits and shoes selected by the and/or student group.

14. **Contributions for Class Extracurricular Activities.** Students are eligible to participate in a number of unique extracurricular activities during their last two years in high school, including prom, various senior recognitions and graduation. In order to fund these extracurricular activities, the school district will ask each student to make a contribution to their class's fund. This contribution is completely voluntary. Students who chose not to contribute to the class fund are still eligible to participate in the extracurricular activities. The suggested donation to the class fund will be $5 to $100.

Waiver Policy.
Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) materials for course projects, and (3) the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waivers provided in this section. The district is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other material to eligible students. Students who wish to be considered for waiver of a particular fee must submit a completed fee waiver application to their building principal.

Distribution of Policy.
This policy will be published in the Student Handbook or its equivalent that will be provided to students at no cost.

Voluntary Contributions to Defray Costs.
The district will, when appropriate, request donations of money, materials, equipment, or attire from parents, guardians, and other members of the community to defray the costs of providing certain services and activities to students. These requests are not requirements, and staff members of the district are directed to clearly communicate that fact to students, parents and patrons.

Fund-Raising Activities.
Students may be permitted or required to engage in fund-raising activities to support various curricular and extracurricular activities in which they participate. Students who decline to participate in fund-raising activities are not eligible under this policy for waiver of the costs or fees which the fund-raising activity was meant to defray.

Student Fee Fund
The school board established a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund is a separate school district fund that will not be funded by tax revenue, and that will serve as a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected from students.

Student Illness
Students who suffer from a significant illness which has an actual or expected duration of six months or more may be eligible for accommodations and supports under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act. The school will provide accommodations to students who are returning to school after a prolonged absence due to illness, including pediatric cancer, through a 504 plan or an IEP, as appropriate. The student's plan will include informal or formal accommodations, modifications of curriculum and monitoring by medical or academic staff as determined by the student's IEP team or 504 committee. Parents and staff will engage in ongoing communication about the needs of a student who is facing these circumstances.

Students who become ill at school will be sent to the building office where the school nurse or other school employee will determine the appropriate response. When a child is too ill to remain at school, a school employee will contact the child's parent(s) and make arrangements for the child to be picked up or sent home. If an illness or injury requires immediate medical attention, school officials shall attempt to contact the child's parent(s) regarding treatment for the child. If the parents cannot be contacted, school officials may have the child treated by an available physician. Students who show symptoms of a contagious disease may be sent home, and the district may require a physician's statement before allowing such students to return to school.

Student Records
The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") provides parents certain rights with respect to their student's education records. These rights include the right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the date the school receives a request for access; and the right to request the amendment of the student's education records that you believe to be inaccurate.

If parents believe one of their student's records is inaccurate, they should write to the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why they believe it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested, it will notify the parents of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment.

Directory Information. FERPA and the Nebraska Public Records Law authorize school districts to make "directory information" available for review at the request of non-school individuals. These laws also give parents and guardians a voice in the decision-making process regarding the disclosure of directory information regarding their children. The school district has designated the following as directory information:

> name and grade, name of parent and/or guardian, address, telephone number, including the student's cell phone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, the image or likeness of students in pictures, videotape, film or other medium, major field of study, participation in activities and sports, degrees and awards received, weight and height of members of athletic teams, most recent previous school attended, certain class work which may be published onto the Internet, classroom assignment and/or home room teacher, student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by the student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems (but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a personal identification number (PIN), password, or other factor known or possessed only the authorized user). Directory information does not include a student's social security number.

Directory information about students may also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that market or manufacture class rings, sell student photographs or publish student yearbooks.

Federal law requires school districts to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education with the names, addresses, and telephone listings of high school students unless parents have notified the school district in writing that they do not want this information disclosed without prior written parental consent. Military recruiters will be granted the same access to a student in a high school grade as is provided to postsecondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of such students.

Parents who ***OBJECT*** to the disclosure of any directory information about their student should write a letter to the principal. This letter should specify the particular categories of directory information that the parents do not wish to have released about their child or the particular types of outside organizations to which they do not wish directory information to be released. This letter must be received by the school district no later than **the last Friday in August of the current school year.**

Non-Directory Information

All of the other personally identifiable information about students that is contained in this school district's education records will generally not be disclosed to anyone outside the school system except under one of two circumstances: (1) in accordance with the provisions of the FERPA statutes and related administrative regulations, or (2) in accordance with the parent's written instructions.

One FERPA exception permits disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests without consent. A school official includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a teacher or other educator, administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including

health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); school board member; volunteer; contractor or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, representative of the district's insurance providers, auditor, medical consultant, therapist, or a third-party website operator who has contracted with the school district or its agent to offer online programs for the benefit of students and/or the district; members of law enforcement acting on behalf of the school district; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a "legitimate educational interest" if the official needs to review an education record to fulfill a school-related professional, contractual, statutory, or regulatory responsibility.

The district will share information with the Department of Education necessary to comply with the requirement of state law that all third- year high school students take a college entrance exam. Any redisclosure of information related to the administration of this exam shall be governed by the agreement between the Nebraska Department of Education and the third-party testing company.

Transfer of Records Upon Student Enrollment
Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. The school is not obligated to inform parents when it makes a disclosure under this provision.

Maintenance and Destruction
All files or records shall be maintained so as to separate academic and disciplinary matters, and all disciplinary materials shall be removed and destroyed upon the pupil's graduation or after his/her continuous absence from the school for a period of three years, and after authorization is given by the State Records Board pursuant to law.

Complaints
Individuals who wish to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA may contact the Office that administers FERPA:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Student Transfer or Withdrawal

Students withdrawing or transferring to another school must inform the building principal or guidance counselor. Grade reports may be withheld pending payment of all school debts and obligations.

Student Vehicle Use

Use of the school parking lot is a privilege extended to students. Under Nebraska law, this privilege may be made subject to reasonable restrictions to prevent inconvenience to other users and to prevent the danger of injury to persons or property. The school may revoke the parking privilege of any individual at any time for violations of rules governing use of the parking lot. Students who drive cars to school are required to observe the following regulations:

1. Students must drive with care to ensure the safety of the pedestrians. Students may not drive carelessly or with excessive speed.
2. Cars are to be properly parked in designated areas. Student vehicles should be parked in the north parking lot in the areas marked for parking.
3. Students are not to go to the parking area or vehicles during the school day, including over the lunch period unless given permission by the principal.
4. Students driving on permits are reminded that such a permit entitles the student to go directly to and from school by the shortest route.
5. Students participating in activities after school are not to move cars until the activity is completed.
6. Students are not to use cars for errands during school time unless given permission by the principal.
7. Student vehicles parked on school property maybe subject to search when there is reasonable suspicion by school officials that the search will reveal contraband or violations of school rules.

Regulations governing student driving and parking will be in effect during normal school hours and at all school sanctioned or sponsored events outside the normal school day. Vehicles that are improperly parked may be towed away at the direction of the administration, at the expense of the owner or driver.

By driving a vehicle to school and parking on school grounds, students consent to having that vehicle searched by school officials if school officials have reasonable suspicion that such a search will reveal a violation of school rules.

Telephone Calls

The school's telephone may be used only with permission of staff. Students who need to use their cell phones to make a phone call need to report to the office to place their call. Students need to have approval from the administration before using their cell phones during school hours.

Threat Assessment and Response

The board of education is committed to providing a safe environment for members of the school community. Students, staff and patrons are urged to immediately report any statements or behavior that makes the observer fearful or uncomfortable about the safety of the school environment.

1. Definitions

a. A **threat** is an expression of willful intent to physically or sexually harm someone or to damage property in a way that indicates that an individual poses a danger to the safety of school staff, students or other members of the school community.

   i. The threat may be expressed/communicated behaviorally, orally, visually, in writing, electronically, or through any other means.

   ii. A **transient threat** is an expression of anger or frustration that can be quickly or easily resolved.

   iii. A **substantive threat** is an expression of serious intent to harm others which includes, but is not limited to, any threat which involves a detailed plan and means

b. A **threat assessment** is a fact-based process emphasizing an appraisal of observed (or reasonably-observable) behaviors to identify potentially dangerous or violent situations, to assessment them and to manage/address them. Threat assessment is the process of distinguishing "transient" threats from serious ones in a systematic, data-informed way.

   i. The threat assessment process is distinct from student disciplinary procedures. The mere fact that the district is conducting a threat assessment does not by itself necessitate suspension, expulsion or emergency exclusion without complying with state law and board policy related governing those actions.

   ii. The threat assessment process is distinct from specialized instruction which a student with a disability may receive from the school district. The school district will not change a student's educational placement as that term is used in the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act *solely* as part of a threat assessment.

2. Obligation to Report Threatening Statements or Behaviors.

All staff and students must report **substantive threats** to a member of the administration immediately and comply with any other mandatory reporting obligations. Staff and students who are unsure whether a threat is substantive or transient should report the situation. Staff and students must make such report regardless of the nature of the relationship between the individual who initiated the threat or threatening behavior and the person(s) who were threatened or who were the focus of the threatening behavior. Staff and students must also make such reports regardless of where or when the threat was made or the threatening behavior occurred.

THREATS OR ASSAULTS WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE AT 911

3. Threat Assessment Team

The threat assessment team (team) shall consist of the superintendent, building principals, guidance counselor, social worker, SPED director, school nurse, and school psychologist. Local law enforcement will be involved as needed. Not every team member need participate in every threat assessment. If the threat has been made by or is directed towards, a student with a disability, the threat assessment team must include a staff member who is knowledgeable about special education services or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as appropriate. Neither the student nor the student's family members are part of the threat assessment team.

The team is responsible for investigating all reported threats to school safety, evaluating the significance of each threat, and devising an appropriate response. The threat assessment team shall work closely with the crisis team in planning for crisis situations. The threat assessment team shall be familiar with mental health resources available to students, staff and patrons and shall collaborate with local mental health service providers as appropriate.

4. Threat Assessment Investigation and Response

When a threat is reported, the school administrator shall initiate an initial inquiry/triage and, in consultation with members of the threat assessment team, make a determination of the seriousness of the threat as expeditiously as possible. The school administrator must contact law enforcement if the administrator believes that an individual poses a clear and immediate threat of serious violence.

If there is no reasonably apparent imminent threat present or once such an imminent threat is contained, the threat assessment team will meet to evaluate and respond to the threatening behavior. The superintendent may, but is not required to, review the following types of information:

- Review of the threatening behavior and/or communication;
- Interviews with the individuals involved including students, staff members, and family members as necessary and/or appropriate;
- Review of school and other records for any prior history or interventions with the students involved;
- Any other investigatory methods that the law enforcement unit determines to be reasonable and useful.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the team will determine what, if any, response to the threat is appropriate. The team is authorized to disclose the results of its investigation to law enforcement and to the target(s) of any threatened acts. The team may refer the individual of concern to the appropriate school administrator for consequences under the school's student discipline policy or, if appropriate, report results of its investigation to the student's individualized education plan team. Regardless of threat assessment activities, disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement will occur consistent with board policy and Nebraska law.

5. Communication with the Public about Reported Threats

To the extent possible, the team will keep members of the school community appropriately informed about substantive threats and about the team's response to those threats. This

communication may include oral announcements, written communication sent home with students, or communication through print or broadcast media. However, the team will not reveal the identity of the individual of concern or of any target(s) of threatened violence unless permitted by law.

6. Coordination with the Crisis Team After Resolution of Threat

The threat assessment team will confer with the district's crisis team after a threat has been investigated to provide the crisis team with information that the crisis team may use in assessing or revising the district's All Hazard School Safety Plan.

Transportation Services

The district operates school buses as a convenience for students and parents. They represent a substantial investment, and students are expected to care for and respect them.

Transportation to School

Students who ride the bus to school will arrive in time for them to eat breakfast at school. Parents must contact their bus driver if a student will not ride the bus on a given day. Bus drivers endeavor to adhere to their schedule, and will wait for riders only a short period of time so as not to jeopardize the time remaining for the rest of their schedule.

The Superintendent will schedule bus routes, and questions concerning them should be directed to that office.

Bus Regulations

Students who are passengers in school buses are to abide by the same rules that apply to classroom conduct. The bus drivers have the same authority as teachers while transporting students. If a student misbehaves on the bus, the driver is expected to report the incident to the administration. If misconduct reoccurs, the student will not be allowed to ride the bus.

Students must comply with the following rules and all school conduct rules and directives while riding in school vehicles. In addition, students must also comply with the student code of conduct while riding in school vehicles. If misconduct is recurring, the student will not be allowed to ride the bus.

a) **Rules of Conduct on School Vehicles:**

1) Students must obey the driver promptly.
2) Students must wait in a safe place for the bus to arrive, clear of traffic and away from where the vehicle stops.
3) Students are prohibited from fighting, engaging in bullying, harassment or horseplay.
4) Students must enter the bus without crowding or disturbing others and go directly to their assigned seats.
5) Students must remain seated and keep aisles and exits clear while the vehicle is moving.
6) Students are prohibited from throwing or passing objects on, from, or into vehicles.
7) Students may not use profane language, obscene gestures, tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substance on the vehicles.

8) Students may not carry weapons, look-a-like weapons, hazardous materials, nuisance items or animals onto the vehicle.
9) Students may carry on conversations in ordinary tones, but may not be loud or boisterous and should avoid talking to the driver while the vehicle is in motion. Students must be absolutely quiet when the vehicle approaches a railroad crossing and any time the driver calls for quiet.
10) Students may not open windows without permission from the driver. Students may not dangle any item (e.g. legs, arms, backpacks) out of the windows.
11) Student must secure any item or items that could break or produce injury if tossed about the inside of the vehicle if the vehicle were involved in an accident
12) Student must respect the rights and safety of others at all times.
13) Students must help keep the vehicle clean, sanitary and orderly. Students must remove all personal items and trash upon exiting.
14) Students may not leave or board the vehicle at locations other than the assigned stops at home or school unless approved prior to departure by the superintendent or designee.
15) Video cameras are placed on buses to monitor student behavior on the bus.

b) **Consequences**

Drivers must promptly report all student misconduct to the administration. These reports may be oral or written. Students who violate the Rules for Conduct will be referred to their building principal for discipline. Disciplinary consequences may include a note home to parents, suspension of bus riding privileges, exclusion from extracurricular activities, in-school suspension, short term or long term suspension from school, and/or expulsion.

These consequences are not progressive, and school officials have discretion to impose any listed punishment they deem appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law and board policy.

c) **Records**

Records of vehicle misconduct will be forwarded to the appropriate building principal and will be maintained in the same manner as other student discipline records. Reports of serious misconduct may be forwarded to law enforcement.

d) **Procedures Concerning Regular Bus Routes**

1) Requests to be dropped off at a point not on the regular route will not be accommodated unless extenuating circumstances arise and the request is approved by the transportation director or administration.
2) Students who are not regular route riders may not ride the bus home with a friend unless written permission is presented to the bus driver ahead of time by the parent of the non-route rider. The written permission should include the non-route rider's name, the date, the signature of the non-rider's parent, and the place approved for drop off.

Non-route riders requests may not be granted if it causes overcrowding of the vans or buses (vans have a 10-rider plus driver maximum occupancy).

Transportation to Activities
The school district provides transportation to students who are participating in school-sponsored events and they must ride to those events in a school vehicle unless other arrangements are granted by the building principal. Students who wish to take private transportation home from a school event must submit a release form to the sponsor which has been signed by that student's parent.

Video Surveillance and Photographs
The Board of Education has authorized the use of video cameras on school district property to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all staff, students and visitors, and to safeguard District facilities and equipment. Video cameras may be used in locations deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.
Notice is hereby given that video surveillance may occur on Superior Public Schools District 65-0011 property. If a video surveillance recording captures a student or other building user violating school policies or rules or local, state, or federal laws, it may be used in appropriate disciplinary proceedings against the student or other building user and may also be provided to law enforcement agencies.

Unless otherwise authorized by board policy or law, students are prohibited from making audio or video recordings during the school day on school grounds; when being transported to and from school activities or programs in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee; or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event, unless the recording is made in a manner permitted by the school for members of the public. In such an instance the students remain subject to the district's appropriate use and student discipline policies. For example, students making recordings of an athletic event for their personal use similar to a parent or other patron are permitted, subject to other applicable board policy. However, this policy generally prohibits students from using smart-speakers or other devices which actively or passively create or transmit audio or video recordings, including Google Home, Amazon Alexa, Apple HomePod, and AngelSense devices.

An exception will be made to this policy if photographs or video recordings are necessary to accommodate a student's disability or are required by the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.

In no event shall photographs or video recordings be taken or made in restrooms, locker rooms, or other areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. Students who violate this policy may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.

Visitors
All visitors must report to the office. Students wishing to bring a visitor must have approval from the principal at least two (2) days prior to the visit. The following stipulations shall also apply to visitors other than parents/guardians:
1. Visiting students must be enrolled in another school district.
2. Any problems caused by visiting students will result in the hosting Superior High School student not being allowed to have any future guests visit the school.
3. Visitors are not allowed during the last two days of the first and second semester.

4. Visitors are limited to one day, or a portion thereof, of visitation per school year.
5. Each visitor will be given a visitor's pass that must be worn at all times.

Weather-Related School Closing

The Superintendent will occasionally announce an emergency early school dismissal, late start, or cancellation of school due to extreme heat, snow or ice. **School closings will be announced via radio on KRFS. Closing information will also be made available via television on NBC Nebraska Channel 4, KOLN/KGIN Channels 10/11, and NTV channel 13. Text messaging and/or email notification is also available. Please contact the school if you are interested in getting signed up for the text messaging and/or email program. An automated calling service will also be utilized for notifications.**

Parents should assume that school is open and a regular schedule is being followed if there is no announcement concerning the school district. Please do not call the school or individual staff members to find out whether school is being canceled. Parents who do not believe it is safe to transport their students to school may keep their students home after contacting the district office.

If schools are closed due to severe weather conditions, all after-school activities will be canceled.

Work Permits

The building principal or other authorized school official shall be responsible for the issuance of work permits for children in accordance with state law.

Withdrawal From School

Students who are moving from the district must notify the school office.

Yearbook Photographs

Pictures used in the Yearbook are done by a professional photographer and cost the journalism department. Pictures in which students are making inappropriate gestures, wearing clothing which does not comply with the school's dress code, or which display any prop will not be published in the yearbook. If a photo has to be retaken because of a student or students actions, those involved will pay for the cost of the retake.

SECTION THREE
STUDENT DISCIPLINE

General Discipline Philosophy

The school has the authority and responsibility to regulate student conduct on school property, in school vehicles, during school related activities away from school and while students are traveling to and from school. The Board of Education, any school district employee, or any designated agent of the school district has the responsibility and authority to regulate student conduct and impose disciplinary sanctions. Sanctions which may be imposed for violating school regulations shall include, but are not limited to, conferences, detention, restriction from activities, administrative suspension, and/or expulsion. Sanctions shall be reasonable and consistently applied for the violation and the student involved, and imposed with a consideration for the student's rights to an education and due process of law.

Extracurricular activities including athletics, drill team, band, chorus, and club activities, are governed by the Student Activity Handbook. Students who are involved in extracurricular activities may face consequences related to the activity in addition to the consequences discussed in this handbook.

The school district reserves the right to refer to the appropriate non-school agency any act or conduct of its students which may constitute a crime under federal, state, county, or local law. The administration will cooperate with these agencies in their investigations.

Forms of School Discipline

Administrative and teaching personnel may take actions regarding student behavior which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but need not be limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, referral to restorative justice practices or services, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation. The actions may also include in-school suspensions during the day or mandatory attendance at Saturday school. When in-school suspensions, after-school assignments, Saturday School or other disciplinary measures are assigned, the student is responsible for complying with such disciplinary measures; a failure to serve such assigned discipline as directed will serve as grounds for further discipline, up to expulsion from school. District administrators may develop building-specific protocols for the imposition of student discipline.

In this section, references to "Principal" shall include building principals, the principal's designee, or other appropriate school district administrators.

Any statement, notice, recommendation, determination, or similar action specified in this section shall be effectively given at the time written evidence thereof is delivered personally to or upon receipt of certified or registered mail or upon actual knowledge by a student or his or her parent or guardian.

Any student who is suspended or expelled from school pursuant to this section may not participate in any school activity during the duration of that exclusion including adjacent school holidays and weekends. The student activity eligibility of a student who is mandatorily reassigned shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the principal of the building to which the student is reassigned.

After School Sessions and Detentions

Teachers and administrators may require students to stay after school or to serve a detention when the student violates any of the rules contained in this handbook or violates classroom-specific conduct rules set by individual teachers.

Students who may have to stay after school will be allowed to telephone parents and advise them of the situation. Students who ride the bus home from school will be given a 24-hour notice of after-school time or a detention so that the parents may make plans to pick up the student the following day. We realize this could be an inconvenience to parents, however, the after-school time is important and should be reserved for all students who need it. Teachers will utilize such times sparingly and for good reason. We ask your sincere cooperation for full effectiveness.

- After-school sessions will not exceed 30 minutes from the time of dismissal and are to be served in the teacher's room. A student who fails to attend an after school session may be given a detention by the teacher or may face additional disciplinary consequences up to and including long-term suspension and/or expulsion. A student who has a conflict with an after-school session is responsible for working it out with the teacher.
- Detentions are 30 minutes, served in the central office or with the teacher assigning the detention.

Starting with the 4th detention in the school year the student will be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of (1) week. Students not participating in extra-curricular activities will not be allowed to attend activities as spectators. Parents will be notified by phone or mail of the suspension and the student will be allowed to participate in and attend all extra-curricular activities after the suspension is completed. Students will be expected to attend practice and participate during their suspension.

Students receiving a 5th detention in the school year will result in the student being suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of (2) weeks. Students not participating in extra-curricular activities will not be allowed to attend activities as spectators. Parents will be notified by phone or mail of the suspension and the student will be allowed to participate in and attend all extra-curricular activities after the suspension is completed. Students will be expected to attend practice and participate during their suspension.

Students receiving a 6th detention in the school year will result in the student being suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of (3) weeks. Students not participating in extra-curricular activities will not be allowed to attend activities as spectators. Parents will be notified by phone or mail of the suspension and the student will be allowed to participate in and attend all extra-curricular activities after the suspension is completed. Students will be expected to attend practice and participate during their suspension.

Students receiving a 7th detention in the school year will result in the student being suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of (4) weeks. Students not participating in extra-curricular activities will not be allowed to attend activities as spectators. Parents will be notified by phone or mail of the suspension and the student will be allowed to participate in and attend all extra-curricular activities after the suspension is completed. Students will be expected to attend practice and participate during their suspension.

Students receiving an 8th detention in the school year will result in the student being suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of (5) weeks. Students not participating in extra-curricular activities will not be allowed to attend activities as spectators. Parents will be notified by phone or mail of the suspension and the student will be allowed to participate in and attend all extra-curricular activities after the suspension is completed. Students will be expected to attend practice and participate during their suspension.

Students receiving a 9th detention in the school year will result in the student being suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of (6) weeks. Students not participating in extra-curricular activities will not be allowed to attend activities as spectators. Parents will be notified by phone or mail of the suspension and the student will be allowed to participate in and attend all extra-curricular activities after the suspension is completed. Students will be expected to attend practice and participate during their suspension.

Students receiving 10 or more detentions in the school year will result in the student being suspended from all extra-curricular activities for (45) days for the 10th detention and each detention after that. Students not participating in extra-curricular activities will not be allowed to attend activities as spectators. Parents will be notified by phone or mail of the suspension and the student will be allowed to participate in and attend all extra-curricular activities after the suspension is completed. Students will be expected to attend practice and participate during their suspension.

Students who receive multiple detentions in the school year may also face possible suspension or expulsion from school.

Saturday School

The building administrator may require a student to attend Saturday School for four hours on Saturday morning. Saturday School is held from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM in a classroom or the MS/HS library and is staffed by teachers. Students follow strict rules and must work on assignments the entire time, except for short breaks. Students who do not follow Saturday School rules will be removed and will face further disciplinary action.

Emergency Exclusion

Students may be emergency excluded from school pursuant to the board's separate policy on emergency exclusion or state law.

Short-Term Suspension

The Principal or the Principal's designee may exclude a student from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (short-term suspension) on the following grounds:

1. Conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth; or

2. Other violations of rules and standards of behavior adopted by the board of education or the administrative or teaching staff of the school, which occur on or off school grounds, if such conduct interferes with school purposes or there is a nexus between such conduct and school.

The following process will apply to short-term suspensions:

1. The Principal shall make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. Short-term suspension shall be imposed only after a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.

2. Prior to commencement of the short-term suspension, the student will be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student. The student will be advised of what he/she is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and an opportunity to explain his/her version of the facts.

3. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Principal will send a written statement to the student and the student's parent or guardian, describing the student's conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or standard and the reasons for the action taken. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with the Principal ordering the short-term suspension before or at the time the student returns to school. The Principal shall determine who, in addition to the parent or guardian, is to attend the conference.

4. Students who are short-term suspended will be given the opportunity to complete classwork, including but not limited to examinations, under the conditions outlined by the principal at the time of the suspension.

Weapons and/or Firearms
Students may be disciplined for the possession of weapons and/or firearms pursuant to the board's separate policy on weapons and firearms or state law.

Long-Term Suspension
Students may be excluded by the Principal from school or any school function for a period of more than five school days but less than twenty school days (long-term suspension) for any conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth. The process for long-term suspension is set forth below.

Expulsion

Meaning of Expulsion. Expulsion means exclusion from attendance in all schools, grounds and activities of or within the system for a period not to exceed the remainder of the semester in which it took effect unless the misconduct occurred (a) within ten school days prior to the end of the first semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect through the second semester, or (b) within ten school days prior to the end of the second semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for summer school and the first

semester of the following school year, or (c) unless the expulsion is for conduct specified in these rules or in law as permitting or requiring a longer removal, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for the period specified therein. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period.

Summer Review. Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year will be automatically scheduled for review before the beginning of the school year. The review will be conducted by the hearing officer who conducted the initial expulsion hearing, or a hearing officer appointed by the Superintendent in the event no hearing was previously held or the initial hearing officer is no longer available or willing to serve, after the hearing officer has given notice of the review to the student and the student's parent or guardian. This review shall be limited to newly discovered evidence or evidence of changes in the student's circumstances occurring since the original hearing. This review may lead to a recommendation by the hearing officer that the student be readmitted for the upcoming school year. If the school board or board of education or a committee of such board took the final action to expel the student, the student may be readmitted only by action of the board. Otherwise the student may be readmitted by action of the Superintendent.

Suspension of Enforcement of an Expulsion: Enforcement of an expulsion action may be suspended (i.e., "stayed") for a period of not more than one full semester in addition to the balance of the semester in which the expulsion takes effect, and as a condition of such suspended action, the student may be assigned to a school, class, or program/plan and to such other consequences which the school district deems appropriate.

Alternative School or Pre-expulsion Procedures. The school shall either provide an alternative school, class or educational program for expelled students or shall follow the pre-expulsion procedures outlined in Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-266.

Expulsion for Causing Personal Injury or for Possessing a Dangerous Weapon Other than a Firearm

If a student is expelled for the use of force, or causing or attempting to cause personal injury to another individual, or for knowingly and intentionally possessing or transmitting a dangerous weapon other than a firearm, the expulsion shall be for a period not to exceed the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester. If the expulsion takes place during the second semester, the expulsion may remain in effect for the first semester of the following year.

Automatic Review of Expulsions Which Continue During the First Semester of the Following Year

Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year shall be automatically scheduled for review and shall be reviewed by the Hearing Examiner before the beginning of the school year. The review shall take place after the Hearing Examiner has given notice of the review to the student and the student’s parent or guardian. The review shall be limited to newly discovered evidence or evidence of changes in the student’s circumstances occurring since the original hearing. If there is no such evidence, the Hearing Examiner need not provide a hearing in order to complete his or her review.

The Hearing Examiner may make a recommendation that the student be readmitted for the upcoming school year. The student may be readmitted by action of the Superintendent unless the School Board took the final action to expel the student. Under such circumstances, the student may be readmitted only by action of the board.

Use of Force

In the event a student is expelled for the knowing and intentional use of force in causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, school volunteer, or student, or the knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm, the expulsion shall be for a period not to exceed the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester. If the expulsion takes place during the second semester, the expulsion may remain in effect for the first semester of the following year. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period.

Firearms

When a student is determined to have knowingly and intentionally possessed, used, or transmitted a firearm as defined by 18 U.S.C. 921, as that statute existed on January 1, 1995, to expel such student for a period of not less than one year if such conduct occurred on school grounds, in a school owned vehicle being used for school purpose, or at a school sponsored activity or athletic event. Nothing in this policy, however, shall prohibit the superintendent of schools or the board of education from modifying such required expulsion on an individual basis. This policy shall not apply to the issuance of firearms to, or possession of firearms by, members of the reserve officer training corp., or to firearms that may lawfully be possessed by the person receiving instruction under the immediate supervision of an adult instructor who may lawfully possess firearms.

Grounds for Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment:

The following conduct constitutes grounds for short-term suspension, long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, subject to the procedural provisions of the Student Discipline Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-254 through 79-296, when such activity occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event:

1. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes;
2. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, or repeated damage or theft involving property;
3. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, to a school volunteer, or to any student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision;
4. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student;

5. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (*see also board policy on weapons and firearms*);
6. Engaging in the unlawful possession, selling, dispensing, or use of a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance, as defined in section 28-401, a substance represented to be a controlled substance, or alcoholic liquor as defined in section 53-103.02 or being under the influence of a controlled substance or alcoholic liquor (*note: the term "under the influence" for school purposes has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant*);
7. Public indecency as defined in section 28-806, except that this prohibition shall apply only to students at least twelve years of age but less than nineteen years of age;
8. Engaging in bullying as defined in section 79-2,137 and in these policies;
9. Sexually assaulting or attempting to sexually assault any person if a complaint has been filed by a prosecutor in a court of competent jurisdiction alleging that the student has sexually assaulted or attempted to sexually assault any person, including sexual assaults or attempted sexual assaults that occur off school grounds not at a school function, activity, or event. For purposes of this subdivision, sexual assault means sexual assault in the first degree as defined in section 28-319, sexual assault in the second degree as defined in section 28-320, sexual assault of a child in the second or third degree as defined in section 28-320.01, or sexual assault of a child in the first degree as defined in section 28-319.01, as such sections now provide or may hereafter from time to time be amended;
10. Engaging in any other activity forbidden by the laws of the State of Nebraska which activity constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes; or
11. A repeated violation of any of the following rules, or a single violation if the conduct amounts to a criminal act, if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes:
    a. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to students or staff members. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, sex, national origin, or religion;
    b. Dressing or grooming in a manner which violates the school district's dress code and/or is dangerous to the student's health and safety, a danger to the health and safety of others, or which is disruptive, distracting or indecent to the extent that it interferes with the learning and educational process;
    c. Violating school bus rules as set by the school district or district staff;
    d. Possessing, using, selling, or dispensing tobacco, drug paraphernalia, an electronic nicotine delivery system, or a tobacco imitation substance or packaging, regardless of form, including cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and any other form of tobacco, tobacco derivative product or imitation, or electronic cigarettes, vapor pens, etc.;
    e. Possessing, using, selling, or dispensing any drug paraphernalia or imitation of a controlled substance regardless of whether the actual substance possessed is a controlled substance by Nebraska law;
    f. Possession of pornography;

g. Sexting or the possession of sexting images (a combination of sex and texting - the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically);
h. Engaging in initiations, defined as any ritualistic expectations, requirements, or activities placed upon new members of a school organization for the purpose of admission into the organization, even if those activities do not rise to the level of "hazing" as defined below. Initiations are prohibited except by permission of the superintendent;
i. Engaging in hazing as defined by state law and this policy. Hazing is defined as any activity by which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any school organization. Under state criminal law, hazing activities include, but are not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, an act of sexual penetration, an exposure of the genitals of the body done with the intent to affront or alarm any person, a lewd fondling or caressing of the body of another person, forced and prolonged calisthenics, prolonged exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or harmful substance not generally intended for human consumption, prolonged sleep deprivation, or any brutal treatment or the performance of any unlawful act that endangers the physical or mental health or safety of any person. For purposes of school rules, hazing also includes any activity expected of someone joining a group, team, or activity that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate; personal servitude; restrictions on personal hygiene; yelling, swearing and insulting new members/rookies; being forced to wear embarrassing or humiliating attire in public; consumption of vile substances or smearing of such on one's skin; binge drinking and drinking games; sexual simulation and sexual assault;
j. Bullying which shall include cyber-bullying, defined as the use of the internet, including but not limited to social networking sites such as Facebook, cell phones or other devices to send, post or text message images and material intended to hurt or embarrass another person. This may include, but is not limited to; continuing to send e-mail to someone who has said they want no further contact with the sender; sending or posting threats, sexual remarks or pejorative labels (i.e., hate speech); ganging up on victims by making them the subject of ridicule in forums, and posting false statements as fact intended to humiliate the victim; disclosure of personal data, such as the victim's real name, address, or school at websites or forums; posing as the identity of the victim for the purpose of publishing material in their name that defames or ridicules them; sending threatening and harassing text, instant messages or emails to the victims; and posting or sending rumors or gossip to instigate others to dislike and gang up on the target;
k. Violation of the district's computer acceptable computer use policy are subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion;
l. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a simulated or "look-a-like" weapon;
m. Using any object to simulate possession of a weapon; and

n. Knowingly making a false statement or knowingly submitting false information during the Title IX grievance process or any other school investigation or making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a Title IX grievance proceeding or any other school investigation; and
o. Any other violation of a rule or regulation established by a school district staff member pursuant to authority delegated by the board.

The length of any suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment shall be as provided or allowed by law.

Reporting Requirement to Law Enforcement
Violations of this section will result in a report to law enforcement if:

1. The violation includes possession of a firearm;
2. The violation results in child abuse;
3. It is a violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code that the administration believes cannot be adequately addressed by discipline from the school district;
4. It is a violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code that endangers the health and welfare of staff or students; or
5. It is a violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code that interferes with school purposes.

Due Process Afforded to Students Facing Long-term Suspension or Expulsion
The following procedures shall be followed with regard to any long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment.

1. On the date of the decision to discipline, the Principal shall file with the Superintendent a written charge and a summary of the evidence supporting such charge.

2. The Principal shall serve the student and the student's parents or guardian with a written notice by registered or certified mail or personal service within two school days of the date of the decision to recommend long-term suspension or expulsion. The notice shall include the following:

    a. The rule or standard of conduct allegedly violated and the acts of the student alleged to constitute a cause for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, including a summary of the evidence to be presented against the student;

    b. The penalty, if any, which the principal has recommended in the charge and any other penalty to which the student may be subject;

    c. A statement that, before long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment for disciplinary purposes can be invoked, the student has a right to a hearing, upon request, on the specified charges;

    d. A description of the hearing procedures provided by the act, along with procedures for appealing any decision rendered at the hearing;

e. A statement that the principal, legal counsel for the school, the student, the student's parent, or the student's representative or guardian has the right (i) to examine the student's academic and disciplinary records and any affidavits to be used at the hearing concerning the alleged misconduct and (ii) to know the identity of the witnesses to appear at the hearing and the substance of their testimony; and

f. A form on which the student, the student's parent, or the student's guardian may request a hearing, to be signed by such parties and delivered to the principal or superintendent in person or by registered or certified mail.

3. When a notice of intent to discipline a student by long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment is filed with the superintendent, the student may be suspended by the principal until the date the long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment takes effect if no hearing is requested or, if a hearing is requested, the date the hearing examiner makes the report of his or her findings and a recommendation of the action to be taken to the superintendent, if the principal determines that the student must be suspended immediately to prevent or substantially reduce the risk of (a) interference with an educational function or school purpose or (b) a personal injury to the student himself or herself, other students, school employees, or school volunteers.

4. Nothing in this policy shall preclude the student, student's parents, guardian or representative from discussing and settling the matter with appropriate school personnel prior to the hearing stage.

5. If a hearing is requested within five days after receipt of the notice, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer who shall follow the "hearing procedures" outlined below.

6. If a hearing is requested more than five school days following the receipt of the written notice, but not more than thirty calendar days after receipt, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer who shall follow the "hearing procedures" outlined below, except that the time constraints set forth may differ as provided by law and this policy. The student shall be entitled to a hearing but the consequence imposed may continue in effect pending final determination.

7. If a request for hearing is not received within thirty calendar days following the mailing or delivery of the written notice, the student shall not be entitled to a hearing.

In the event a hearing is requested, the hearing, hearing procedures, the student's rights and any appeals or judicial review permitted by law shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Nebraska Student Discipline Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-254 to 79-294). The school district will provide parents with copies of the relevant statutes upon request.

Section Four
Title IX Policy

It is the policy of the school district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any of the school district's programs or activities. The district is required by Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to not discriminate in such a manner.

1. Title IX Coordinator

1.1. **Designation.** The district will designate and authorize at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with its responsibilities under this policy, who will be referred to as the "**Title IX Coordinator**." The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, of the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator. Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment). This report may be made by any means, including but not limited to, in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours).

2. Definitions.

As used in this policy, the following terms are defined as follows:

2.1. **Actual knowledge** means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to any district employee. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge. This standard is not met when the only district employee with actual knowledge is the respondent (as that term is defined below). "Notice" as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator as described in subsection 1.1 above.

2.2. **Complainant** means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.3. **Formal complaint** means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the district investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. The only district official who is authorized to initiate the Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment against a respondent is the Title IX Coordinator (by signing a formal complaint). At the time of filing a formal complaint with the district, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the district's education program or activity. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic mail, by using the contact information required to be listed for the Title IX Coordinator under subsection 1.1 above, and by any additional method designated by the district. As used in this

paragraph, the phrase “document filed by a complainant” means a document or electronic submission (such as by electronic mail or through an online portal provided for this purpose by the district) that contains the complainant’s physical or digital signature, or otherwise indicates that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint. Where the Title IX Coordinator signs a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator is not a complainant or otherwise a party under this policy or under 34 C.F.R. part 106, and will comply with the requirements of this policy and 34 C.F.R. part 106, including subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4 and 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(1)(iii).

2.4. **Respondent** means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.5. **Consent** for purposes of this policy means the willingness in fact for conduct to occur. An individual may, as a result of age, incapacity, disability, lack of information, or other circumstances be incapable of providing consent to some or all sexual conduct or activity. Neither verbal nor physical resistance is required to establish that an individual did not consent. District officials will consider the totality of the circumstances in determining whether there was consent for any specific conduct. Consent may be revoked or withdrawn at any time.

2.6. **Sexual harassment** means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

2.6.1. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual’s participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;

2.6.2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district’s education program or activity;

2.6.3. **Sexual assault**, as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), which means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

2.6.3.1. **Sex Offenses, Forcible**—Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

2.6.3.1.1. **Rape**—(Except Statutory Rape) The carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

2.6.3.1.2. **Sodomy**—Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of

his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.3. **Sexual Assault With An Object**—To use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.4. **Fondling**—The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.2. **Sex Offenses, Non-forcible**—(Except Prostitution Offenses) Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

2.6.3.2.1. **Incest**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

2.6.3.2.2. **Statutory Rape**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse by a person at least nineteen years of age with a person who is under sixteen years of age

2.6.4. **Dating violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(10), which means violence committed by a person—

2.6.4.1. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and

2.6.4.2. where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

2.6.4.2.1. The length of the relationship.

2.6.4.2.2. The type of relationship.

2.6.4.2.3. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

2.6.5. **Domestic violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(8), which includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by

a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

2.6.6. **Stalking**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(30), which means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

2.6.6.1. fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or

2.6.6.2. suffer substantial emotional distress.

2.7. **Supportive measures** means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures. The district will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the district to provide the supportive measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

3. Discrimination Not Involving Sexual Harassment.

3.1. **General Prohibition.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other education program or activity operated by the district.

3.2. **Specific Prohibitions.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, in providing any aid, benefit, or service to a student, the district will not on the basis of sex:

3.2.1. Treat one person differently from another in determining whether such person satisfies any requirement or condition for the provision of such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.2. Provide different aid, benefits, or services or provide aid, benefits, or services in a different manner;

3.2.3. Deny any person any such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.4. Subject any person to separate or different rules of behavior, sanctions, or other treatment;

3.2.5. Apply any rule concerning the domicile or residence of a student or applicant;

3.2.6. Aid or perpetuate discrimination against any person by providing significant assistance to any agency, organization, or person which discriminates on the basis of sex in providing any aid, benefit or service to students or employees;

3.2.7. Otherwise limit any person in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity.

3.3. **Complaint Procedure.** All complaints regarding any alleged discrimination on the basis of sex, including without limitation violations of this policy, 34 C.F.R. part 106, Title IX, Title VII, or other state or federal law—when the alleged discrimination does not arise from or relate to an allegation of sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 above—shall be addressed pursuant to the district's general complaint procedure.

4. Response to Sexual Harassment

4.1. **Reporting Sexual Harassment.** Any person who witnesses an act of unlawful sexual harassment is encouraged to report it to the District's Title IX Coordinator. No person will be retaliated against based on any report of suspected sexual harassment or retaliation. Any District employee who receives a report of sexual harassment or has actual knowledge of sexual harassment must convey that information to the Title IX Coordinator as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no case later than the end of the following school day.

4.2. **General Response to Sexual Harassment.** When the district has actual knowledge of sexual harassment in its education program or activity against a person in the United States, the district will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent. The district will be deemed to be deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. For the purposes of this policy "education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the district exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs. The district's response will treat complainants and respondents equitably by offering supportive measures as defined in subsection 2.7 above to a complainant, and by following the grievance process described in section 5 below before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures, against a respondent. The Title IX Coordinator will promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.

4.3. **Emergency Removal.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from removing a respondent from the district's education program or activity on an emergency basis, provided that the district undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis, and determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment justifies removal. In the event that the district so removes a respondent on an emergency basis, then the district will provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.4. **Administrative Leave.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from placing a non-student employee respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of a grievance process that complies with section 5 below. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.5. **General Response Not Conditioned on Formal Complaint.** With or without a formal complaint, the district will comply with the obligations and procedures described in this section 4.

5. Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment.

5.1. General Requirements.

5.1.1. **Equitable Treatment.** The district will treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, and by following the grievance process described in this section 5 before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. Remedies will be designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. Remedies may include the same individualized services described in subsection 2.7 as "supportive measures"; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent.

5.1.2. **Objective Evaluation.** This grievance process requires an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence—including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence. Credibility determinations may not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness.

5.1.3. **Absence of Conflicts of Interest or Bias.** The district will require that any individual designated by a recipient as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or any person designated by a recipient to facilitate an informal resolution process, not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

5.1.4. **Training.** The district will ensure that all individuals or entities described in this Training section 5.1.4 receive training as provided below. Any materials used to train these individuals will not rely on sex stereotypes and will promote impartial investigations and adjudications of formal complaints of sexual harassment.

5.1.4.1. **All District Employees and Board Members**. All district employees and board members will be trained on how to identify and report sexual harassment.

5.1.4.2. **Title IX Coordinators, Investigators, Decision-Makers, or Informal Resolution Facilitators.** The district will ensure that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, or any person designated by the district to facilitate an informal resolution process receive training on:

5.1.4.2.1. The definition of sexual harassment in subsection 2.6;

5.1.4.2.2. The scope of the district's education program or activity;

5.1.4.2.3. How to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and informal resolution processes, as applicable; and

5.1.4.2.4. How to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias.

5.1.4.3. **Decision-Makers.** The district will ensure that decision-makers receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, as set forth in subsection 5.6.

5.1.4.4. **Investigators.** The district will also ensure that investigators receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence, as set forth in subsection 5.5.8.

5.1.5. **Presumption.** It is presumed that the respondent is not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

5.1.6. **Reasonably Prompt Time Frames.** This grievance process shall include reasonably prompt time frames for conclusion of the grievance process, including reasonably prompt time frames for filing and resolving appeals and informal resolution processes if the district offers informal resolution processes. The process shall also allow for the temporary delay of the grievance process or the limited extension of time frames for good cause with written notice to the complainant and the respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a

witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities.

5.1.7. **Range of Possible Sanctions and Remedies.** Following a determination of responsibility, the district may impose disciplinary sanctions and remedies in conformance with this and the district's student discipline policy, and other state and federal laws. Depending upon the circumstances, these policies provide for disciplinary sanctions and remedies up to and including expulsion.

5.1.8. **Range of Supportive Measures**. The range of supportive measures available to complainants and respondents include those listed in subsection 2.7.

5.1.9. **Respect for Privileged Information.** The district will not require, allow, rely upon, or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitute, or seek disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege.

5.2. **Notice of Allegations.**

5.2.1. **Initial Notice.** Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the district will provide the following written notice to the parties who are known:

5.2.1.1. A copy of this policy.

5.2.1.2. Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6, including sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview. Sufficient details include the identities of the parties involved in the incident, if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known. The written notice will include a statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process. The written notice will inform the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, under subsection 5.5.5, and may inspect and review evidence under subsection 5.5.5. The written notice will inform the parties of any provision in the district's code of conduct that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process.

5.2.2. **Supplemental Notice.** If, in the course of an investigation, the district decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the Initial Notice described above, the district will provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known.

5.3. **Dismissal of Formal Complaint.**

5.3.1. The district will investigate the allegations in a formal complaint.

5.3.2. **Mandatory Dismissals.** The district **must** dismiss a formal complaint if the conduct alleged in the formal complaint:

5.3.2.1. Would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 Even if proved;

5.3.2.2. Did not occur in the district's education program or activity; or

5.3.2.3. Did not occur against a person in the United States.

5.3.3. **Discretionary Dismissals**. The district **may** dismiss the formal complaint or any allegations therein, if at any time during the investigation or hearing:

5.3.3.1. The complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;

5.3.3.2. The respondent is no longer enrolled in or employed by the district; or

5.3.3.3. Specific circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

5.3.4. Upon a dismissal required or permitted pursuant to subsections 5.3.2 or 5.3.3 above, the district will promptly send written notice of the dismissal and an explanation of that action simultaneously to the parties.

5.3.5. Dismissal of a formal complaint under this policy does not preclude the district from taking action under another provision of the district's code of conduct or pursuant to another district policy.

5.4. **Consolidation of Formal Complaints.** The district may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one respondent, or by more than one complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances. Where a grievance process involves more than one complainant or more than one respondent, references in this policy to the singular "party," "complainant," or "respondent" include the plural, as applicable.

5.5. **Investigation of Formal Complaint.** When investigating a formal complaint and throughout the grievance process, the district will:

5.5.1. Designate and authorize one or more persons (which need not be district employees) as investigator(s) to conduct the district's investigation of a formal complaint;

5.5.2. Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rest on the district and not on the parties provided that the district cannot access, consider, disclose, or otherwise use a party's records that are made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional's or paraprofessional's capacity, or assisting in that capacity, and which are made and maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless the district obtains that party's voluntary, written consent to do so for a grievance process under this section (if a party is not an "eligible student," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3, then the district will obtain the voluntary, written consent of a "parent," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3);

5.5.3. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence;

5.5.4. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;

5.5.5. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and not limit the choice or presence of advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding; however, the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties;

5.5.6. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all hearings, investigative interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate;

5.5.7. Provide both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint, including the evidence upon which the district does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source, so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to conclusion of the investigation. Prior to completion of the investigative report, the district will send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy, and the parties will have at least 10 calendar days to submit a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report; and

5.5.8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 calendar days prior to the time of determination regarding responsibility, send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response.

5.6. **Exchange of Written Questions.** After the district has sent the investigative report to the parties pursuant to subsection 5.5.8, but before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker(s) will afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. The decision-maker(s) will explain to the party proposing the questions any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

5.7. **Determination Regarding Responsibility**

5.7.1. **Decision-Maker(s).** The decision-maker(s) cannot be the same person as the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator(s).

5.7.2. **Written Determination.** The decision-maker(s) will issue a written determination regarding responsibility. To reach this determination, the decision-maker(s) will apply the preponderance of the evidence standard. The written determination will include:

5.7.2.1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6;

5.7.2.2. A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held;

5.7.2.3. Findings of fact supporting the determination;

5.7.2.4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct to the facts;

5.7.2.5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant; and

5.7.2.6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal.

5.7.3. The district will provide the written determination to the parties simultaneously. The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the district provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.

5.7.4. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies.

5.8. **Appeals**. The district will offer both parties the opportunity to appeal from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, on the grounds identified below.

5.8.1. **Time for Appeal.** Appeals may only be initiated by submitting a written Notice of Appeal to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within three calendar days of the date of the respective written determination of responsibility or dismissal from which the appeal is taken. The Notice of Appeal must include (a) the name of the party or parties making the appeal, (b) the determination, dismissal, or portion thereof being appealed, and (c) a concise statement of the specific grounds (from subsection 5.8.2 below) upon which the appeal is based. A party's failure to timely submit a Notice of Appeal will be deemed a waiver of the party's right to appeal under this policy, 34 C.F.R. part, 106, and Title IX.

5.8.2. **Grounds for Appeal.** Appeals from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, are limited to the following grounds:

5.8.2.1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;

5.8.2.2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and

5.8.2.3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome of the matter.

5.8.3. As to all appeals, the district will:

5.8.3.1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties;

5.8.3.2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is not the same person as the decision-maker(s) that reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator;

5.8.3.3. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal complies with the standards set forth in subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4.

5.8.3.4. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome;

5.8.3.5. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result; and

5.8.3.6. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties.

5.9. **Informal Resolution.** The district will not require as a condition of enrollment or continuing enrollment, or employment or continuing employment, or enjoyment of any other right, waiver of the right to an investigation and adjudication of formal complaints of sexual harassment consistent with this section. Similarly, the district will not require the parties to participate in an informal resolution process under this section and may not offer an informal resolution process unless a formal complaint is filed. However, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility the district may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication, provided that the district:

5.9.1. Provides to the parties a written notice disclosing:

5.9.1.1. The allegations;

5.9.1.2. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations;

5.9.1.3. That at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint; and

5.9.1.4. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared;

5.9.2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process; and

5.9.3. Does not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

5.10. **Recordkeeping**.

5.10.1. The district will maintain for a period of seven years records of:

5.10.1.1. Each sexual harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, and any remedies provided to the complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity;

5.10.1.2. Any appeal and the result therefrom;

5.10.1.3. Any informal resolution and the result therefrom; and

5.10.1.4. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district will make these training materials publicly available on its website, or if the district does not maintain a website then the district will make these materials available upon request for inspection by members of the public.

5.10.2. For each response required under section 4, the district will create, and maintain for a period of seven years, records of any actions, including any supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment. In each instance, the district will document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. If the district does not provide a complainant with supportive measures, then the district will document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. The documentation of certain bases or measures does not limit the district in the future from providing additional explanations or detailing additional measures taken.

6. Superintendent Authorized to Contract. The board authorizes the Superintendent to contract for, designate, and appoint individuals to serve in the roles of the district's investigator(s), decision-maker(s), informal resolution facilitator(s), or appellate decision-maker(s) as contemplated by this policy.

7. Access to Classes and Schools.

7.1 **General Standard.** Except as provided in this section or otherwise in 34 C.F.R. part 106, the district will not provide or otherwise carry out any of its education programs or activities separately on the basis of sex, or require or refuse participation therein by any of its students on the basis of sex.

7.1.1. **Contact sports in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit separation of students by sex within physical education classes or activities during

participation in wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and other sports the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

7.1.2. **Ability grouping in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit grouping of students in physical education classes and activities by ability as assessed by objective standards of individual performance developed and applied without regard to sex.

7.1.3. **Human sexuality classes.** Classes or portions of classes that deal primarily with human sexuality may be conducted in separate sessions for boys and girls.

7.1.4. **Choruses.** The district may make requirements based on vocal range or quality that may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly onesex.

7.2. **Classes and Extracurricular Activities.** The district may provide nonvocational single-sex classes or extracurricular activities as permitted by 34 C.F.R. part 106.

8. Athletics. It is the policy of the district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic, club, or intramural athletics offered by the district, and that the district will not provide any such athletics separately on such basis.

8.1. **Separate Teams.** Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the district may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.

8.2. **Equal opportunity.** The district will provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both sexes. Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams will not constitute noncompliance with this section.

9. Certain Different Treatment on the Basis of Sex Permitted. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the district from treating persons differently on the basis of sex as permitted by Title IX or 34 C.F.R. part 106. For example, and without limiting the foregoing, the district may provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of sex, but such facilities provided for students of one sex shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other sex.

10. Retaliation Prohibited. Neither the district nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. The district will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any complainant, any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator

of sex discrimination, any respondent, and any witness, except as may be permitted by the FERPA statute, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, or FERPA regulations, 34 C.F.R. part 99, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of 34 C.F.R. part 106, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder. Complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to shall be addressed pursuant to Board Policy 2006 (Complaint Procedure).

10.1. **Specific Circumstances**.

10.1.1. The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation prohibited by this section.

10.1.2. Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding under this part does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this section, provided, however, that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a materially false statement in bad faith.

11. Notification of Policy. The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the existence of this policy. The requirement to not discriminate, as stated in Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, in the district's education program(s) or activities extends to admission and employment, and inquiries about the application of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education, or both.

12. Publication of Policy. The district will prominently display on its website, if any, and in each handbook that it makes available to applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the employee or employees designated as the Title IX Coordinator(s).

13. Application Outside the United States. The requirements of this policy apply only to sex discrimination occurring against a person in the United States.

14. Scope of Policy. Nothing herein shall be construed to be more demanding or more constraining upon the district than the requirements of Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106. To the extent that the district is in compliance with Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, then all of the district's obligations under this policy shall be deemed to be fulfilled and discharged.

Section Five
School Wellness Policy

The school district is committed to providing a school environment that enhances learning and the development of lifelong wellness. The district will use evidence-based strategies to develop, structure, and support student wellness.*

1. Goals for Nutrition Promotion and Education

a. The district will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs by such methods as implementing evidence-based healthy food promotion techniques through the school meal programs and promoting foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

b. The health curriculum will include information on good nutrition and healthy living habits.

c. Teachers will incorporate information on nutrition and wellness into the classroom curriculum as appropriate by grade level and ability.

d. The district encourages parents and guardians to support their children's healthy eating habits by being role models in their own eating habits.

e. Water will be made available to students throughout the school day.

f. The district will participate in state and federal child nutrition programs as appropriate.

g. Students will be provided sufficient time in which to eat school-provided meals.

2. Goals for Physical Activity

a. The school district's curriculums shall include instruction on physical activity and habits for healthy living.
b. Staff will provide opportunities for students to engage in physical activities throughout the school day.
c. The district encourages parents and guardians to support their children's participation in physical activity, to be physically active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.
d. The district will strive to provide physical activity breaks for all students, recess for elementary students, and before and after school activities, as well as encourage students to use active transport (walking, biking, etc.)

3. Goals for Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student Wellness

a. The district will provide professional development, support, and resources for staff about student wellness.
b. The district's lunchrooms will be attractive and well-lighted.

c. The district will allow other health-related entities to use school facilities for activities such as health clinics and screenings so long as the activities meet the district's requirements and criteria for the use of facilities.

4. Standards and Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages Sold to Students on the School Campus and During the School Day

a. The district will ensure that student access to foods and beverages meet federal, state and local laws and guidelines including, but not limited to:

i. USDA National School Lunch and School Breakfast nutrition standards

ii. USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

b. The district will offer students a variety of age-appropriate, healthy food and beverage selections with plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains aimed at meeting the nutrition needs of students within their calorie requirements in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity.

5. Standards for All Foods and Beverages Provided, But Not Sold to Students During the School Day

The district may provide a list of healthy party ideas or food and beverage alternatives to parents, teachers, and students for classroom parties, rewards and incentives, or classroom snacks. The district discourages the use of food and beverages as a reward or incentive for performance or behavior.

6. Food and Beverage Marketing

Marketing and advertising is only allowed on school grounds or at school activities for foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, except as follows:

a. This requirement does not apply to marketing that occurs at events outside of school hours such as after school sporting or any other events, including school fundraising events.

b. The district will not immediately replace menu boards, coolers, tray liners, beverage cups, and other food service equipment with depictions of noncompliant products or logos to comply with the new USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition requirements. All previously purchased products will be used, and all existing contracts honored.

c. All equipment that currently displays noncompliant marketing materials will not be removed or replaced (e.g., a score board with a Pepsi logo). However, as the district reviews and considers new contracts, and as scoreboards or other such durable equipment are replaced or updated over time, any products that are marketed and advertised will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

7. Public Participation

Parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers, school health professionals, board members, school administrators, and members of the general public shall be allowed to provide their input to the school district during the wellness policy adoption and review process.

The district will collaborate with public and private entities to promote student wellness.

The district may partner with other individuals or entities in the community to support implementation of this policy.

8. Competitive Foods (Includes Food and Beverages Sold in Vending Machines, School Stores, Fundraisers or in Competition with the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs)

a. Except as otherwise allowed by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), all foods and beverages sold during the school day as part of a fundraiser or for any other purpose in competition with the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs must meet the nutrition standards of those programs.

b. Fundraiser food or beverages are NOT exempt from the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. Therefore, if food is sold as a fundraiser:

(1) It shall not be sold in competition with school meals in the food service area during the meal service.

(2) It shall not be sold or otherwise made available to students anywhere on school premises during the period beginning one half hour prior to the serving period for breakfast and/or lunch and lasting until one half hour after the serving of breakfast and/or lunch.

(3) The sale of food items during the school day shall meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition requirements

(4) This restriction does not apply to food sold during non-school hours, weekends, and off-campus fundraising events such as concessions during afterschool sporting events, school plays or concerts; or to bulk food items that are sold for consumption at home. (Ex: frozen pizzas, cookie dough tubs, etc.)

9. Triennial Assessment

The school board shall assess and review this policy at least every three years to determine:

a. Compliance with this policy;

b. How this policy compares to NDE model wellness policies;

c. Progress made in attaining the goals of this policy.

The school board will update or modify this policy as appropriate.

10. Public Notice

In addition to identifying the topic on its meeting agenda as required by the Open Meetings Act, the school district will provide notice of this policy at least annually to the public and other stakeholders identified in this policy by one or more of the following methods: on its webpage, in its newsletter, in the student and employee handbooks, newspaper advertisements, direct mailings, electronic mail, and public postings.

In addition to identifying the topic on its meeting agenda as required by the Open Meetings Act, the school district will provide notice of the Triennial Assessment and progress reports towards meeting the goals in this policy using one or more of those same methods.

11. Recordkeeping

The District will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy at the superintendent's office.

12. Operational Responsibility

The superintendent is responsible for coordinating the implementation of this policy and for monitoring the district's progress in meeting the goals established by this policy. The superintendent will periodically report to the board on the district's progress in implementing this policy.

* These strategies include, but are not necessarily limited to, those cited in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Model Wellness Policy (Updated 9/2016 to reflect the USDA Final Rule) found at https://www.healthiergeneration.org/_asset/wtqdwu/14-6372_ModelWellnessPolicy.doc

Section Six
Forms and Signature Pages

The section contains forms for student and parents to utilize during the school year. The colored pages are forms that must be completed and returned to the school by: **August 26, 2022.**

Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations

2022-2023

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine 3 doses of Polio vaccine 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine, 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age.
Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1st Grade depending on the school district's entering grade)	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday 3 doses of Polio vaccine 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age. 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV if given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.
Students entering 7th Grade	Must be current with the above vaccinations AND receive 1 dose of Tdap (must contain Pertussis booster)
Students transferring from outside the state at any grade	Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools	Marty Kobza	601 West 8th	402-879-3257 Ext. 127
Jr/Sr High Principal	Robert Cook	601 West 8th	402-879-3257 Ext. 116
Elementary Principal	Jodi Fierstein	601 West 8th	402-879-3257 Ext. 225
School Maintenance	Kent Kottmeyer	601 West 8th	402-879-3257 Ext. 166
Bus Supervisor	Kevin Knoell	601 West 8th	402-879-3257 Ext. 204
Food Service Supervisor	Kris Holcomb	601 West 8th	402-879-3257 Ext. 191

MIDDLE SCHOOL /SECONDARY FACULTY

Corissa Arickx	Soc. Sci.	Paul Heusinkvelt	A.D./Health/Weights
Audrey Arsenian	Guidance	Timber Huynh	English
Kelsea Blevins	Spanish	Lisa Jameson	Science
Kristene Boyles	Rise Room Dir.	Rachel Loucks	Bridge School Dir.
Alison Brittenham	English	Cindy Mellott	Resource
Brenda Corman	Ag. Education	Nelson Petersen	Soc. Sci.
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Christina Ehlers	Math	Ryan Renz	Math
Bailey Ellwanger	Family Consumer Sci.	Melissa Schuster	Eng./S.S./Journal.
Sara Fuller	Business Education	Sydnie Spiegel	Middle School Science
Seth Going	Ag. Education	Allison White	Instru./Vocal Music
Ron Hershberger	Chemistry/Physics	Ashley Wulf	Resource

MIDDLE/SECONDARY SUPPORT STAFF

Superintendent's Secretary	Kim Williams
Principal's Secretary	Stacey Shroyer
AD Office Aide/Library Aide	Jacki Kleinschmidt
Administrative Assistant	Sharon Biltoft
Resource Aide	Melissa Jensen
Resource Aide	Christin Hanson
Resource Aide	Bev Czirr
Resource Aide	Tiffany Mundorf
Speech\Language	Alexis Schneider
School Nurse	Megan McMeen
School Psychologist	Cesar Torres Mulgado

SENIOR CLASS

Pres.....Atlee Kobza
V. Pres .....Haley Blackstone
Secretary.....Neah McMeen
Treasurer.....Laci Kirchhoff
Stuco Rep..... Tanner Theis

Sponsors ..... Melissa Schuster
..... Lisa Jameson

JUNIOR CLASS

Pres.....Lauren Tietjen
V. Pres .....Cayce Barry
Secretary..... Nadia McMeen
Treasurer..... Sophia Fullerton
Stuco Reps.....

Sponsors .....Kelsea Blevins
.....Corissa Arickx

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Pres.....Faith Butler
V. Pres ..... Mia Gardner
Secretary.....Halle Bargen
Treasurer.....Rayne Biltoft
Stuco Rep.....Lenden Worm

Sponsors .....Cindy Mellott
.....Ryan Renz

FRESHMAN CLASS

Pres.....Ariana Heusinkvelt
V. Pres .....Aydin Young
Secretary.....Cora Schnakenberg
Treasurer.....Ava Kirchhoff
Stuco Reps.....Jordan Duncan, Kaitlyn Nielsen,
.....Kyler Boyles, Declan Miller

Sponsors ..... Chrissy Ehlers
..... Alison Brittenham

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..... Noah Butler, Sophia Fullerton,
.....Gloria Mendoza, Owen Perrie

Sponsor.....Melody Rempe

FFA

Pres .....Laci Kirchhof
V. Pres .....Cayce Barry
Secretary.....Ella Gardner
Treasurer ..... Brooklyn Grabast
Reporter.....Halle Bargen
Sentinel ..... Jacob Meyer
Parliamentarian ..... Rayne Biltoft
Stuco Rep .....Sophia Fullerton

Sponsor.....Seth Going/Brent Thomas

FBLA

Pres ..... Neah McMeen
Co-V. Pres ..... Haley Blackstone & Hailey Blecha
Secretary..... Dereck Kirchhoff
Treasurer .....Tanner Theis

Sponsor..... Sara Fuller

STUDENT COUNCIL

Pres. ..... Haley Blackstone
V. Presidents.....Cayce Barry,
.....Neah McMeen, Sophia Fullerton

Sponsors.....Melissa Schuster
Melody Rempe

DRILL TEAM/YELL SQUAD

Haley Blackstone, Brooklynn Grabast,
Neah McMeen, Laci Kirchhoff, Lilly Edwards,
Nadia McMeen, Nevaeh Wilhelms, Halle Bargen,
Faith Butler, Parker Littrell, Cora Schnakenberg,
Kaitlynn Nielsen

Sponsor.....Steph Corman

SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2023 - 23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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September 2022

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October 2022

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November 2022

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December 2022

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August

1-10	New Student Registration
8	Fall Sports Practice Begins for FB, VB, CC and GGO
	Staff In-service
9	Staff In-service
10	Staff In-service
11	First Day of School

September

5	Labor Day – No School
16	No School Staff In-service
29	P-T Conferences
	1:30-4:30/5:00-8:00 PM
30	No School – Comp Day

October

14	End of 1st quarter (44 days)
21	No School Staff In-service

November

14	Winter Sports Practice Begins
23-25	Thanksgiving Vacation – No School

December

20 & 21	Semester Exams
21	Dismissal @ 1:15
	End of 2nd quarter (44 days)
	End of 1st Semester (88 days)
23-27	NSAA 5 Day No Activities
22-31	Christmas Vacation – No School

January

2	Christmas Vacation – No School
3	Staff In-service – Work Day
4	Staff In-service – Work Day
5	School Resumes
20	No School Staff In-service

February

9	P-T Conferences
	1:30-4:30/5:00-8:00 PM
10	No School
27	Start of Spring Practice

March

10	End of 3rd quarter (45 days)
13-17	Spring Break – No School

April

7	No School – Easter Break
21	No School Staff In-service

May

6	Commencement @ 2:00 P.M.
16 & 17	Semester Exams
17	Last Day of School
	End of 4th quarter (42 days)
	End of 2nd Semester (87 days)
	Early Dismissal @ 1:15
19	Staff In-service – Workday

January 2023

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February 2023

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March 2023

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April 2023

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May 2023

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Monday – Thursday Schedule

Per. 1	**8:05 – 8:52**
Per. 2	**8:55 – 9:42**
Per. 3	**9:45 – 10:32**
Per. 4	**10:35 – 11:22**
P.A.W.S.	**11:25 – 11:45**
Per. 5	**11:48 – 1:08**
Per. 6	**1:11 – 1:58**
Per. 7	**2:01 – 2:48**
Per. 8	**2:51 – 3:38**

Monday – Thursday Lunch

1st Lunch Elem. K-4	**11:00 – 11:30**
2nd Lunch Class Time	**12:21-1:08**
2nd Lunch Grades 5-8	**11:48-12:18**
3rd Lunch Class Time	**11:48-12:35**
3rd Lunch Grades 9-12	**12:38-1:08**

Friday Schedule

Per. 1	**8:05 – 8:48**
Per. 2	**8:48 – 9:31**
Per. 3	**9:31 – 10:14**
Per. 4	**10:14 – 10:57**
Per. 6	**10:57 – 11:40**
Per. 5	**11:40 – 12:53**
Per. 7	**12:53 – 1:36**
Per. 8	**1:36 – 2:19**
P.A.W.S.	**2:19 – 2:38**

Friday Lunch

1st Lunch Elem. K-4	**11:00 – 11:30**
2nd Lunch Class Time	**12:10-12:53**
2nd Lunch Grades 5-8	**11:40-12:10**
3rd Lunch Class Time	**11:40-12:23**
3rd Lunch Grades 9-12	**12:23-12:53**

Please note that periods 5 and 6 are flipped on the Friday schedule.

Late Start Schedule

Per. 1	**10:00 – 10:36**
Per. 2	**10:36 – 11:12**
Per. 3	**11:12 – 11:48**
Per. 5	**11:48 – 12:58**
Per. 4	**12:58 – 1:38**
Per. 6	**1:38 – 2:18**
Per. 7	**2:18 – 2:58**
Per. 8	**2:58 – 3:38**

Please note that periods 5 and 4 are flipped on the late start schedule.

Early Out Schedule

Per. 1	**8:05 – 8:41**
Per. 2	**8:41 – 9:17**
Per. 3	**9:17 – 9:53**
Per. 4	**9:53 – 10:29**
Per. 6	**10:29 – 11:05**
Per. 7	**11:05 – 11:40**
Per. 5	**11:40 – 12:45**
Per. 8	**12:45 – 1:15**

Please note that periods 6 and 7 will be before period 5. Class periods 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 will be 36 minutes long while class periods 7 and 5 will be 35 minutes long. Period 8 will be 30 minutes long.

Early Out Lunch

1st Lunch Elem. K-4	**11:00 – 11:30**
2nd Lunch Class Time	**12:10 – 12:45**
2nd Lunch Grades 5-8	**11:40 – 12:10**
3rd Lunch Class Time	**11:40 – 12:15**
3rd Lunch Grades 9-12	**12:15 – 12:45**

Late Start Lunch

1st Lunch Elem. K-4	**11:00 – 11:30**
2nd Lunch Class Time	**12:18 – 12:58**
2nd Lunch Grades 5-8	**11:48 – 12:18**
3rd Lunch Class Time	**11:48 – 12:28**
3rd Lunch Grades 9-12	**12:28 – 12:58**

STUDENT GUIDELINES HANDBOOK

The Superior Middle/High School Student Guidelines Handbook is distributed in accordance with Nebraska State Law, Section 79-262, paragraph three which states in part: "Rules and Standards which form the basis for discipline shall be distributed to students and parents at the beginning of each school year or at the time of enrollment…"

Parents (or guardians) and students are requested to sign & return the receipt form below before August 26, 2022.

PARENT/STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have received and read the Student Guidelines Handbook that describes the Superior Middle/High Schools discipline policies, regulations, rules, and expectations to be followed by students enrolled in the Superior Public Schools, including the Drug Free School Policy. My child and I have discussed and understand the content of these policies.

RECOGNITION OF POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS

In light of the unique challenges and circumstances posed by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus and the recent promulgation of expansive federal regulations, the rules and information provided in this handbook may be supplemented or amended by the School District's administration at any time, consistent with applicable law and board policy. All parents shall be provided notice of any such changes by the district's regular means of contact. By signing below, you agree that you will read any such information and communications, discuss them with your child, and recognize that you must comply with all rules, procedures, and requirements as they apply at that time.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____ Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Social Security Number _____ Student Cell Phone Number _____

Parent's Email Address _____ Parent's Email Address _____

Parent's Password for Online Access _____ Parent's Cell Phone Number _____

☐ **Please check this box if you wish to be notified via text/email/phone by Superior Public Schools automated phone system about school closures, delays or other pertinent school information. Please make sure you have provided your email address, cell phone number and/or your home phone number for notification.**

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Student's Name _____ Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____ Home Phone _____

Father's Employer _____ Business Phone _____

Mother's Employer _____ Business Phone _____

Other Person Who May Be Contacted in Case of Emergency _____ Phone _____

Choice of Doctor _____ Phone _____

Superior Public Schools
District and Personal Technology Usage Agreement

Privileges – The use of the Superior Public Schools computer network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Violations of the Technology Usage Agreement will result in consequences which could include loss of computer privileges, detention, in school and/or out of school suspension.

Account Information – Email is not guaranteed to be private. Network storage areas will be treated as school property and may be reviewed by District personnel. Students must notify Superior Public School of any changes in Internet account information.

Personal Electronic Device Policy

In order to maintain a secure and orderly learning environment and to promote respect and courtesy regarding the use of electronic devices, the District hereby establishes the following rules and regulations governing student use of electronic devices and procedures to address student misuse of electronic devices.

Definitions

1. "Electronic communication devices" (ECDs) include, but are not limited to, cell phones, iPads, iPods, tablets, compact disc players, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, laptop computers, and other electronic or battery powered instruments which transmit voice, text, or data from one person to another.
2. "Sexting" means generating, sending or receiving, encouraging others to send or receive, or showing others, through an electronic device, a text message, photograph, video, or other medium that contains sexual information.
3. "Cyber bullying" means bullying that takes place using electronic technology. Electronic technology includes devices and equipment such as cell phones, computers, and tablets as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites.

Possession and Use of Electronic Devices

1. Students in grades 9-12 are allowed to use their electronic communication device until the 8:05 A.M. bell rings. Then, they should turn off the device and place it in the area assigned by the classroom teacher. Students in grades 6-8 are not allowed to use their electronic communication device during school. Their electronic communication device should be left at home or turned off and left in their locker. Electronic communication devices are not allowed in the restrooms or locker rooms. Teachers may, at their discretion, utilize electronic communication devices in the classroom for educational purposes.
2. All students who are ineligible or who have not attended detentions or after school sessions with teachers should turn their electronic communication device into the office before 8:05 A.M. The electronic communication device should be turned off and placed in the area assigned by office personnel. Students who are tardy should turn the device into the office upon arrival.
3. Students in grades 9-12 are allowed to use their electronic communication devices at lunch or during passing time, unless they are ineligible according to the Down List. Students in grades 6-8 are not allowed to use their electronic communication device at lunch at any time. If a student would like to make a phone call during lunch, he/she must do so in the office.

Responsibility for Electronic Devices

The District is not responsible for the security and safekeeping of students' electronic devices and is not financially responsible for any damage, destruction, or loss of electronic devices.

Superior Public Schools
District and Personal Technology Usage Agreement

I have received and read the Superior Public Schools Technology Usage Agreement that describes Superior Public Schools internet/computer use policies, regulations, rules, and expectations to be followed by students enrolled in Superior Public Schools. My child and I have discussed and understand the content of these policies

I agree to abide to all rules and regulations of system usage as my be further added from time to time by the administrator of the Network/Internet System and the Superior Public Schools system.

_____ _____
Student's Signature Date

As a parent/guardian, I understand I am responsible for the actions of my child.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Superior Middle/High School Activities Handbook



Rules and Regulations 2022- 2023

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Introduction

Student participation in extracurricular activities has been linked to improved attendance, higher academic achievement, and greater student self-confidence and self-esteem. Superior Public Schools provides students with the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive activities program which includes athletics, fine arts, and select clubs or organizations associated with academic areas.

Although the school district believes strongly in the value of student activities, participation in the activities program is a privilege, not a right. Students must obey the rules set out in this handbook and any additional rules created by their coach or activity sponsor. This handbook is advisory and does not create a "contract" with parents, students or staff. The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well-being of all students. The administration is responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. If a situation or circumstance arises that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.

Please read this handbook carefully. Students and their parents are responsible for complying with all of the rules and procedures detailed in this booklet.

Parents must sign the acknowledgement and permission to participate form at the end of this handbook before their student will be permitted to participate in the activity programs of the district.

The provisions in this handbook are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Board of Education. From time to time, you may receive updated information concerning changes in the handbook. These updates should be kept within the handbook so that it is up to date. If you have any questions regarding this handbook, please contact the Superintendent for assistance.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

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For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, visit http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area or call 1-800-421-3481.

For additional prohibited discrimination and related information, please review school district Policy 4001 – Nondiscrimination.

The Superior Public Schools District 65-0011 offers the following career and technical education programs for all students regardless of race, color, national origin, including those with limited English proficiency, sex or disability in grades 9-12: *Business Education, Agricultural Education and Industrial Arts.* Persons seeking further information concerning the career and technical education offerings and specific pre-requisite criteria should contact.

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Aviso de no discriminación

El distrito escolar no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad o edad en sus programas y actividades, y brinda acceso equitativo a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados. La siguiente persona ha sido designada para manejar las consultas relacionadas con las políticas de no discriminación:

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Para más discriminación prohibida e información relacionada, revise la Política del distrito escolar 4001 - No discriminación.

El Distrito 65-0011 de las Escuelas Públicas Superiores ofrece los siguientes programas de educación técnica y profesional para todos los estudiantes, independientemente de su raza, color, origen nacional, incluidos aquellos con dominio limitado del inglés, sexo o discapacidad en los grados 9-12: Educación Empresarial, Educación Agrícola y Artes Industriales. Las personas que deseen obtener más información sobre las ofertas de educación profesional y técnica y los criterios específicos de requisitos previos deben ponerse en contacto.

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SECTION ONE:
GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Academic Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the school's activity programs, each student must (1) meet Nebraska State Activities Association (NSAA) requirements concerning scholastic eligibility, (2) be registered for 20 credit hours per semester and be in regular attendance, (3) received 20 credit hours in the immediate preceding semester, and (4) have not less than a 70% grade in two or more classes to remain eligible to participate in any portion of the activities program. The period of ineligibility will be from the following Monday to Sunday of the school week when a student has attained ineligible status. Teachers will report grades to the office on Friday of the preceding week. Participants must attend practices and participate in all conditioning during any period of ineligibility.

The school district will notify a participant and his or her parents whenever the participant is declared academically ineligible.

Students may not participate in any activity, performance, or practice while serving a short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion from school.

Attendance at Practices and Contests

Participants in the activities program are expected to attend and be on time at all practices and meetings scheduled by the coach or sponsor. Participants may be excused for absences resulting from a participant's illness, a death in the family, a doctor's appointment, a court appearance, or other absences that are arranged in advance. The coach, sponsor, or director of an activity may require a participant who has an excused absence to complete an alternate assignment for missing a practice, meeting, event, performance, or contest. A participant who is unable to attend a scheduled practice, meeting, or game must contact the coach or sponsor in advance. Students who are absent from school due to illness are not required to provide the coach or sponsor with additional notification of the student's absence from practice.

Students who are absent from school for any part of the day will not be permitted to practice or participate in an athletic contest or activity performance unless the student has the building principal's prior permission to participate despite the absence.

If a participant misses a scheduled contest or performance, the coach or sponsor may impose discipline up to and including suspension of the participant from the activity for the remainder of the season or length of the activity.

Students participating in an activity should contact their teachers for make-up work prior to leaving for the activity. All of the student's teachers will need to sign the student's sign out sheet, signifying that the student has completed the necessary homework. Homework that is due for the day of the absence will need to be completed before the student leaves for the activity. If the student is not signed out by the teacher, the student will not be allowed to attend the activity.

Closings

Unless the administration determines that it is permissible for the activity to continue as scheduled, all activities will be cancelled or postponed in the event that school has been called off for inclement weather or any other reason as determined by the administration, unless the administration determines that it is permissible for the activity to continue as scheduled.

Complaint Procedure

To reduce conflicts in the school's activities program, students and/or their parents should use district's formal complaint procedure to manage conflicts about the program. The complaint procedure is printed in the school's student handbook and may be found on the district's web site: https://www.superiorwildcats.org.

Concussion Awareness

The Nebraska Unicameral has found that concussions are one of the "most commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and recreational activities and that the risk of catastrophic injury or death is significant when a concussion or brain injury is not properly evaluated and managed."

The School District will:

a. Require all coaches and trainers to complete one of the following on-line courses on how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion or brain injury and how to seek proper medical treatment for a concussion or brain injury:

- Heads UP Concussions in Youth Sports
- Concussion in Sports—What You Need to Know
- Sports Safety International
- ConcussionWise
- ACTive™Athletic Concussion Training for Coaches; and

b. On an annual basis provide concussion and brain injury information to students and their parents or guardians prior to such students initiating practice or competition. This information will include:
    1 The signs and symptoms of a concussion;
    2 The risks posed by sustaining a concussion; and
    3 The actions a student should take in response to sustaining a concussion, including the notification of his or her coaches.

A student who participates on a school athletic team must be removed from a practice or game when he/she is reasonably suspected of having sustained a concussion or brain injury in such practice or game after observation by a coach or a licensed health care professional who is professionally affiliated with or contracted by the school. The student will not be permitted to participate in any school supervised team athletic activities involving physical exertion, including practices or games, until the student:

a. has been evaluated by a licensed health care professional;
b. has received written and signed clearance to resume participation in athletic activities from the licensed health care professional; and

c. has submitted the written and signed clearance to resume participation in athletic activities to the school accompanied by written permission to resume participation from the student's parent or guardian.

If a student is reasonably suspected after observation of having sustained a concussion or brain injury and is removed from an athletic activity, the parent or guardian of the student will be notified by the school of:

a. the date and approximate time of the injury suffered by the student,

b. the signs and symptoms of a concussion or brain injury that were observed, and

c. any actions taken to treat the student.

The school district will not provide for the presence of a licensed health care professional at any practice or game.

School officials shall deem the signature of an individual who represents that he/she is a licensed health care professional on a written clearance to resume participation that is provided to the school to be conclusive and reliable evidence that the individual who signed the clearance is a licensed health care professional. The school will not take any additional or independent steps to verify the individual's qualifications.

Dances\Prom\Homecoming

School dances are part of the district's extracurricular activity program. Students who wish to participate in school dances must comply with the activity code. Students may be prohibited from participating in school dances as a consequence for violating school rules or these activity rules.

Middle School Dances

Middle school dances (6-8) are restricted to students currently enrolled in the Superior Middle school and will be sponsored by middle school teachers and parents. Any organization wishing to sponsor a middle school dance must obtain permission from the principal regarding date and times. **Each dance must be sponsored by at least two faculty members and one additional adult couple.** Once admitted to the dance, students must remain until the close of the dance. Students who leave the dance will not be readmitted. Students who are academically ineligible will not be allowed to attend school dances.

High School Dances

All high school dances are restricted to Superior High School students and their guests. Any organization wishing to sponsor a dance must obtain permission from the principal

regarding date and times. **Each dance must be sponsored by at least two faculty members and one additional adult couple.** Once admitted to the dance, students must remain until the close of the dance. Students who leave the dance will not be readmitted. Students who are academically ineligible will not be allowed to attend school dances.

Junior/Senior Prom

Members of the Superior High School junior and senior classes may invite guests to the prom under the following rules:

1. All guests must be cleared through the principal's office. The name of the guest must be submitted to the principal ahead of time.
2. Guests are expected to follow all rules the students must follow. Each student is responsible for his/her guest's conduct.
3. Appropriate attire is expected. **No blue jeans, shorts, or t-shirts will be allowed at the banquet or dance for prom.** Black dress jeans will be acceptable.
4. **Students who are ineligible will not be allowed to attend prom.**

Homecoming

The selection of Homecoming Queen and Homecoming King candidates shall be made by the entire student body. The male and female students with the highest scores among the candidates will be the Homecoming Royalty Court. The male and female with the highest scores from this vote will be the Homecoming King and Queen.

On the ballot, students will vote on (1) male and (1) female from the senior class that have met the requirements to be on the ballot.The ballots will be based on the following standards:

Number of Students in Senior Class	Number of Candidates
45 or more	12 candidates
35-44	10 candidates
25-34	8 candidates
24 or less	6 candidates

Candidates must be a member of the current senior class and must have a minimum of an 80% grade point average upon completion of his/her junior year. Homecoming activities will be coordinated by the Student Council.

Electronic Communication

The school board supports the use of technology by coaches, extracurricular sponsors, and other staff members to communicate with students for legitimate educational, extracurricular, and other school-related purposes. However, electronic communication between students and teachers, sponsors, and coaches shall be appropriate at all times and shall not violate any law, district policies, or the Regulations and Standards for Professional Practices Criteria, commonly known as Rule 27 of the Nebraska Department of Education ("Rule 27"). Please see the Social Media Policy For School District Employees for further explanation.

Equipment

Each participant in the athletic portion of the activities program will be issued a locker to store his/her personal belongings and school equipment that has been checked out. Students should secure their athletic lockers with combination locks.

School-owned clothing or equipment that is checked out to individual students remains the property of the school. The clothing or equipment is not to be used or worn by the student except for the intended use. Each piece of equipment or clothing is to be returned to the instructor or coach when the season or the use for such clothing or equipment is over. Each participant is responsible for all equipment checked out to him/her. Students will be assessed the replacement cost for school equipment that has been check out to him/her and is lost or stolen.

Fundraising

All school-sponsored fundraising activities must be approved by a member of the school district administration. Fundraising for any activity must comply with the district's policies, including applicable provisions specifically pertaining to Booster Clubs and PTOs for non-school-sponsored fundraising. Use of the school mascot shall not be permitted unless approved by the superintendent or designated individual.

Individual Training Rules and Rules of Conduct

Head coaches or sponsors may develop additional training rules or rules of conduct for their activity. Students are responsible for knowing these rules and complying with them.

Initiations and Hazing

Initiations and hazing by members of classes, clubs, athletic teams, or any other organization affiliated with the district are prohibited except as otherwise permitted by this policy. Any student engaging in hazing or non-approved initiations is subject to discipline as permitted by policy and law.

Initiations are defined as any ritualistic expectations, requirements, or activities placed upon new members of a school organization for the purpose of admission into the organization, even if those activities do not rise to the level of "hazing" as defined below. Initiations are prohibited except by permission of the superintendent.

Hazing is defined as any activity by which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any school organization. Hazing activities include, but are not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, an act of sexual penetration, an exposure of the genitals of the body done with the intent to affront or alarm any person, a lewd fondling or caressing of the body of another person, forced and prolonged calisthenics, prolonged exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or harmful substance not generally intended for human consumption, prolonged sleep deprivation, or any brutal treatment

or the performance of any unlawful act that endangers the physical or mental health or safety of any person.

Injuries

Participants who suffer any type of injury while involved in extracurricular activities must notify the coach or sponsor immediately. The coach or sponsor will then evaluate the injury and, if necessary, notify the participant's parents or seek immediate medical treatment.

If at any time during participation a doctor removes an athlete from participation because of an illness or injury, the athlete must have a written release from a doctor before participating again. The written release must be given to the coach or sponsor of the activity.

Note: The release requirement will be satisfied if the initial doctor's order specifies the duration of the student's restriction from participation and/or competition. Also see Concussion Awareness above.

Insurance

The school district does not provide medical or other insurance coverage for students who participate in athletic contests or other activities. It is the parents' responsibility to provide adequate insurance to cover any medical expenses that may be incurred while the student is participating in athletics or other activities.

The school district makes an accident insurance plan available for purchase by participants and their families through an authorized insurance agent. Information about policies which families may purchase will be available prior to each sports season and at fall registration.

Lettering Requirements

The following guidelines will be used in determining students' eligibility for lettering:

Football: The athlete must participate in twelve quarters of varsity play, complete the season, and/or have the recommendation of the head coach.

Volleyball: The athlete must participate in 16 total games, complete the season, and/or have the recommendation of the head coach.

Basketball: The athlete must participate in 16 quarters, complete the season, and/or have the recommendation of the head coach.

Golf: The athlete must participate in 50% of the varsity golf meets, complete the season, and/or have the recommendation of the head coach.

Track: The athlete must average 1.5 points per meet scheduled, participate in 50% of all the meets, or place in an individual event at the conference or district meets, or be a member of a relay team which places third or higher

in the conference or district meets, or participate as a member of a relay team at the state meet, complete the season, and/or have the head coach's recommendation.

Wrestling: The athlete will earn a letter if they qualify for the state tournament, have a record over .500 and have medaled at over half of the individual meets, complete the season and/or have the recommendation of the head coach.

Cross Country: The athlete must compete in at least 70% of the varsity meets, complete the season in good standing, and/or have the recommendation of the head coach.

Student Managers: The student manager must complete the season and have the recommendation of the head coach of the sport involved.

Instrumental and Vocal Music: In order to letter in music, a student must acquire 50 points throughout the school year. Points are awarded for the following:

1. **Grades:** A = 15 points per semester, B = 10 points per semester, C-F = no points awarded
2. **Extra Performances:** Not including school concerts or contest = 10 points
3. **Honor Bands:** Audition for an honor band but not selected = 10 points, audition for an honor band and are selected = 20 points.
4. **District Music Contest:** Perform a solo = 10 points, perform in a small group = 10 points.
5. **Help Superior Music Boosters:** Points will vary depending on participation.
6. **A student may also letter based on a recommendation from the instrumental or vocal music instructor.**

Speech\Drama: In order to letter in speech and/or drama participants will need to meet the following criteria:

1. In order to letter in Speech the participant must not have any unexcused absences, have competed in all meets (barring any unforeseen emergencies), and have placed in at least one varsity meet and/or have the recommendation of the head coach.
2. In order to letter in Drama the participant must not have any unexcused absences, have competed in all meets (barring any unforeseen emergencies), and have achieved distinction at any meet throughout the year and/or have the recommendation of the head coach.

Drill Team: The drill team member must meet the following requirements to letter:

1. Perform in 90% of performances. This includes pep rallies, parades, and any other "spirit activity".
2. Stay off the academic down list during the entire season.

3. Any suspension from any other requirements listed in the drill team constitution will result in the loss of the member's letter.

Management of Student Funds

All teachers are advised to read the policy concerning monies of organizations within the school. All clubs or school-connected organizations' finances are under the direct control of the sponsor through the Superintendent's office. Clubs or other organizations must make arrangements to see that all monies collected or raised through the sale of tickets, articles, or materials are deposited in the school activity account in the name of the organization. The School Board does not permit any organization to bank money in any other manner.

Mascot

The official emblem for boys' and girls' athletic teams is the Wildcat. The mascot cannot be used for non-school-sponsored purposes unless approved by the superintendent.

Meetings of Clubs/Societies/Organizations

Meetings will be scheduled during PAWS time whenever possible. Any meeting held after school hours must be approved by the principal and posted on the master calendar. All meetings must have a sponsor present.

Practices

The individual head coach or sponsor, in cooperation with the high school principal and or athletic director, will schedule all starting times of practices. All participants are expected to be ready at the time set by the coach or sponsor.

To be eligible to practice, a participant must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Submit to the coach or sponsor a signed physical form and Activities Code which verifies that a physical examination has been completed and that the student and parent(s) understand the school's position regarding the use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, and other related drugs.
2. Furnish the high school principal with proof of insurance.

Regulations Governing Classes and Organizations

1. A student whose conduct was not satisfactory as determined by the administration or board, or who had a failing grade in any subject in the previous semester, shall not be elected to any office in any class or organization.
2. Any student elected to any office in any class or organization must maintain satisfactory conduct and passing grades. Any student whose conduct becomes unsatisfactory as determined by the administration or board, or who fails a subject, shall be removed from office. An election shall be called to fill the resulting vacancy.
3. No student shall be allowed to hold the same office for more than one year. The election of officers shall take place on a day determined by the principal of the high school and announced at least one day prior to the election. Eligibility lists will be posted at the time of calling the election.
4. Meetings of any class organization may be held with the consent of the sponsor who shall consult the principal before calling such meeting.

5. All class organization meetings will be governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure.
6. If class organizations foster antagonism or individual members of class organizations fail to render assistance in prohibiting inter-class controversies, all class organizations may be abolished.

Senior Class Activities

1. Announcements and Cards - Seniors may purchase class graduation announcements and name cards. Class colors will be selected from the color options presented by the announcement company. From a variety of announcements, all seniors select the one type they would like to have.

2. Baccalaureate and Commencement - The final step for seniors is Commencement. Seniors, in their caps and gowns, receive their diplomas at this ceremony. Cap and gown colors will be representative of the school colors red and white. Black or silver may be substituted for white since those colors are present in uniforms used by the school. Seniors will secure a graduation speaker by the end of February or may choose to have a Senior video. The Senior video will be 15 - 20 minutes in length. The administration will approve the speaker or video, and will have the final approval. The school district will recognize the outstanding academic achievement of its graduating seniors in the following manner: 93-94% Cum Laude, 95-97% Magna Cum Laude, and 98-100% Summa Cum Laude. The percentages will be based on the students' cumulative grade point average. Any graduating senior with an ACT score of 30 or higher will have their name placed on a plaque. Students caught smoking/drinking/under the influence of drugs or with tobacco/alcohol/drugs in their possession during graduation practice or at the actual ceremony will not be allowed to participate in the formal ceremony, and will receive their diploma before the formal ceremony has taken place.

3. Awards Day - This event occurs during the final week of school. At this program students receive recognition through the presentation of various honors and awards.

Secret Organizations

Secret organizations are prohibited. School officials shall not allow any person or representative of any such organization to enter upon school grounds or school buildings for the purpose of rushing or soliciting students to participate in any secret fraternity, society, or association.

Student Manager, Helpers, or Activity Aids

Students wishing to serve as student volunteers for extracurricular activities must gain the permission of the activity coach or sponsor. Student volunteers must comply with all of the rules and procedures contained in this handbook.

Sunday and Wednesday Night Activities

In order to provide students sufficient time away from school for family-related activities, the school will endeavor not to schedule activities on Wednesday evenings or on Sundays. Practices will be organized so that all participants are showered, dressed,

and/or leave the facilities by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights. An exception to this guideline would be when a team, group of students, or an individual may be required to participate in an activity sponsored by the conference, district, or state on a Wednesday night.

The school does not allow Sunday practice sessions, except when a varsity team, group of students, or individual is scheduled to compete or perform on a Monday. Practices scheduled for a Sunday must have the prior approval of the activities director or building principal.

Transportation

All participants are expected to ride to and from away activities by means of approved school transportation.

A participant may ride home with his or her parent/guardian only if the parent/guardian personally contacts the sponsor at the activity. A participant may ride home with an adult if the participant's parent/guardian has personally contacted the principal prior to the activity and the adult personally contacts the sponsor at the activity prior to leaving with the student. If extenuating circumstances exist, a student may receive a waiver from the principal or superintendent. Parents are discouraged from requesting to take their children home after an away contest or performance. Travel to and from an event provides time for the students to further develop a strong team concept.

Weight Room

The weight room has been developed to help each athlete, student, or adult in the community maintain a level of physical fitness. No one may use the weight room or equipment without proper supervision. The school will develop a schedule for use of the weight room by athletes during the school year and during the summer months.

The weight room is a high demand area within the school facilities. The following guidelines will help determine the priorities in reference to use if more than one group desires to use the facility at the same time:

1. Physical education instruction
2. By the team sports, which are in season
3. Conditioning programs for athletes not currently out for a sport
4. Summer conditioning programs
5. Adult education

Yearbook Photographs

Pictures used in the Yearbook are done by a professional photographer and cost the journalism department. Pictures in which students are making inappropriate gestures, wearing clothing which does not comply with the school's dress code, or which display any prop will not be published in the yearbook. If a photo has to be retaken because of a student or students' actions, those involved will pay for the cost of the retake.

SECTION TWO:
AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES

Athletic Teams

Basketball (Boys and Girls), Bowling (Co-ed), Cross Country (Boys and Girls), Football, Golf (Boys and Girls), Track (Boys and Girls), Volleyball, Wrestling (Boys and Girls)

Art Club

The Superior High School's Art Club provides members with leadership opportunities, enrichment in the visual arts, and community service.

Band

Superior has a middle school/senior high band. This organization is called on many times during the school year to perform in Superior and at out of town events. Half-time performances at football games and various home activities demonstrate the hard work and time put forth by the participants.

Drill Team

Participants are selected by the judges which are present during tryouts in the Spring. Members will attend all home and selected away athletic contests.

Community Service Club

The Community Service Club promotes clean speech, clean sports, scholarship, and community service. Membership is open to all students by application.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

FCCLA is an integral part of the family and consumer science department. Members should have taken or presently be taking a family and consumer sciences class. Program emphasis for FCCLA is on leadership development, family cooperation and communication, community service and peer education.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

FBLA is an integral part of the vocational business department and membership is limited to those students with at least one semester of work in the business education field. One of the primary objectives of FBLA is developing leadership and responsibility.

Future Farmers of America (FFA)

FFA is an integral part of the agricultural education department and all students of that department are urged to belong. The activities include training in leadership, opportunities for travel and recreation, and safety and community service activities. Students may participate in field trips, conventions, judging contests, and hands-on experience.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is a national organization that recognizes student character, scholarship, leadership, and service to the school.

Student members shall be selected from the junior and senior classes by the high school faculty and shall meet the following qualifications for membership:

- **Scholarship**
  Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence.

- **Service**
  This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.

- **Leadership**
  Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

- **Character**
  The student of good character is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.

Fifteen percent of the Junior and Senior classes will be selected each year. The results of the selection will be announced at an honors convocation.

Quill and Scroll

Junior and senior students who are members of the Flashlight and yearbook staff may belong to this international journalistic organization.

S Club

Any student who has lettered in any activity is eligible for membership. The purpose of the S Club is to stimulate and encourage sportsmanship and to assist in bringing about a closer bond between students in all activities.

Speech & One Act

Students compete at various competitions during their official season. Two of these competitions will include the Southern Nebraska Conference and also Districts.

Student Council

The purpose of this organization is to arouse the spirit of loyalty toward the school, to promote good citizenship, to sponsor school activities, to extend the spirit of good fellowship throughout the student body, to foster a spirit of cooperation between the students and faculty, and to seek to develop a spirit of cooperation, good will, and better understanding with other schools. Each high school club, society, organization, and each class is entitled to be represented on the council.

Student Publications

The "Wildcat" annual is published by the Journalism class along with the help of its teacher. The annual is financed partially by funds raised from the sale of the books.

The school paper is "The Flashlight." This paper is published each three weeks by the journalism classes and their teacher. It is financed in part by advertising and subscription.

SECTION THREE:
NEBRASKA STATE ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION RULES

Eligibility

In order to represent a high school in interscholastic athletic competition, a student must abide by eligibility rules of the Nebraska School Activities Association. Eligibility requirements are established by the NSAA in its Constitution and its Bylaws and Approved Rulings. These documents can be found online at https://nsaahome.org/constitution-bylaws. A summary of the major rules is given below. Contact the principal, activities director or the activity sponsor or coach for an explanation of the complete rule.

1. Student must be a *bona fide* student of their member school and have not graduated from any high school.
2. After a student's initial enrollment in grade nine, he/she shall be ineligible after eight semesters of school membership beginning with his/her enrollment in grade nine.
3. Student is ineligible if nineteen years of age before August 1 of current school year. (Student in grades 7 or 8 may participate on a high school team if he/she was 15 years of age prior to August 1 of current school year.)
4. Student must be enrolled in some high school on or before the eleventh school day of the current semester.
5. Student must be continually enrolled in at least twenty credit hours per semester and regular in attendance, in accordance with the school's attendance policy at the school he/she wishes to represent in interscholastic competition.
6. Student must have been enrolled and received twenty hours of credit in school the immediate preceding semester.
7. **Guardianship does not fulfill the definition of a legal parent.** If a guardian has been appointed for a student, the student is eligible in the school district where his/her legal parent(s) have their domicile. Individual situations involving guardianship may be submitted to the Executive Director for review and a ruling.
8. A student entering grade nine for the first time after being promoted from grade eight of a two-year junior high, or a three-year middle school, or entering a high school for the first time after being promoted to grade ten from a three-year junior high school is eligible. After a student makes an initial choice of high schools, any subsequent transfer, unless there has been a change of domicile by his/her parents, shall render the student ineligible for ninety school days. If a student has participated on a high school team at any level as a seventh, eight, or ninth grade student, he/she has established his/her eligibility at the high school where he/she participated. If the student elects to attend another high school upon entering ninth or tenth grade, he/she shall be ineligible for ninety school days.
9. **Student eligibility related to domicile can be attained in the following manners**:
    a. If the change in domicile by the parents occurs during a school year, the student may remain at the school he/she is attending and be eligible until the end of the school year or transfer to a high

school located in the school district where the parents established their domicile and be eligible.

b. If the domicile is changed during the summer months and the student is in grade twelve and the student has attended the high school for two or more years, the student may remain at the high school he/she has been attending and retain eligibility.

c. If a student elects to remain at the same high school initially enrolled after being promoted from grade eight of a middle or junior high school, or grade nine of a junior high school, he/she is eligible at that school, or is eligible at a high school located within the school district in which the parents established their domicile.

d. **If the legal parents of a student change their domicile from one school district that has a high school to another school district that has a high school, the student shall be eligible immediately in the school district where the parents established their domicile**.

10. Nebraska transfer students whose name appears on the NSAA transfer list prior to May 1 shall be eligible immediately in the fall at the transfer high school. Those students whose name does not appear on the NSAA transfer list prior to May 1 shall be ineligible for ninety school days, with such transfers being subject to hardship waiver guidelines.
11. Nebraska transfer students must have signed and delivered all forms necessary to make such transfer to the school in which he/she intends to enroll for the 2021-22 school year prior to May 1, 2021 for the student to be eligible, the school to which the transfer is being made must have notified the NSAA office via an NSAA online transfer form, no later than May 1, 2021. The student would become ineligible for ninety school days the next fall if the student were to change his/her mind and decide not to transfer. If such student were to transfer to the new school, but later decides to return to his/her former district before 90 school days have elapsed, such student will be ineligible in the former district for 90 school days, with the ineligibility period commencing at the start of the fall semester. Those students who did not have their enrollment forms signed, delivered, and accepted prior to May 1, 2021 shall be ineligible for ninety school days, with such transfers being subject to hardship waiver guidelines.
12. Once the season of a sport begins, a student shall participate in practices and compete only in athletic contests/meets in that sport, which are scheduled by his/her school. Any other competition will render the student ineligible for a portion of, or all of, the season in that sport. The season of a sport begins with the first date of practice as permitted by NSAA rules
13. During the season of a particular sport, athletes participating in that sport for a high school may attend, but may not physically take part, either as an individual or as a member of a team, in the sport activity in which instruction is being offered in the clinic, camp or school. (*Refer to NSAA Bylaw 3.5.1.1 for exception in Swimming and Diving.)
14. A student shall not participate on an all-star team while a high school undergraduate.
15. A student must maintain his/her amateur status.

NSAA Sportsmanship Rules

Students must abide by the Nebraska School Activities Association Sportsmanship Rules. A complete copy of these rules can be found at http://www.nsaahome.org/nsaaforms/pdf/manualsp.pdf. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include physical or verbal assault upon any participant, game official, or spectator, or any acts which may endanger the personal safety of individuals involved, or acts which hinder the normal progress of a contest or lead to the restriction of discontinuance of a contest.

If a student, participant, patron, and/or staff member representing a member school acts in a manner constituting unsportsmanlike behavior during competition the member school and/ or individuals shall be subject to penalties. A student, participant, patron, and/or staff member may not be permitted to attend activities if involved in unsportsmanlike conduct.

SECTION FOUR:
CODE OF CONDUCT

All students associated with Superior Public Schools and participating in extracurricular or school sponsored activities (including all NSAA activities) are required to avoid conduct that is detrimental to the integrity of, and public confidence in, the school. Rules promoting lawful, ethical, and responsible conduct serve the interests of all people associated with the school. Illegal and irresponsible conduct puts people at risk, tarnishes the reputation of the offender and everyone else associated with the school, and undermines the public support and respect of the school district.

Standard of Conduct

Participation in school-sponsored or extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Participants must follow board policy, this code, and all the training rules and rules of conduct of the coaches and/or activity sponsors. Students participating in school-sponsored or extracurricular activities are held to a high standard. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a way that is lawful, responsible, promotes the values upon which the school is based, and that brings credit to themselves and the school. Students who fail to live up to the required standard of conduct are guilty of detrimental conduct and subject to discipline under all school policies, the general student code of conduct, and these Activity Participation Rules.

Coach and Sponsor Rules

Coaches and/or activity sponsors shall establish training rules or rules of conduct for participation in or attendance at the activity or event. General training rules or rules of conduct shall be established prior to the activity or event. This Code shall control in the event that there is a conflict with coach or sponsor rules.

Prohibited Conduct

Students in school-sponsored and/or extracurricular activities may not engage in the following conduct:

1. Receipt of a criminal citation by law enforcement for any reason.
2. Conviction of a crime in adult court or the adjudication of a criminal charge in juvenile court.
3. Any behavior that is illegal under the laws of Nebraska or the United States of America regardless of whether it results in a criminal charge or conviction.
4. Any conduct that substantially interferes with the educational process or disrupts the activity or event.
5. Possession, consumption, use, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol, illicit drugs, tobacco, controlled substances, or any lookalike or imitations thereof; or being in the presence of alcohol, illicit drugs, controlled substances, or any lookalike or imitations thereof that are being possessed, consumed, used, or distributed by any person under twenty-one (21) years of age without parental supervision. "Lookalike or imitations" means substances such as K2 and products like electronic nicotine delivery systems, vapor pens, etc. (Note: the term “under the influence” for school purposes has a less strict meaning than it

does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the use or abuse of any substance for the purpose of inducing a condition of intoxication, stupefaction, depression, giddiness, paralysis, inebriation, excitement, or irrational behavior, or in any manner changing, distorting, or disturbing the auditory, visual, mental, or nervous processes).

6. Engaging in initiations, defined as any ritualistic expectations, requirements, or activities placed upon new members of a school organization for the purpose of admission into the organization, even if those activities do not rise to the level of "hazing" as defined below. Initiations are prohibited except by permission of the superintendent.
7. Engaging in hazing as defined by state law and this policy. Hazing is defined as any activity by which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any school organization. Under state criminal law, hazing activities include, but are not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, an act of sexual penetration, an exposure of the genitals of the body done with the intent to affront or alarm any person, a lewd fondling or caressing of the body of another person, forced and prolonged calisthenics, prolonged exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or harmful substance not generally intended for human consumption, prolonged sleep deprivation, or any brutal treatment or the performance of any unlawful act that endangers the physical or mental health or safety of any person. For purposes of school rules, hazing also includes any activity expected of someone joining a group, team, or activity that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate; personal servitude; restrictions on personal hygiene; yelling, swearing and insulting new members/rookies; being forced to wear embarrassing or humiliating attire in public; consumption of vile substances or smearing of such on one's skin; binge drinking and drinking games; sexual simulation and sexual assault.
8. Bullying which shall include cyber-bullying, defined as the use of the internet, including but not limited to social networking sites such as Facebook, cell phones or other devices to send, post, or text message images and material intended to hurt or embarrass another person. This may include, but is not limited to; continuing to send e-mail to someone who has said they want no further contact with the sender; sending or posting threats, sexual remarks, or pejorative labels (i.e., hate speech); ganging up on victims by making them the subject of ridicule in forums; posting false statements as fact intended to humiliate the victim; disclosure of personal data, such as the victim's real name, address, or school at websites or forums; posing as the identity of the victim for the purpose of publishing material in their name that defames or ridicules them; sending threatening and harassing text, instant messages, or emails to the victims; and posting or sending rumors or gossip to instigate others to dislike and gang up on the target.

9. Using any Internet or social networking websites to make statements, post pictures, or take any other actions that are indecent, vulgar, lewd, slanderous, abusive, threatening, harassing, or terrorizing.
10. Violating any school policy, handbook provision, or a coach's or activity sponsor's training rules or rules of conduct.
11. Dressing or grooming in a manner which is (A) dangerous to the student's health and safety or a danger to the health and safety of others, (B) lewd, indecent, vulgar, or plainly offensive, (C) materially and substantially disruptive to the work and discipline of the school or an extracurricular activity, (D) interpreted to advocate the use of illegal drugs or other substances by a reasonable observer.
12. Failing to report for an activity at the beginning of a season unless excused by the coach or activity sponsor.
13. Failing to attend scheduled practices and meetings unless excused by the coach or activity sponsor.

Such conduct is prohibited during the school year, regardless of whether it occurs on-campus or off-campus. School year means the period commencing on the first day of fall sports practice through the last day of spring sports practice, events, or attendance at school for a given school year.

Discipline

Students who violate any provision of these Activity Participation Rules may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion from extracurricular activities and school sponsored events. (including but not limited to graduation ceremony and related activities). These disciplinary consequences and this Activity Code of Conduct are in addition to and do not prejudice, diminish, impede, or reduce any discipline that is authorized by the Nebraska Student Discipline Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-254 to 79-294, Board Policy, or the Student Handbook. Disciplinary action may include a probationary period and conditions that must be satisfied prior to or following reinstatement. Administrators and coaches will take the following into consideration when making disciplinary decisions:

1. Any prior or additional misconduct;
2. The nature and seriousness of the offense;
3. The motivation for the offense;
4. The amount of violence involved;
5. The student's demeanor and attitude regarding the violation;
6. The actual, threatened, or potential risk to the student and others due to the student's behavior;
7. Whether the student has compensated or will compensate the victim in the event of property damage or personal injury;
8. Whether the circumstances of the violation are likely to recur;
9. The student's willingness to participate in evaluations, counseling, or other programs;
10. Any mitigating factors;
11. Any other relevant factors.

If suspended, the student must continue to participate in practices and conditioning during the suspension if required by the coach or activity sponsor. The failure to comply with the practice and conditioning requirement will make the student ineligible for reinstatement to the activity.

Additionally, students who are found to be in violation of paragraph 5 of this policy shall be subject to the following disciplinary action.

First Violation – Suspension from co-curricular program for designated activities for one (1) calendar year from date of finding or violation;
Or
Students and parents agree to participate in a school-approved program for chemical dependency. Said program must be administered by a certified alcohol and drug abuse professional and be approved by the school authorities. The student will need to successfully complete an approved chemical dependency program. Proof of successful completion of program will be submitted in writing to school's Activities Director. Failure to participate and successfully complete the approved chemical dependency program may cause the participating student to be suspended from co-curricular activities for one (1) calendar year from date of finding of violation. The student must also complete ten (10) hours of community service with approval from the Activities Director. The student must practice, but will not be allowed to compete, in the designated activities for two (2) calendar weeks. All costs associated with the program are to be borne by the student/parent or guardian.

Subsequent Violations – Upon finding of violation, the student will be suspended from all designated activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of identification of guilt.

A student who possesses, dispenses, delivers, or administers anabolic steroids shall be subject to the following sanctions:

First Offense: The student shall be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activities for 30 consecutive days.

Second or Any Subsequent Offense: The student shall be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activities from one (1) calendar year from date of finding of violation.

Evaluation, Counseling, and Treatment
Apart from any other disciplinary procedures, students who violate any provision of these rules may be required to undergo a formal clinical evaluation at the administration's/coach's/sponsor's discretion. Based upon the results of that evaluation, the student may be encouraged or required to participate in an education program, counseling, or other treatment deemed appropriate by the evaluating professional.

Reporting of Incident
Students shall report any violation of these rules to the coach, principal, or superintendent no later than 30 minutes after the beginning of the next school day after

the violation has occurred. Failure to report an incident will constitute a violation of these rules and will be taken into consideration in making disciplinary determinations under this policy.

Discipline Procedures

Prior to any disciplinary action under this activities code, the following procedures shall be followed:

As used in this "Discipline Procedures" section, "Investigator" means the coach or activity sponsor of the team or activity in which the student is participating, or any teacher, school official, or school representative whom the Principal or the Superintendent has authorized to perform the duties and responsibilities of "Investigator" as described below.

1. The Investigator shall make an investigation of alleged violation and provide an opportunity for the student to present his or her version of the facts surrounding the alleged violation.

2. The Investigator shall consider all information obtained as a result of the investigation, including information obtained from the student, and shall render a decision regarding disciplinary action. Within a reasonable period of time of the Investigator's decision, the student and his/her parent or guardian shall be given written notice of the disciplinary action taken by the Investigator.

Review of Investigator's Decision. A student or the student's parents may, within five (5) school days of the notice of disciplinary action from the Investigator, notify the superintendent in writing of their request for a review of the coach or activity sponsor's determination. The superintendent or his or her designee shall review the situation and render a decision within three (3) school days from the date of the request for review. The superintendent's decision shall be in writing and shall be final.

Review of Coach's Decision

A student or the student's parents may, within 5 school days of the notice of disciplinary action from the coach or activity sponsor, notify the superintendent in writing of their request for a review of the coach or activity sponsor's determination. The superintendent or his or her designee shall review the situation and render a decision within 3 school days from the date of the request for review. The superintendent's decision shall be in writing and shall be final.

Misrepresentations

Any misrepresentation of fact by a student regarding any alleged violation of these rules shall be considered a separate violation of these rules, and the student shall be subject to additional disciplinary action.

Questions
Any parent or student who has questions about board policy, this code, training rules or rules of conduct of coaches or activity sponsors, or their interpretation or application shall consult with the activities director and/or the superintendent.

Assistance
Students are encouraged to consult with their coach, an administrator, a counselor, or a teacher to obtain access to educational, counseling, and other programs and resources that may be available to help avoid misconduct that may result in discipline under this policy.

Student Record
Students entering grade 9 will enter with a clear record provided that any sources of ineligibility have been resolved.

SECTION: FIVE
A PARENT'S GUIDE TO CONCUSSIONS

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a brain injury which results in a temporary disruption of normal brain function. A concussion occurs when the brain is violently rocked back and forth or twisted inside the skull as a result of a blow to the head or body. An athlete does not have to lose consciousness ("knocked-out") to suffer a concussion.

CONCUSSION FACTS

- It is estimated that more than 140,000 high school athletes across the United States suffer a concussion each year. (Data from NFHS Injury Surveillance System).
- Concussions occur most frequently in football, but girl's lacrosse, girls' soccer, boy's lacrosse, wrestling, and girls' basketball follow closely behind. All athletes are at risk.
- A concussion is a traumatic injury to the brain.
- Concussion symptoms may last from a few days to several months.
- Concussions can cause symptoms which interfere with school, work, and social life.
- Athletes who have symptoms from a concussion should not return to sports because they are still at risk for prolonging symptoms and further injury.
- A concussion may cause multiple symptoms. Many symptoms appear immediately after the injury, while others may develop over the next several days or weeks. The symptoms may be subtle and are often difficult to fully recognize.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

<u>Signs Observed by Parents or Guardians</u>

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can't recall events after hit or fall

<u>Symptoms Reported by Athlete</u>

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Does not "feel right"

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK MY CHILD HAS HAD A CONCUSSION?

An athlete who is suspected of having a concussion must be removed from play immediately, whether it is in a game or practice. Continuing to participate in physical activity after a concussion can lead to worsening concussion symptoms, increased risk of further injury, and even death. Parents and coaches are not expected to be able to "diagnose" a concussion, as that is the job of a medical professional. However, they must be aware of the signs and symptoms of a concussion and if they are suspicious, the child must stop playing:

WHEN IN DOUBT – SIT THEM OUT!

Every athlete who sustains a concussion needs to be evaluated by a health care professional who is familiar with sports concussions. Parents should call their child's physician, explain what has happened, and follow the physician's instructions. A child who is vomiting, has a severe headache, or has difficulty staying awake or answering simple questions should be taken to the parent's doctor or emergency room immediately.

WHEN MAY AN ATHLETE RETURN TO PLAY FOLLOWING A CONCUSSION?

No athlete who has suffered a concussion should return to play or practice the same day. Previously, athletes were allowed to return to play if their symptoms resolved within 15 minutes of the injury. Studies have shown that the young brain does not recover quickly enough for an athlete to return to activity in such a short time.

Concerns about athletes who return to play too quickly have led state lawmakers in Oregon and Washington to pass laws stating that **no athlete shall return to play on the day he or she suffered a concussion and the athlete must be cleared by an appropriate health care professional before he or she are allowed to return to play in games or practices**. The laws also mandate that coaches receive education on recognizing the signs and symptoms of concussion.

Once an athlete is free of symptoms of a concussion and is cleared to return to play by a health care professional knowledgeable in the care of sports concussions, he or she should proceed with activity in a step-wise fashion to allow the brain to readjust to exertion. On average, the athlete will complete a new step each day. The return-to-play schedule should proceed as below following medical clearance:

Step 1: Light exercise, including walking or riding an exercise bike. No weight-lifting.
Step 2: Running in the gym or on the field. No helmet or other equipment.
Step 3: Non-contact training drills in full equipment. Weight training can begin.
Step 4: Full contact practice or training.
Step 5: Game play.

If symptoms occur at any step, the athlete should cease activity and be re-evaluated by a health care provider.

HOW CAN A CONCUSSION AFFECT SCHOOLWORK?

Following a concussion, many athletes will have difficulty in school. These problems may last from days to months and often involve difficulties with short and long-term memory, concentration, and organization.

In many cases, it is best to reduce the athlete's class load after the injury. This may include staying home from school for a few days, followed by a lightened schedule for a few days or perhaps a longer period of time if needed. Decreasing the stress on the brain soon after a concussion may reduce symptoms and shorten the recovery period.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Both you and your child should learn to recognize the "Signs and Symptoms" of a concussion as listed above.
- Emphasize to administrators, coaches, teachers, and other parents your concerns and expectations about concussion and safe play.
- Teach your child to tell the coaching staff if he or she experiences such symptoms.
- Teach your child to tell the coaching staff if he or she suspects that a teammate has a concussion.
- Monitor sports equipment for safety, fit, and maintenance.
- Ask teachers to monitor any decrease in grades or changes in behavior that could indicate concussion.
- Report concussions that occurred during the school year to appropriate school staff. This will help in monitoring injured athletes as they move to the next season's sports.

OTHER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Why is it so important that an athlete not return to play until they have completely recovered from a concussion?

An athlete who has not fully recovered from an initial concussion is very vulnerable to recurrent, cumulative, and even catastrophic consequences of a second concussive injury. Such difficulties are prevented if the athlete is allowed time to recover from the concussion and return-to-play decisions are carefully made. No athlete should return to sport or other at-risk participation when symptoms of a concussion are present and recovery is ongoing.

Is a "CT scan" or MRI needed to diagnose a concussion?

Diagnostic testing which includes CT ("CAT") and MRI scans are rarely needed following a concussion. While these are helpful in identifying life-threatening brain injuries (e.g., skull fracture, bleeding, swelling), they are not normally used, even by athletes who have sustained severe concussions. A concussion is diagnosed based upon the athlete's story of the injury and the health care provider's physical examination.

What is the best treatment to help my child recover more quickly from a concussion?

The best treatment for a concussion is rest. There are no medications that can speed the recovery from a concussion. Exposure to loud noises, bright lights, computers, video games, television and phones (including text messaging) may exacerbate the symptoms of a concussion. You should allow your child to rest as much as possible in the days following a concussion. As the symptoms decrease, you may allow increased use of computers, phone, video games, etc., but the access must be reduced if symptoms worsen.

How long do the symptoms of a concussion usually last?

The symptoms of a concussion will usually go away within one week of the initial injury. You should anticipate that your child will likely be out of sports for about two weeks following a concussion. However, in some cases, symptoms may last for several weeks or even months. Symptoms such as headache, memory problems, poor concentration, and mood changes can interfere with school, work, and social interactions. The potential for such long-term symptoms indicates the need for careful management of all concussions.

How many concussions can an athlete have before he or she should stop playing sports?

There is no "magic number" of concussions that determine when an athlete should give up playing contact or collision sports. The circumstances surrounding each individual injury, such as the way the injury happened and length of symptoms following the concussion are very important and must be considered when assessing the athlete's risk for further and potentially more serious concussions. The decision to "retire" from sports is a decision best reached following a complete evaluation by your child's primary care provider and consultation with a physician or neuropsychologist who specializes in treating sports concussion.

I've read recently that concussions may cause long-term brain damage in professional football players. Is this a risk for high school athletes who have had a concussion?

The issue of "chronic encephalopathy" in several former NFL players has received a great deal of media attention lately. Very little is known about what may be causing dramatic abnormalities in the brains of these unfortunate retired football players. At this time, we have very little knowledge of the long-term effects of concussions which happen during high school athletics.

In the cases of the retired NFL players, it appears that most had long careers in the NFL after playing in high school and college. In most cases, they played football for over 20 years and suffered multiple concussions in addition to hundreds of other blows to their heads. Alcohol and steroid use may also be contributing factors in some cases. Obviously, the average high school athlete does not come close to suffering the total number or sheer force of head trauma seen by professional football players. However, the fact that we know very little about the long-term effects of concussions in young athletes is further reason to carefully manage each concussion.

Adapted from A Parent's Guide to Concussion in Sports, National Federation of High School Associations.

Some of this information has been adapted from the CDC's "Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports" materials by the NFHS's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Please go to www.cdc.gov/ncipc/tbi/Coaches_Tool_Kit.htm for more information.

SECTION SIX
TITLE IX POLICY

It is the policy of the school district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any of the school district's programs or activities. The district is required by Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to not discriminate in such a manner.

1. **Title IX Coordinator**

1.1. **Designation.** The district will designate and authorize at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with its responsibilities under this policy, who will be referred to as the "**Title IX Coordinator**." The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, of the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator. Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment). This report may be made by any means, including but not limited to, in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours).

2. **Definitions.** As used in this policy, the following terms are defined as follows:

2.1. **Actual knowledge** means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to any district employee. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge. This standard is not met when the only district employee with actual knowledge is the respondent (as that term is defined below). "Notice" as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator as described in subsection 1.1 above.

2.2. **Complainant** means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.3. **Formal complaint** means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the district investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. The only district official who is authorized to initiate the Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment against a respondent is the Title IX Coordinator (by signing a formal complaint). At the time of filing a formal complaint with the district, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the

district's education program or activity. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic mail, by using the contact information required to be listed for the Title IX Coordinator under subsection 1.1 above, and by any additional method designated by the district. As used in this paragraph, the phrase "document filed by a complainant" means a document or electronic submission (such as by electronic mail or through an online portal provided for this purpose by the district) that contains the complainant's physical or digital signature, or otherwise indicates that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint. Where the Title IX Coordinator signs a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator is not a complainant or otherwise a party under this policy or under 34 C.F.R. part 106, and will comply with the requirements of this policy and 34 C.F.R. part 106, including subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4 and 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(1)(iii).

2.4. **Respondent** means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.5. **Consent** for purposes of this policy means the willingness in fact for conduct to occur. An individual may, as a result of age, incapacity, disability, lack of information, or other circumstances be incapable of providing consent to some or all sexual conduct or activity. Neither verbal nor physical resistance is required to establish that an individual did not consent. District officials will consider the totality of the circumstances in determining whether there was consent for any specific conduct. Consent may be revoked or withdrawn at any time.

2.6. **Sexual harassment** means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

2.6.1. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;

2.6.2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity;

2.6.3. **Sexual assault**, as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), which means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

2.6.3.1. **Sex Offenses, Forcible**—Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

2.6.3.1.1. **Rape**—(Except Statutory Rape) The carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including

instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

2.6.3.1.2. **Sodomy**—Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.3. **Sexual Assault With An Object**—To use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.4. **Fondling**—The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.2. **Sex Offenses, Non-forcible**—(Except Prostitution Offenses) Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

2.6.3.2.1. **Incest**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

2.6.3.2.2. **Statutory Rape**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse by a person at least nineteen years of age with a person who is under sixteen years of age

2.6.4. **Dating violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(10), which means violence committed by a person—

2.6.4.1. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and

2.6.4.2. where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

2.6.4.2.1. The length of the relationship.

2.6.4.2.2. The type of relationship.

2.6.4.2.3. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

2.6.5. **Domestic violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(8), which includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

2.6.6. **Stalking**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(30), which means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

2.6.6.1. fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or

2.6.6.2. suffer substantial emotional distress.

2.7. **Supportive measures** means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures. The district will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the district to provide the supportive measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

3. Discrimination Not Involving Sexual Harassment.

3.1. **General Prohibition.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from

participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other education program or activity operated by the district.

3.2. **Specific Prohibitions.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, in providing any aid, benefit, or service to a student, the district will not on the basis of sex:

3.2.1. Treat one person differently from another in determining whether such person satisfies any requirement or condition for the provision of such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.2. Provide different aid, benefits, or services or provide aid, benefits, or services in a different manner;

3.2.3. Deny any person any such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.4. Subject any person to separate or different rules of behavior, sanctions, or other treatment;

3.2.5. Apply any rule concerning the domicile or residence of a student or applicant;

3.2.6. Aid or perpetuate discrimination against any person by providing significant assistance to any agency, organization, or person which discriminates on the basis of sex in providing any aid, benefit or service to students or employees;

3.2.7. Otherwise limit any person in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity.

3.3. **Complaint Procedure.** All complaints regarding any alleged discrimination on the basis of sex, including without limitation violations of this policy, 34 C.F.R. part 106, Title IX, Title VII, or other state or federal law—when the alleged discrimination does not arise from or relate to an allegation of sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 above—shall be addressed pursuant to the district's general complaint procedure.

4. Response to Sexual Harassment

4.1. **Reporting Sexual Harassment.** Any person who witnesses an act of unlawful sexual harassment is encouraged to report it to the District's Title IX Coordinator. No person will be retaliated against based on any report of suspected sexual harassment or retaliation. Any District employee who receives a report of sexual harassment or has actual knowledge of sexual harassment must convey that information to the Title IX Coordinator as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no case later than the end of the following school day.

4.2. **General Response to Sexual Harassment.** When the district has actual knowledge of sexual harassment in its education program or activity against a person in the United States, the district will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent. The district will be deemed to be deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. For the purposes of this policy "education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the district exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs. The district's response will treat complainants and respondents equitably by offering supportive measures as defined in subsection 2.7 above to a complainant, and by following the grievance process described in section 5 below before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures, against a respondent. The Title IX Coordinator will promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.

4.3. **Emergency Removal.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from removing a respondent from the district's education program or activity on an emergency basis, provided that the district undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis, and determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment justifies removal. In the event that the district so removes a respondent on an emergency basis, then the district will provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.4. **Administrative Leave.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from placing a non-student employee respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of a grievance process that complies with section 5 below. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.5. **General Response Not Conditioned on Formal Complaint.** With or without a formal complaint, the district will comply with the obligations and procedures described in this section 4.

5. **Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment**.

5.1. **General Requirements**.

5.1.1. **Equitable Treatment.** The district will treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, and by following the grievance process described in this section 5 before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. Remedies will be designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. Remedies may include the same individualized services described in subsection 2.7 as "supportive measures"; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent.

5.1.2. **Objective Evaluation.** This grievance process requires an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence—including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence. Credibility determinations may not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness.

5.1.3. **Absence of Conflicts of Interest or Bias.** The district will require that any individual designated by a recipient as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or any person designated by a recipient to facilitate an informal resolution process, not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

5.1.4. **Training.** The district will ensure that all individuals or entities described in this Training section 5.1.4 receive training as provided below. Any materials used to train these individuals will not rely on sex stereotypes and will promote impartial investigations and adjudications of formal complaints of sexual harassment.

5.1.4.1. **All District Employees and Board Members**. All district employees and board members will be trained on how to identify and report sexual harassment.

5.1.4.2. **Title IX Coordinators, Investigators, Decision-Makers, or Informal Resolution Facilitators.** The district will ensure that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, or any person designated by the district to facilitate an informal resolution process receive training on:

5.1.4.2.1. The definition of sexual harassment in subsection 2.6;

5.1.4.2.2. The scope of the district's education program or activity;

5.1.4.2.3. How to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and informal resolution processes, as applicable; and

5.1.4.2.4. How to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias.

5.1.4.3. **Decision-Makers.** The district will ensure that decision-makers receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, as set forth in subsection 5.6.

5.1.4.4. **Investigators.** The district will also ensure that investigators receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence, as set forth in subsection 5.5.8.

5.1.5. **Presumption.** It is presumed that the respondent is not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

5.1.6. **Reasonably Prompt Time Frames.** This grievance process shall include reasonably prompt time frames for conclusion of the grievance process, including reasonably prompt time frames for filing and resolving appeals and informal resolution processes if the district offers informal resolution processes. The process shall also allow for the temporary delay of the grievance process or the limited extension of time frames for good cause with written notice to the complainant and the respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities.

5.1.7. **Range of Possible Sanctions and Remedies.** Following a determination of responsibility, the district may impose disciplinary sanctions and remedies in conformance with this and the district's student discipline policy, and other state and federal laws. Depending upon the circumstances, these policies provide for disciplinary sanctions and remedies up to and including expulsion.

5.1.8. **Range of Supportive Measures**. The range of supportive measures available to complainants and respondents include those listed in subsection 2.7.

5.1.9. **Respect for Privileged Information.** The district will not require, allow, rely upon, or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitute, or seek disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege.

5.2. **Notice of Allegations.**

5.2.1. **Initial Notice.** Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the district will provide the following written notice to the parties who are known:

5.2.1.1. A copy of this policy.

5.2.1.2. Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6, including sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview. Sufficient details include the identities of the parties involved in the incident, if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known. The written notice will include a statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process. The written notice will inform the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, under subsection 5.5.5, and may inspect and review evidence under subsection 5.5.5. The written notice will inform the parties of any provision in the district's code of conduct that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process.

5.2.2. **Supplemental Notice.** If, in the course of an investigation, the district decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the Initial Notice described above, the district will provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known.

5.3. **Dismissal of Formal Complaint.**

5.3.1. The district will investigate the allegations in a formal complaint.

5.3.2. **Mandatory Dismissals.** The district **must** dismiss a formal complaint if the conduct alleged in the formal complaint:

5.3.2.1. Would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 even if proved;

5.3.2.2. Did not occur in the district's education program or activity; or

5.3.2.3. Did not occur against a person in the United States.

5.3.3. **Discretionary Dismissals**. The district **may** dismiss the formal complaint or any allegations therein, if at any time during the investigation or hearing:

5.3.3.1. The complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;

5.3.3.2. The respondent is no longer enrolled in or employed by the district; or

5.3.3.3. Specific circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

5.3.4. Upon a dismissal required or permitted pursuant to subsections 5.3.2 or 5.3.3 above, the district will promptly send written notice of the dismissal and an explanation of that action simultaneously to the parties.

5.3.5. Dismissal of a formal complaint under this policy does not preclude the district from taking action under another provision of the district's code of conduct or pursuant to another district policy.

5.4. **Consolidation of Formal Complaints.** The district may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one respondent, or by more than one complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances. Where a grievance process involves more than one complainant or more than one respondent, references in this policy to the singular "party," "complainant," or "respondent" include the plural, as applicable.

5.5. **Investigation of Formal Complaint.** When investigating a formal complaint and throughout the grievance process, the district will:

5.5.1. Designate and authorize one or more persons (which need not be district employees) as investigator(s) to conduct the district's investigation of a formal complaint;

5.5.2. Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rest on the district and not on the parties provided that the district cannot access, consider,

disclose, or otherwise use a party's records that are made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional's or paraprofessional's capacity, or assisting in that capacity, and which are made and maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless the district obtains that party's voluntary, written consent to do so for a grievance process under this section (if a party is not an "eligible student," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3, then the district will obtain the voluntary, written consent of a "parent," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3);

5.5.3. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence;

5.5.4. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;

5.5.5. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and not limit the choice or presence of advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding; however, the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties;

5.5.6. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all hearings, investigative interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate;

5.5.7. Provide both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint, including the evidence upon which the district does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source, so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to conclusion of the investigation. Prior to completion of the investigative report, the district will send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy, and the parties will have at least 10 calendar days to submit a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report; and

5.5.8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 calendar days prior to the time of determination regarding responsibility, send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the

investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response.

5.6. **Exchange of Written Questions.** After the district has sent the investigative report to the parties pursuant to subsection 5.5.8, but before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker(s) will afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. The decision-maker(s) will explain to the party proposing the questions any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

5.7. **Determination Regarding Responsibility**

5.7.1. **Decision-Maker(s).** The decision-maker(s) cannot be the same person as the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator(s).

5.7.2. **Written Determination.** The decision-maker(s) will issue a written determination regarding responsibility. To reach this determination, the decision-maker(s) will apply the preponderance of the evidence standard. The written determination will include:

5.7.2.1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6;

5.7.2.2. A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held;

5.7.2.3. Findings of fact supporting the determination;

5.7.2.4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct to the facts;

5.7.2.5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or

preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant; and

5.7.2.6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal.

5.7.3. The district will provide the written determination to the parties simultaneously. The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the district provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.

5.7.4. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies.

5.8. **Appeals**. The district will offer both parties the opportunity to appeal from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, on the grounds identified below.

5.8.1. **Time for Appeal.** Appeals may only be initiated by submitting a written Notice of Appeal to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within three calendar days of the date of the respective written determination of responsibility or dismissal from which the appeal is taken. The Notice of Appeal must include (a) the name of the party or parties making the appeal, (b) the determination, dismissal, or portion thereof being appealed, and (c) a concise statement of the specific grounds (from subsection 5.8.2 below) upon which the appeal is based. A party's failure to timely submit a Notice of Appeal will be deemed a waiver of the party's right to appeal under this policy, 34 C.F.R. part, 106, and Title IX.

5.8.2. **Grounds for Appeal.** Appeals from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, are limited to the following grounds:

5.8.2.1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;

5.8.2.2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and

5.8.2.3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome of the matter.

5.8.3. As to all appeals, the district will:

5.8.3.1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties;

5.8.3.2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is not the same person as the decision-maker(s) that reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator;

5.8.3.3. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal complies with the standards set forth in subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4.

5.8.3.4. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome;

5.8.3.5. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result; and

5.8.3.6. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties.

5.9. **Informal Resolution.** The district will not require as a condition of enrollment or continuing enrollment, or employment or continuing employment, or enjoyment of any other right, waiver of the right to an investigation and adjudication of formal complaints of sexual harassment consistent with this section. Similarly, the district will not require the parties to participate in an informal resolution process under this section and may not offer an informal resolution process unless a formal complaint is filed. However, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility the district may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication, provided that the district:

5.9.1. Provides to the parties a written notice disclosing:

5.9.1.1. The allegations;

5.9.1.2. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations;

5.9.1.3. That at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint; and

5.9.1.4. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared;

5.9.2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process; and

5.9.3. Does not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

5.10. **Recordkeeping**.

5.10.1. The district will maintain for a period of seven years records of:

5.10.1.1. Each sexual harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, and any remedies provided to the complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity;

5.10.1.2. Any appeal and the result therefrom;

5.10.1.3. Any informal resolution and the result therefrom; and

5.10.1.4. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district will make these training materials publicly available on its website, or if the district does not maintain a website then the district will make these materials available upon request for inspection by members of the public.

5.10.2. For each response required under section 4, the district will create, and maintain for a period of seven years, records of any actions, including any supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment. In each instance, the district will document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. If the district does not provide a complainant with supportive measures, then the district will document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. The documentation of certain bases or measures does not limit the district in the future from providing additional explanations or detailing additional measures taken.

6. **Superintendent Authorized to Contract.** The board authorizes the Superintendent to contract for, designate, and appoint individuals to serve in the roles of the district's investigator(s), decision-maker(s), informal resolution facilitator(s), or appellate decision-maker(s) as contemplated by this policy.

7. **Access to Classes and Schools**.

7.1. **General Standard.** Except as provided in this section or otherwise in 34 C.F.R. part 106, the district will not provide or otherwise carry out any of its education programs or activities separately on the basis of sex, or require or refuse participation therein by any of its students on the basis of sex.

7.1.1. **Contact sports in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit separation of students by sex within physical education classes or activities during participation in wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and other sports the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

7.1.2. **Ability grouping in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit grouping of students in physical education classes and activities by ability as assessed by objective standards of individual performance developed and applied without regard to sex.

7.1.3. **Human sexuality classes.** Classes or portions of classes that deal primarily with human sexuality may be conducted in separate sessions for boys and girls.

7.1.4. **Choruses.** The district may make requirements based on vocal range or quality that may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one sex.

7.2. **Classes and Extracurricular Activities.** The district may provide nonvocational single-sex classes or extracurricular activities as permitted by 34 C.F.R. part 106.

8. **Athletics.** It is the policy of the district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic, club, or intramural athletics offered by the district, and that the district will not provide any such athletics separately on such basis.

8.1. **Separate Teams.** Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the district may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.

8.2. **Equal opportunity.** The district will provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both sexes. Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams will not constitute noncompliance with this section.

9. **Certain Different Treatment on the Basis of Sex Permitted.** Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the district from treating persons differently on the basis of sex as permitted by Title IX or 34 C.F.R. part 106. For example, and without limiting the foregoing, the district may provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of sex, but such facilities provided for students of one sex shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other sex.

10. **Retaliation Prohibited.** Neither the district nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. The district will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any complainant, any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination, any respondent, and any witness, except as may be permitted by the FERPA statute, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, or FERPA regulations, 34 C.F.R. part 99, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of 34 C.F.R. part 106, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder. Complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to shall be addressed pursuant to Board Policy 2006 (Complaint Procedure).

10.1. **Specific Circumstances**.

10.1.1. The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation prohibited by this section.

10.1.2. Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding under this part does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this section, provided, however, that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a materially false statement in bad faith.

11. **Notification of Policy.** The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the existence of this policy. The requirement to not discriminate, as stated in Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, in the district's education program(s) or activities extends to admission and employment, and inquiries about the application of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education, or both.

12. **Publication of Policy.** The district will prominently display on its website, if any, and in each handbook that it makes available to applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the employee or employees designated as the Title IX Coordinator(s).

13. **Application Outside the United States.** The requirements of this policy apply only to sex discrimination occurring against a person in the United States.

14. **Scope of Policy.** Nothing herein shall be construed to be more demanding or more constraining upon the district than the requirements of Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106. To the extent that the district is in compliance with Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, then all of the district's obligations under this policy shall be deemed to be fulfilled and discharged.

AUTHORIZATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WARNING: SERIOUS CATASTROPHIC AND PERHAPS FATAL INJURY MAY RESULT FROM ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Many forms of athletic competition result in violent physical contact among players, the use of equipment which may result in accidents, strenuous physical exertion and numerous other exposures to risk of injury. Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of those risks. No amount of instruction, precaution, or supervision will eliminate these risks. Students have suffered accidents resulting in death, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other very serious permanent physical impairment while playing sports. By granting permission for your student to participate in athletic competition, you, the parent or guardian, acknowledge that such risk exists. Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in athletic competition and in the proper utilization of all equipment worn or used in practice and competition. Students must adhere to that instruction and utilization and must refrain from improper uses and techniques.

I understand the statement above and I understand that by allowing my student to participate in athletic events, I assume the risk that he/she may be injured, perhaps severely.

_____ _____

Signature of Parent Signature of Student

_____ _____

Printed Name of Parent Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDUCT CODE

I understand that as a student representing the school district in activities, I am obligated to comply with the athletic handbook, including the code of conduct. **This means that I may not possess, use or be at parties in the presence of alcohol, illicit drugs, or controlled substances at any time during the school term unless I am accompanied by a parent.** I understand that if I violate the code of conduct or other rules in this handbook, I may be suspended from participation in all co-curricular activities and/or school sponsored activities or events.

_____
Signature of Student

_____ _____
Printed Name of Student Date

I understand that my student is obligated by this handbook, including the statements above.

_____
Signature of Parent

_____ _____
Printed Name of Parent Date

SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Staff Handbook
2022-2023

INTRODUCTION

This handbook provides information to persons who are employed by the school district and are referred to in this handbook as employees, staff, or staff members. It is designed to provide practical information about the daily operation of the schools in the district and contains building and district directories, safety and emergency information as well as district policies and procedures. Each staff member should carefully review this handbook. The administration and the board of education continually review policies and procedures, so staff members should discuss comments, concerns or suggestions about this handbook with their building principal or another member of the administrative staff.

This handbook does not create a "contract" of employment. Staff positions and assignments that do not require a teaching certificate or are not otherwise governed by the teacher tenure laws may be ended or changed on an at-will basis notwithstanding anything in this handbook or any other publication or statement, except a contract approved by the board of education.

Many situations may arise that are not covered by this handbook. In those instances, staff members should use their own good judgment or consult with the administration. If any information contained in this handbook conflicts with board policy or state statute, the policy or statute will govern.

The provisions in this handbook are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Superintendent and the Board of Education. From time to time, you may receive updated information concerning changes in the handbook. These updates should be kept with the handbook so that all procedures can be kept up to date. If you have any questions regarding this handbook, please ask your supervisor or the Superintendent for assistance.

Your suggestions about ways to improve the school are welcome and will always be considered.

NONDISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Superior Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Marty Kobza, Superintendent, PO Box 288, Superior, NE 68978, mkobza@superiorwildcats.org (402) 879-3257, ext 127.

For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, visit http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area or call 1-800-421-3481.

For additional prohibited discrimination and related information, please review school district Policy 4001 – Nondiscrimination

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877- 8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust_html and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

It is vitally important to have a healthy workforce that is free from the effects of illegal drugs. The use or possession of unlawful drugs in the workplace has a very detrimental effect upon safety and morale of the affected employee, coworkers, and the public at large; and on productivity and the quality of work.

Federal law requires this school district, as a recipient of federal funds, to maintain a drug-free workplace. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in the district's workplace is prohibited. The term "workplace" includes every location where district employees may be found during their working hours or while they are on duty, regardless of whether the location is within the geographic boundaries of the district. Any employee who violates this policy will be disciplined with measures up to and including discharge. The district may, in its sole discretion, require or allow an employee who violates this policy to participate in and satisfactorily complete a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

The district shall provide every current employee with a copy of this policy, and shall provide each newly hired employee with a copy upon hiring. Every employee shall be required to signify receipt of a copy of the policy in writing. All district employees must abide by this policy, including those who are not directly engaged in the performance of work pursuant to a federal grant.

An employee must notify his/her supervisor of any conviction of a criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace within five days. The failure to report such a conviction will be grounds for dismissal. If the employee convicted of such an offense is engaged in the performance of work pursuant to the provisions of a federal grant, the district shall notify the grant agency within 10 days of receiving notice of a conviction from the affected employee or of receiving actual notice of such a conviction.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING ALL STAFF

Accidents and Injuries

Staff must inform the building office immediately of all accidents and/or injuries to students or staff, and complete the appropriate accident form that is available from the office secretary. The accident form must be returned to the office within twenty-four hours.

Activity Accounts and Fundraising

Activity accounts are handled through the building principal's office. No student or sponsor may make any purchase without prior approval from the building principal. **Purchases made without permission are the personal obligation and responsibility of the purchaser.**

The superintendent is responsible for authorizing any fundraising on the part of student activities. **No fundraising may occur without express administrative permission.**

Activity Tickets

All staff and their spouses will be admitted to home games free of charge. Activity tickets will be issued to staff through the building offices.

Agents, Salesmen and Other Business Representatives

All business representatives calling on school matters must obtain permission from the superintendent or building principal before conferring with staff. Staff must determine whether the business representative has been granted permission before discussing business matters. Classroom teachers may not interrupt class work to confer with such representatives.

Staff may not use school time or school facilities for any personal activity for personal financial gain or confer with any business representative for personal business during school time.

Announcements and Circulars

No announcements shall be made before any school group without authorization or the principal or superintendent.

Any circulars or advertising displayed within the school shall have the approval of the building principal or superintendent before posting.

Board Policies, Rules and Directives

The board of education has adopted policies that govern the operation of the school district. A complete policy manual is available on the district's website or in the main administrative office. These manuals will be updated as the board adopts new policies or modifies existing policies. In particular, the 4000 series deals with policies that affect personnel. Additionally, the Board has authorized the Superintendent and his or her designee to adopt rules and directives regarding the conduct of students, staff, and other persons. Many of these rules and directives are published in the Student

Handbook, Staff Handbook, and Activity Handbook, respectively. Each of these handbooks are available on the district's website and in the main administrative office. **By signing below, you agree that you have read and understood these policies, handbooks, rules and directives, their application to you, and that you have had an opportunity to discuss any questions with the administration**.

Child Abuse

School employees who have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect or observe a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in child abuse or neglect will report the suspected abuse or neglect according to the following procedure.

1. Any school employee who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected shall report the suspicion to the building principal immediately. Employees shall also personally report or cause a report to be made to local law enforcement or to the Department of Health and Human Services.

2. When the principal makes a report of suspected child abuse or neglect, he/she shall inform the employee(s) who made the initial report.

3. Nothing in the paragraph above shall hinder a school employee from fulfilling his/her/their obligation to report suspected abuse or neglect if he, she or they have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected.

4. Any doubt or question in reporting such cases shall be resolved in the favor of reporting the suspected abuse or neglect. Consultation between the administrator and school employee is encouraged, keeping in mind that prompt reporting is essential.

Complaint Procedure

Good communication helps to resolve many misunderstandings and disagreements. This complaint procedure applies to board members, patrons, students, and school staff, unless the staff member is subject to a different grievance procedure pursuant to policy or contract. Individuals who have a complaint should discuss their concerns with appropriate school personnel in an effort to resolve problems. When such efforts do not resolve matters satisfactorily, including matters involving discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age, a complainant should follow the procedures set forth below.

A preponderance of the evidence will be required to discipline a party accused of misconduct. This means that the investigator must conclude that it is more likely than not that misconduct occurred.

Complaint and Appeal Process.

1. The first step is for the complainant to speak directly to the person(s) with whom the complainant has a concern. For example, a parent who is unhappy with a classroom teacher should initially discuss the matter with the teacher. However, the complainant should skip the first step if complainant believes speaking directly to the person would subject complainant to discrimination or harassment.

2. The second step is for the complainant to speak to the building principal, Title IX/504 coordinator, superintendent of schools, or president of the board of education, as set forth below.
   a) Complaints about the operation, decisions, or personnel within a building should be submitted to the principal of the building.
   b) Complaints about the operations of the school district or a building principal should be submitted in writing to the superintendent of schools.
   c) Complaints about the superintendent of schools should be submitted in writing to the president of the board of education.
   d) Complaints involving discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age may also be submitted at any time during the complaint procedure to the School District's Title IX/504 coordinator. Complaints involving discrimination or harassment may also be submitted at any time to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education: by email at OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov; by telephone at (816) 268-0550; or by fax at (816) 268-0599.

3. When a complainant submits a complaint to an administrator or to the Title IX/504 coordinator, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator shall promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint, and shall:
   a) Determine whether the complainant has discussed the matter with the staff member involved.
      1) If the complainant has not, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator will urge the complainant to discuss the matter directly with that staff member, if appropriate.
      2) If the complainant refuses to discuss the matter with the staff member, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine whether the complaint should be pursued further.
   b) Strongly encourage the complainant to reduce his or her concerns to writing.
   c) Interview the complainant to determine:
      1) All relevant details of the complaint;
      2) All witnesses and documents which the complainant believes support the complaint;
      3) The action or solution which the complainant seeks.

d) Respond to the complainant. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the response shall be in writing and shall be submitted within 180 calendar days after the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator received the complaint.

4. A complainant who If either the complainant or the accused party is not satisfied with the administrator's or the Title IX/504 coordinator's decision regarding a complaint, he or she may appeal the decision to the superintendent.
   a) This appeal must be in writing.
   b) This appeal must be received by the superintendent no later than ten (10) calendar days from the date the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator communicated his/her decision to the complainant.
   c) The superintendent will investigate as he or she deems appropriate. However, all matters involving discrimination or harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated.
   d) Upon completion of this investigation, the superintendent will inform the complainant in writing of his or her decision. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the superintendent shall submit the decision within 180 calendar days after the superintendent received complainant's written appeal.

5. A complainant who If either the complainant or the accused party is not satisfied with the superintendent's decision regarding a complaint, he or she may appeal the decision to the board.
   a) This appeal must be in writing.
   b) This appeal must be received by the board president no later than ten (10) business days from the date the superintendent communicated his/her decision to the complainant.
   c) This policy allows, but does not require the board to receive statements from interested parties and witnesses relevant to the complaint appeal. However, all matters involving discrimination or harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated.
   d) The board will notify the complainant in writing of its decision. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the board shall submit its decision within 180 days after it received complainant's written appeal.
   e) There is no appeal from a decision of the board.

6. When a formal complaint about the superintendent of schools has been filed with the president of the board, the president shall promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint, and shall:
   a) Determine whether the complainant has discussed the matter with the superintendent.

1) If the complainant has not, the board president will urge the complainant to discuss the matter directly with the superintendent, if appropriate.
2) If the complainant refuses to discuss the matter with the superintendent, the board president shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine whether the complaint should be pursued further.

b) Strongly encourage the complainant to reduce his or her concerns to writing.
c) Determine, in his or her sole discretion, whether to place the matter on the board agenda for consideration at a regular or special meeting.
d) Respond to the complainant. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the response shall be in writing and shall be submitted within 180 days after the president received the complaint.

No Retaliation. The school district prohibits retaliation against any person for filing a complaint or for participating in the complaint procedure in good faith.

Special Rules Regarding Educational Services and Related Services to Students with Disabilities. Students with disabilities and their families have specific rights outlined in state and federal law, including administrative processes by which they may challenge the educational services being provided by the school district. Therefore, the appeal process contained in this policy may not be used to challenge decisions made by a student's individualized education plan (IEP) team or 504 team.

Complaints about the educational services provided a student with a disability, including but not limited to services provided to a student with an IEP, access to curricular and extracurricular activities, and educational placement must be submitted to the school district's Director of Special Education. The Director of Special Education will address the complaint in a manner that he/she deems appropriate and will provide the complainant with a copy of the Notice of IDEA Parental Rights promulgated by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Complaints about the educational services provided a student with a disability pursuant to a Section 504 plan must be submitted to the school district's 504 Coordinator. The 504 Coordinator will address the complaint in a manner that he/she deems appropriate and will provide the complainant with a copy of the Notice of Section 504 Parental Rights adopted by the board of education.

Complaints about the educational services provided to a student who is suspected of having a disability must be submitted in writing to the

school district's Director of Special Education or to the district's 504 Coordinator. The Director of Special Education or 504 Coordinator will either refer the student for possible verification as a student with a disability or will provide prior written notice of the district's refusal to do so.

Bad Faith or Serial Filings. The purpose of the complaint procedure is to resolve complaints at the lowest level possible within the chain of command. Complaints filed (a) without a good faith intention to attempt to resolve the issues raised; (b) for the purpose of adding administrative burden; (c) at a volume unreasonable to expect satisfactory resolution; or (d) for purposes inconsistent with the efficient operations of the district may be dismissed by the superintendent without providing final resolution other than noting the dismissal. There is no appeal from dismissals made pursuant to this section.

Computers and the Internet: Acceptable Use by Staff

Internet access is an important tool for communicating, keeping up-to-date with current developments in education, and for conducting research to enhance management, teaching, and learning skills. Staff members must refer to and comply with board policy regarding Staff Internet and Computer Use. A copy of this policy is attached below. Staff should also refer to and comply with the board policy regarding Staff and District Social Media Use.

Conflict of Interest

All staff members are subject to the board's policy governing conflict of interest. That policy provides, in part, that no employee shall solicit or accept anything of value, including a gift, loan, contribution, reward, or promise of future employment based on an agreement that the vote, official action, or judgment of the employee would thereby be influenced.

Contact Information

Staff are required to keep the district informed of any change in their name, address, telephone or other contact information. Contact the building secretary to report a change.

Copyright and Fair Use

The school district complies with federal copyright laws. Staff members must comply with copyright laws when using school equipment or working on behalf of the district. Federal law prohibits the unauthorized reproduction of works of authorship, regardless of the medium in which they were created.

The "fair use" doctrine allows limited reproduction of copyrighted works for educational and research purposes. "Fair use" of a copyrighted work includes reproduction for purposes such as criticism, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or

research. Staff who are unsure whether their proposed reproduction of copyrighted material constitutes "fair use" should consult with their building principal, review the school district's copyright compliance policy, and review *Reproduction of Copyrighted Works by Educators and Librarians* from the U.S. Copyright Office found at https://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ21.pdf and *Copyright for Students* found at https://www.whoishostingthis.com/resources/student-copyright/. You can find more information on copyright compliance requirements and permitted uses from the U.S. Copyright Office and the Library of Congress at the following site: http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/copyright.html.

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is the infliction of bodily pain as a penalty for disapproved behavior, and is prohibited by law. Some physical contact is inevitable, and most of it is appropriate. Corporal punishment does not include the use of physical force that is reasonable and necessary to (1) protect school employees; (2) protect students or property; or (3) remove a student from a situation that endangers the student, persons, or property. Staff members should promptly report any event that required the use of physical force to their building principal.

Crisis Response Team

Any staff member appointed by the district administration will serve on the Crisis Response Team as outlined in the board policies. The Crisis Response Team serves a vital role in supporting the district's staff and students. It is the responsibility of the appointed staff member to discuss with the district administration any circumstances that may affect the staff member's ability to perform the tasks required by board policy.

Disability Leave (Short-Term)

Short-term disability leave will be treated in the manner required by state and federal law and consistent with the negotiated agreement with the school district's local education association. Short-Term Disability leave will run concurrently with FMLA leave.

Discrimination and Harassment

The school district prohibits discrimination and harassment based upon or related to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, marital status, disability, age or any other unlawful basis that (1) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school environment, (2) has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an employee's school performance, or (3) otherwise adversely affects an employee's employment opportunities. Employees who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their disability should contact the following Section 504 Coordinator: Marty Kobza at 402-879-3257 x 127, mkobza@superiorwildcats.org or in person at school. Employees who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful

discrimination or harassment due to their sex should contact the following Title IX Coordinator: Marty Kobza at 402-879-3257 x 127, mkobza@superiorwildcats.org, PO Box 288, Superior, NE 68978, or in person at school. Employees who believe that they have been the subject of any other unlawful discrimination or harassment should contact the Marty Kobza at 402-879-3257 x 127, mkobza@superiorwildcats.org or in person at school. Employees may report discrimination or harassment to any staff member who will then forward it on to the appropriate coordinator or administrator. The staff member will follow school district policies to respond to the report.

Dress Code

Staff should dress in a manner that reflects the honorable profession of education. Certified staff, paraeducators and office staff should generally dress in business casual attire. Custodial, maintenance and transportation staff should dress in attire appropriate to the work they are performing.

Staff **may not** wear visible body piercing jewelry, including tongue adornment, while at school or during a school function on or off school premises. This prohibition applies to all parts of the body other than the ear.

The superintendent or principal shall maintain the discretion to make determinations on staff dress and appearance. Administrators may temporarily suspend all or a portion of the dress code when other factors support a lower dress expectation for school employees (e.g., special "casual days" or field days). Any violation of school policy and rules may result in disciplinary action.

Driving (both school and personal vehicles)

Staff members who drive school vehicles or volunteer to use their personal automobile to transport students must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. Staff members who drive school vehicles or transport students in their personal vehicles are responsible for following safe driving practices, including use of seat belts by all occupants, and are responsible for any injury or accident. Staff members are not to use cell phones while driving a school vehicle or while transporting students. Please see the school district's policy on school vehicle use for further information.

Drivers for the school district must be free from drug and alcohol use or abuse. The school district will test drivers as permitted under state and federal law and in accordance with board policy.

Drug and Alcohol Testing

School district administrators who suspect that drugs or alcohol may be present in a staff member's system may require the staff member to provide a body fluid or breath sample as provided in Nebraska law. Staff members who refuse a lawful directive to provide a body fluid or breath sample may be subject to disciplinary or administrative action by the employer, including denial of continued employment.

Duty to Report

School personnel shall self-report any of the following to the District's Superintendent within 24 hours of its occurrence or at the beginning of the next school day, whichever is earlier:

- Any criminal citation if the alleged offense is a misdemeanor or felony under federal or Nebraska law or in the state in which the alleged offense occurred;
- Any arrest for any reason;
- Any criminal conviction;
- Any sentence of incarceration;
- Any criminal or civil filing or Department of Health and Human Services or law enforcement investigation against the employee for child abuse and/or neglect;
- Any complaint or other administrative filing against the employee that could impact any certificate or professional license held by the employee;
- Any action or threat of action by any entity against the employee's driver's license or ability or authority to operate a motor vehicle if the employee's job duties may require the operation of a motor vehicle.

The failure to make a report required by this section may result in disciplinary action up to and including cancellation, termination, and non-renewal.

Electronic Communication While Driving

Except as provided below, school personnel shall not use any electronic communication device to read a written communication, manually type a written communication, send a written communication, verbally communicate with others, or otherwise communicate with others while operating a school vehicle or while using a school-issued electronic communication device while operating a private vehicle. This prohibition includes but is not limited to answering or making telephone calls not related to the transportation, and reading or responding to emails, instant messages, or text messages.

The superintendent or building principal may grant exceptions and allow verbal communication on an as needed basis for specific district-related work based upon employees' duties and responsibilities.

Expenses

The board will reimburse staff for all approved expenses incurred in attending to school business. Reimbursement for mileage, supplies, and overnight travel are processed on an expense report form that is available from each building secretary. Appropriate receipts must be attached.

To be reimbursed for an item or for personal vehicle use, staff members must complete a reimbursement claim form, attach receipts and submit it to the building principal for approval.

All claims for reimbursement must be approved by the board, so some delay is probable. Mileage reimbursement will be denied if a school vehicle was available.

Family and Medical Leave (FMLA)

Qualified employees will be provided leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) as provided in board policy.

In-School Communication

Every staff member will be assigned a mailbox in the building where he or she works. Staff members are expected to check their mailboxes for messages in the morning upon arrival at school, at lunch time, and at the end of the day before departing.

A great deal of information is distributed to staff via the school's email system. Each staff member must check his or her email account frequently throughout the school day. Staff members are allowed to use their school email accounts for a moderate amount of personal email correspondence. However, sending or receiving personal email during class time is prohibited, regardless of whether that personal email is received on the staff member's school email account or a personal account.

Intellectual Property

All written or artistic works, instructional materials, inventions, procedures, ideas, innovations, systems, programs, or other work product created or developed by any employee in the course and scope of performance of his or her employment duties on behalf of the district, whether published or not, shall be the exclusive property of the district. The district has the sole right to sell, license, assign, or transfer any and all right, title, or interest in and to such property.

Jury and Witness Duty Leave

An employee who has been called to serve as a juror will be granted paid leave. Employees must sign over to the district the compensation they receive for jury duty, but not compensation for expenses.

An employee who has been subpoenaed to testify as a witness in a court proceeding shall be entitled to one day of paid leave. To receive paid leave, the employee must sign over to the district his or her witness fee.

Keys and Prox Cards

Staff will not lend or have any duplicate keys made of any school key. Staff will make sure all doors are locked when they enter or leave the building other than regular school hours.

Staff members are responsible at all times for all keys and prox cards issued to them and must keep them in a secure location or on the employee's person. Each classroom teacher must check that the doors and windows in his or her room are closed and locked at the end of the school day. Staff must report lost or stolen keys and/or prox cards to the building principal immediately.

Meals Program

Staff may take advantage of meals offered through the district's food program. Staff may purchase breakfasts for $2.25 per meal or lunches for $4.00 per meal. The lunch price includes one carton of milk. Extra cartons cost 45 cents.
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Military Leaves of Absence

Leaves of absence without pay for military or Reserve duty are granted to all employees as required by law. An employee who is called to active military duty or to Reserve or National Guard training or who volunteers for the same should submit copies of the military orders to the Superintendent as soon as is practicable. An administrator, at his or her discretion, may require an employee who requests leave under the Nebraska Family Military Leave Act to provide certification from the proper military authority to verify the employee's eligibility for the leave requested.

Military Leave under the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the Nebraska Family Military Leave Act will be governed by the board's policies.

Milk Expression

The district will provide reasonable break time for an employee who wishes to express breast milk for her nursing child in a place, other than a bathroom, which is shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers, students, and the public for one year after the child's birth.

News and Press Releases

Positive media coverage of the school district and its activities is good for the school, its staff, and its students. Staff should endeavor to establish and maintain cordial relationships with local media outlets.

Activity sponsors and other staff who are involved in newsworthy activity should submit typed press releases to the office for distribution to the media when noteworthy events have occurred. Coaches must communicate with local TV, radio, and print media promptly after matches or games to disseminate the results.

Communicating with the public, keeping the public informed, and public relations with the community are important tasks. News of important and/or

interesting events and activities are usually welcomed by the newspapers.

Obligations Related to American Civics Instruction

All staff members shall be familiar with, and comply with, the requirements of state law, board policy, and district curriculum to properly instruct students regarding American Civics, Social Studies, American History, and appropriate patriotic exercises on particular days of the year. Neglect of any such responsibilities by any employee may be considered just cause for dismissal.

Outside Employment

No full-time staff member may accept any other employment or carry on any business or activity for profit that interferes with the complete and competent discharge of his or her responsibilities to the school district.

Political Activities

District employees retain all rights of citizenship, including, but not limited to, engaging in political activities. An employee of the District may participate in the political process, including seeking an elective office, provided that the staff member does not campaign on school property during working hours, and provided all other legal requirements are met. The District assumes no obligation beyond making such opportunities available.

While the District supports its employees by allowing them to exercise their rights, any impact on the employee's ability to perform his or her functions as required by the district is grounds for discipline. For further guidance regarding political conduct on school grounds, contact the superintendent and consult the board policies.

Pregnant or Parenting Students

The school district encourages students who are pregnant or parenting are encouraged to continue to participate in the district's educational and extracurricular programs. Students who anticipate deviations from their regular school experience or accrue absences due to pregnancy or parenting have been told to notify their building principal as early as possible to discuss their educational programming. The building principal will work with the student and appropriate district staff to develop a plan to assist the student in participating in district curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Such a plan may include:

1. If the student cannot regularly attend classes, the provision of online courses;
2. The arrangement of meeting times with teachers;
3. If the student has not identified appropriate childcare, the identification of child care providers that meet statutory requirements for quality and care; and
4. All other curricular adjustments, modifications, and means of supplementing classroom attendance deemed

appropriate by the school administrators including, but not limited to, modification of attendance policies.

Professional Boundaries Between Staff and Students

All district employees must follow board policy when interacting with students in any way. School district employees are responsible for conducting themselves professionally and for teaching and modeling high standards of behavior and civic values, both at and away from school. District employees must be aware of professional boundaries between students and staff, and they must never blur the boundaries. These standards of behavior apply to social networking sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., along with communications and interactions of any kind between staff and students.

Examples of unprofessional misconduct include: inappropriate sexual communications or interactions with students, meeting with students in private outside of school, and intruding on a student's personal space. These are a few examples of inappropriate behavior, not an exhaustive list. For further guidance, refer to the district's policies regarding professionalism and staff-student interactions.

Any teacher or student who witnesses or knows information about a district employee violating board policy should report the violation to the district administration *immediately*. Minor violations and questionable violations should be reported as soon as possible, but always within 24 hours.
A violation of board policies for professionalism will form the basis for employee discipline up to and including termination or cancellation of employment, filing a report with law enforcement officials, and filing a report with the Commissioner of Education.

Professional Growth

All employees shall be provided opportunities for the development of increased competence beyond that which they may attain through the performance of their assigned duties.

In addition to this requirement, the superintendent will select in-service programming to provide additional professional growth activities for certified and classified staff.

Purchasing

All requisitions for books and school supplies must be filed with the building principal. The requisition must include the name of the article being requested, where it may be purchased, how many articles are required and their cost. Requisition forms are available from the office. Orders should not be placed until the district office has issued a printed purchase order. Once an order has been received, the staff member must notify the building secretary so payment can be processed. Failure to follow the procedure for requisitions may prevent the staff member from receiving the items

requisitioned. All orders or supplies must be authorized by the administration. Staff may be personally liable for any orders placed without such authorization.

When routine supplies are needed for immediate use, staff should contact the building secretary. When it is necessary to make a special or emergency requisition for supplies or equipment, staff should contact the principal for the necessary forms. The superintendent will either approve or disapprove the request through the principal.

Records and Reports

Staff members must refer to and comply with Board Policy 5016 regarding the management and maintenance of student records.

All staff members shall promptly furnish the administration with any information relating to their professional training, experience, activities or work required for reports to county, state or federal officials or for official school records. Personal information will be treated confidentially by school officials.

Recordings of Students and Classrooms

Staff members may make audio and video recordings of classroom instruction and school activities upon authorization of the superintendent or supervising administrator. Staff should refer to Board Policy 5063 for information on recording by students.

School Calendar

The official school calendar is maintained in each building office. All activities and events must be scheduled and approved by the building principal. To avoid conflict, a sponsor should not call a meeting of any activity until the schedule has been checked and the meeting approved by the office.

School Property

School property is not to be lent to individuals except by permission of the superintendent.

Staff or groups who wish to use school facilities should make requests to the building principal as early as possible so that they may be placed on the school calendar.

Staff must inform the building principal of any school property that needs repair or that is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair. Matters regarding custodial service in the building should be handled through the principal's office.

School Vehicle Use

The transportation of students in a pupil transportation vehicle is governed by the rules of the Nebraska Department of Education and the district's safe pupil transportation plan or safety and security plan. School district employees, board members, and other elected or appointed school district officials who are not transporting children are authorized to use a school district vehicle to travel to a designated location or to their home when the primary purpose of the travel serves a school district purpose. Staff should refer to the board policy regarding the use of school vehicles.

Security

Each staff member is responsible for the security of his/her own classroom or work area. Staff must lock the doors and windows of their classrooms and/or other work areas each night.

Staff members who use the building after it has been locked by the custodian or on weekends are responsible for turning off all lights and locking all windows and doors that they or students under their supervision may have used

Under no circumstances are pupils to be allowed in the building after school hours without faculty supervision. Keys to any school areas are not to be loaned to students under any circumstances.

Smoking on School Premises or at School Activities

The use or possession of any tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco or tobacco derivative products; vapor products or electronic nicotine delivery systems; alternative nicotine products; or any other such look-alike or imitation product, is not permitted on school property at any time.

Sniffer (Drug) Dogs

The administration is authorized to use sniffer dogs to minimize the presence of illicit items on school grounds. Students and staff are specifically notified that:

1. Lockers may be sniffed by sniffer dogs at any time.
2. Vehicles parked on school property may be sniffed by sniffer dogs at any time.
3. Classrooms and other common areas may be sniffed by sniffer dogs at any time students and staff are not present.
4. If contraband of any kind is found, the student or staff member shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Social Media Usage by Staff

Social media is an important tool for communicating, keeping up-to-date with current developments in education, and for conducting research to enhance management, teaching, and learning skills. The district also uses social media accounts to provide information to district stakeholders. All staff members must refer to and comply with the board's policies regarding

Staff Internet and Computer Use. This policy applies to both personal and school-affiliated social media use. Staff members who are uncertain about the applicability of board policy to a particular situation must confer with their supervising administrator prior to posting on social media.

Solicitation and Distribution of Merchandise

In the interest of maintaining a proper school environment and preventing interference with school purposes, employees may not sell merchandise, solicit financial contributions, solicit, or distribute literature or printed material for any non-school related cause during working time or on school grounds, except as approved by the administration.

Staff Room

The staff room is maintained for the exclusive use and convenience of the staff. It is not for student use and staff members should not hold student conferences there. Each staff member will assume responsibility in keeping the staff room in an orderly and presentable condition.

Student Interviews

Employees shall refer any police officer, child protective service worker, or other similar individual seeking to speak to or interview a student to an administrator.

Telephones

School telephones are maintained for the primary purpose of conducting school business. Staff members should limit their use of school phones to brief conversations. Teachers will not be called to the telephone during class time except in the case of an emergency.

Staff members may not use personal cell phones to make or receive calls or to send or receive text messages during instructional time.

Threat Assessment and Response

The board of education is committed to providing a safe environment for members of the school community. Students, staff and patrons are urged to immediately report any statements or behavior that makes the observer fearful or uncomfortable about the safety of the school environment.

1. Definitions

a. A **threat** is an expression of a willful intent to physically or sexually harm someone or to damage property in a way that indicates that an individual poses a danger to the safety of school staff, students or other members of the school community.

i. The threat may be expressed/communicated behaviorally, orally, visually, in writing, electronically, or through any other means.

ii. A **transient threat** is an expression of anger or frustration

that can be quickly or easily resolved.

iii. A **substantive threat** is an expression of serious intent to harm others which includes, but is not limited to, any threat which involves a detailed plan and means.

b. A **threat assessment** is a fact-based process emphasizing an appraisal of observed (or reasonably-observable) behaviors to identify potentially dangerous or violent situations, to assessment them and to manage/address them. Threat assessment is the process of identifying and responding to serious threats in a systematic, data-informed way.

i. The threat assessment process is distinct from student disciplinary procedures. The mere fact that the district is conducting a threat assessment does not by itself necessitate suspension, expulsion or emergency exclusion without complying with state law and board policy related governing those actions.

ii. The threat assessment process is distinct from specialized instruction which a student with a disability may receive from the school district. The school district will not change a student's educational placement as that term is used in the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act solely as part of a threat assessment.

2. Obligation to Report Threatening Statements or Behaviors.

All staff and students must report **substantive threats** to a member of the administration immediately and comply with any other mandatory reporting obligations. Staff and students who are unsure whether a threat is substantive or transient should report the situation. Staff and students must make such report regardless of the nature of the relationship between the individual who initiated the threat or threatening behavior and the person(s) who were threatened or who were the focus of the threatening behavior. Staff and students must also make such reports regardless of where or when the threat was made or the threatening behavior occurred.
THREATS OR ASSAULTS WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE AT 911.

3. Threat Assessment Team

The threat assessment team (team) shall consist of superintendent, building principals, guidance counselor, social worker, SPED director, school nurse, and school psychologist. Local law enforcement will be involved as needed. Not every team member need participate in every threat assessment. If the threat has been made by or is directed towards, a student with a disability, the threat assessment team must include a staff member who is knowledgeable about special education services or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as appropriate. Neither the student nor their student's

family members are part of the threat assessment team.

The team is responsible for investigating all reported threats to school safety, evaluating the significance of each threat, and devising an appropriate response. The threat assessment team shall work closely with the crisis team in planning for crisis situations. The threat assessment team shall be familiar with mental health resources available to students, staff and patrons and shall collaborate with local mental health service providers as appropriate.

4. Threat Assessment Investigation and Response

When a threat is reported, the school administrator shall initiate an initial inquiry/triage and, in consultation with members of the threat assessment team, make a determination of the seriousness of the threat as expeditiously as possible. The school administrator must contact law enforcement if the administrator believes that an individual poses a clear and immediate threat of serious violence.

If there is no reasonably apparent imminent threat present or once such an imminent threat is contained, the threat assessment team will meet to evaluate and respond to the threatening behavior. The team may, but is not required to, review the following types of information:

- Review of the threatening behavior and/or communication;
- Interviews with the individuals involved including students, staff members, and family members as necessary and/or appropriate;
- Review of school and other records for any prior history or interventions with the students involved;
- Any other investigatory methods that the team determines to be reasonable and useful.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the team will determine what, if any, response to the threat is appropriate. The team is authorized to disclose the results of its investigation to law enforcement and to the target(s) of any threatened acts. The team may refer the individual of concern to the appropriate school administrator for consequences under the school's student discipline policy or, if appropriate, report the results of its investigation to the student's individualized education plan team.

Regardless of threat assessment activities, disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement will occur consistent with board policy and Nebraska law.

5. Communication with the Public about Reported Threats

The team will keep members of the school community appropriately informed about substantive threats and about the team's response to those threats. This communication may include oral announcements, written communication sent home with students, or communication through print or

broadcast media. However, the team will not reveal the identity of the individual of concern or of any target(s) of threatened violence unless permitted by law.

6. Coordination with the Crisis Team After Resolution of Threat

The threat assessment team will confer with the district's crisis team after a threat has been investigated to provide the crisis team with information that the crisis team may use in assessing or revising the district's All-Hazard School Safety Plan.

Transportation Request Forms

Staff members must complete transportation request forms as soon as they know they need school-provided transportation to allow the activities director adequate time to schedule drivers and vehicles.

Visitors

Staff should welcome members of the public who wish to visit school, but should ensure that visitors follow the district's requirements.

All visitors must report to the building office before visiting any classroom or other areas of the building.

Visitors must comply with the following guidelines:

- if a visitor wishes to observe a specific skill or subject, he or she will be asked to observe during a specified time period
- children under the age of 10 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- all visitors must have the prior approval of the principal or superintendent
- salespeople and other such agents will not be allowed to solicit staff members during school hours
- visitors must wear the visitor's badge supplied by the building office

Wage and Salary Payments

Staff members are paid on the 15th of each month. The district provides direct deposit of paychecks to designated financial institutions. Otherwise, paychecks will be delivered personally at school or mailed to the address on file in the district office. Staff who wish to activate or modify their direct deposits or who wish to have paychecks mailed to a different address must contact the district office. The school district will mail staff paychecks to the last address on file for each employee during months when school is not in session. Employees shall not be paid in advance under any circumstances.

All required deductions, such as for federal, state, and local taxes, retirement contributions, and all authorized voluntary deductions, such as for insurance, will be withheld automatically from your paychecks. Garnishments are legal proceedings imposed by a court of law upon the school district requiring payment to a third party of monies earned by district employees. The school district will accept all legal garnishments and tax

levies against wages in compliance with state and federal law. An employee's pay will be held upon receipt of a garnishment until a court order is issued indicating satisfaction of the indebtedness or until ordered to surrender the monies to the court or its agent. The school district prohibits improper pay deductions, and employees shall be reimbursed for any improper pay deductions. If you believe that an improper deduction has been made to your pay, you should immediately report this information to your direct supervisor, payroll personnel, or the Superintendent.

Staff members, by their signature on the acknowledgement page of this handbook, authorize the school district to withhold such sums from their paychecks as necessary to cover property damage, cash shortages or other amounts owed to the school district by the employee.

Weather-Related Closings

If school is called off because of bad weather or for any other reason, it will be announced on KRFS Radio. In addition, the JMC communications tools will be used to send text and phone messages to staff and students.

Parents may decide to keep their children at home in inclement weather because of personal circumstances. Students absent because of severe weather when school is in session will be marked absent. Staff members should treat the absence like any other absence for legitimate causes provided parents properly notify the school of their decision. Parents may pick up their children in inclement weather (except in case of a tornado) at any time during the school day. Students will not normally be dismissed from school during severe weather on the basis of a telephone request.

Workplace Searches

To safeguard the property and interests of our students, employees, and patrons; to help prevent the possession, sale, and use of illegal drugs on school grounds, and in keeping with the spirit and intent of the district's drug-free workplace policy and other policies, the school district reserves the right to question employees and all other persons entering and leaving our premises, and to inspect any packages, parcels, purses, handbags, briefcases, lunch boxes, or any other possessions or articles carried to and from school when it has reasonable grounds to do so. The school also reserves the right to search any employee's office, desk, files, locker, or any other area or article on school grounds. All offices, desks, files, lockers, and so forth, are school district property and are issued or provided for the use of employees only during their employment with the district. Inspections may be conducted at any time at the discretion of the administration. Employees who refuse to cooperate with this provision will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING CERTIFIED STAFF

Absences

The accumulation of leave for teaching staff is governed by the Negotiated Agreement between the Board of Education and the Education Association. This handbook sets forth the process for using that leave

1. **Sick Leave**
   Certified staff members who are too ill to perform their teaching duties must contact their building principal by 6:00 a.m.

2. **Personal Leave**
   Certified staff who wish to take personal leave must submit a leave request to their building principal at least three days in advance of the proposed leave. Building principals may deny personal leave requests if the school district is unable to secure the services of a qualified substitute teacher on the day of the proposed leave. Staff members may not take personal leave adjacent to a school break. For example, if school is not in session on a Monday, certified staff may not take personal leave the preceding Friday or following Tuesday.

3. **Professional Leave**
   The board and administration recognize the value of continuing education and encourage certified staff to participate in seminars, workshops and other activities which will continue their professional growth. Certified staff members who wish to take professional leave must submit a leave request to their building principal, along with a description of the proposed event and any written materials about the event. Building principals may deny requests for professional leave if they are unable to secure the services of a qualified substitute or if the principal determines that the activity will not enhance the certified staff member's effectiveness as an employee of the district. Certified staff members who feel they have been unfairly denied professional leave may grieve the principal's decision, pursuant to the grievance procedure contained in the district's Negotiated Agreement.

4. **Substitute Folders**
   Each teacher must prepare a substitute folder and keep the completed folder in the upper right-hand drawer of his/her desk. The folder must contain:
   a.) the current seating chart for each class;
   b.) the daily routine followed by each class;
   c.) all schedules (fire drill procedures, lunch schedule, etc.);
   d.) a copy of this handbook; and
   e.) plans for the day if the teacher's absence was anticipated. (These plans are in addition to the teacher's regular lesson plan book.)

Assemblies
Classroom teachers must attend assemblies and pep rallies and sit with students to help maintain order.

All certified staff members should attend school assemblies and should try to attend as many of the school functions as possible regardless of whether they have specific assigned duties or not.

Assignment of Teachers
The administration will assign certified staff to individual duties. Certified staff will also be assigned for various forms of hall, extracurricular, recess, traffic, lunch period and other noontime duties, and athletic events.

Certificates, Teacher Contracts, Salary Information
Teaching certificates must be registered with the Superintendent before they may legally be paid. It is the certified staff member's responsibility to make sure this is done.

Each certified staff member must provide the superintendent's office with the following information:

a. social security number,
c. withholding form W-4, and
d. authorization to withhold for disability insurance benefits
e. retirement benefit forms

It is the sole responsibility of the certified staff member to inform the superintendent of any changes, including but not limited to changes in certification, endorsements, benefits plans, and salary payment information.

Cheating
Students caught cheating (including plagiarizing) must be sent to the building principal for administrative discipline. The classroom teacher may also give the cheating student a zero grade for the test or assignment.

Check-out Forms
All certified staff must complete a check-out form and obtain the building principal's signature on the form prior to departing for the summer. Classrooms must be tidy to allow the custodial staff to clean classrooms and work areas. Certified staff members who do not clean their work area before departing for the summer will not receive their paychecks will until the work is completed.

Class Record Books
A class record book is the school's official record of matters relating to each student in each teacher's class. It may be maintained in paper or electronic form and must be complete in scope and accurately maintained. All classroom teachers are required to keep class record books which list students in each class in alphabetical order and show the attendance and all

grades earned by each student. At the end of each school year, classroom teachers must turn their record books into the building office. Record books are subject to examination by the building principal or superintendent at any time.

Classroom Management and Student Discipline

Classroom discipline is first and foremost the responsibility of the classroom teacher. Individual teachers are expected to assume responsibility for good discipline throughout the school system. However, if a certified staff member needs assistance with student discipline, they should seek the advice and counsel of the principal or superintendent.

Classroom teachers may not leave their classrooms unless the students are supervised by a competent adult.

Classroom teachers should have a well-defined discipline plan that is known to the students. Rules and consequences should be stated clearly and posted where appropriate.

Each building has its own specific procedures concerning student discipline. Classroom teachers should consult with their building principal for more information.

Teachers may remove a student from the classroom for failure to comply with established rules of conduct. Only an administrator can suspend or expel students from class or school and due process must be followed.

Students may be kept after school for matters relating to discipline or to assist in their academic progress. Certified staff should allow all elementary students and junior/senior high students who ride the bus to arrange parental transportation for the next day with their parents. Students who do not have transportation concerns may be kept without delay. Students may not avoid being kept after school because they have an after school practice or other school activity.
Both elementary and secondary certified staff are responsible for assisting with hallway discipline between classes and in the school lunchroom.

Classes should begin on time and end promptly. Work should continue throughout the period assigned for it. Classroom teachers have no right to waste the pupils' time. Classroom teachers may not dismiss classes early except by permission of the building principal.

Staff members may never send a student off school grounds without the authorization of the building principal.

Classroom teachers may not admit tardy students to class without an admit slip from the principal or the student's teacher from the previous period.

Classroom Sanitation

1. Handling of Body Fluids

All body fluids of all persons should be considered to potentially contain infectious agents (germs). Hand washing after contact with a school child is recommended if physical contact has been made with any child's blood or body fluids. The term "body fluids" includes: blood, semen, drainage from scrapes and cuts, tears, feces, urine, vomit, respiratory secretions, and saliva.

2. Infectious Diseases

Certified staff should promptly report any indication of an infectious or contagious disease to the school nurse or building principal. Certified staff should report to the school nurse or the student's parents any pupil whom they suspect of having been exposed to any infectious or contagious disease.

Coaching Supplies

Coaching supplies will be distributed by the athletic director. Such items include tape, prewrap, heel pads, band aids, ankle braces, game balls, etc. Coaches should request additional supplies from the athletic director only when they have run out of supplies.

Coaches must fill out and submit inventory forms to the athletic director immediately after the season is complete.

Collection of Student Money

Staff members must comply with the school district's student fee policy before collecting any funds from students.

Money collected from students should be turned into the office on the day it is collected for deposit in the proper activity or school district fund. Any checks written by students or parents for various payments should be made out to Superior Public Schools, unless otherwise instructed. When students purchase items such as coats, rings, etc.through the school district, they must pay for these and other major items before the order is sent. The sponsor of any school organization is not to give merchandise to students; items will be distributed by the office after proper payment.

Community Involvement

Certified staff are encouraged to take part in civic affairs in the community and must do so when required by state law and board policy.

Display of Classroom Work in the School and the Community

Classroom teachers are encouraged to display student work for public viewing. Students and parents enjoy viewing the display and may be even more supportive of their school because the display shows them many of the things the students do. Classroom teachers may use the window area of the central office or the commons area to display student work or they may use during a night activity. Certified staff must contact the principal before displaying student work at an evening activity.

Duties of Certified Staff

The duties of certified staff include, but are not limited to, the following:

a) Becoming acquainted with board policies, district rules and regulations, and the state laws concerning teachers and pupils.
b) Attending such education conferences as are required by law or administrative directives.
c) Attending school assemblies unless excused by the principal.
d) Instructing pupils in the proper use of equipment and instructional supplies.
e) Reporting in writing to the principal any injury to any child while under the jurisdiction of the school, including athletic injuries.
f) Complying with the Teachers Professional Code of Ethics which has been promulgated by the Nebraska Department of Education (92 Neb. Admin. Code § 27) and adopted by the Board of Education of the district.
g) Discussing a student only with the child's parents and the superintendent, principal, guidance counselor or classroom teachers who may know the circumstances and have a need to know. It is unprofessional and inappropriate to discuss students or other staff members in the staff lounge.
h) Being responsible for students whom they keep in school at times other than during regular school time. Certified staff will be responsible for any special work done by their students, including field trips, joint assemblies, school programs, etc.
i) Refraining from joining book clubs or film clubs using the school name.
j) Turning in all monies collected to the main office by the end of the school day.
k) Clearing all class meetings or trips through the principal's office.
l) Participating in Student Assistance Teams pursuant to board policy.
m) Assisting with the administration of standardized testing as assigned by the administration.
n) Provide homebound instruction as assigned by the administration.
o) Performing additional duties as assigned by the administration.

Eligibility Grades 6-12

To be eligible to participate in the school's activity programs, each student must (1) meet Nebraska State Activities Association (NSAA) requirements concerning scholastic eligibility, (2) be registered for 20 credit hours per semester and be in regular attendance, and (3) have not less than a 70% grade in two or more classes for a period of one week to remain eligible to participate in any portion of the activities program. The period of ineligibility will be from the following Monday to Sunday of the school week when a student has attained ineligible status. Participants must attend practices and participate in all conditioning during any period of ineligibility.

The school district will notify a participant and his or her parents whenever the participant is declared academically ineligible.

Students may not participate in any activity, performance, or practice while serving a short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion from school.

Activities affected by the eligibility rule are:

1. All interscholastic contests, including but not limited to, athletics, FFA, FBLA, speech contests, and similar organizations or events.
2. Drill Team.
3. Music competition, performances (except Winter and Spring concerts), and clinics.
4. All school dances.
5. Other activities deemed appropriate by the principal.

Extracurricular Activities

Staff must schedule all events and other extracurricular activities at the activity director's office to avoid conflicts. Activities must be put on the school calendar located in the activity director's office at least one week before the activity. Staff should avoid or shorten practices and activities on Wednesday evenings and Sundays, in order to give students sufficient time away from school for family-related activities.

Certain activities require time to be scheduled outside regular school hours. Any school sponsored activity involving students must have approval of the principal prior to the activity, including all fund raising activities.

Regular classroom work in all grades will have precedence over any other activity. Students will not be dismissed from classes to participate in extracurricular activities without permission from the principal. Make up slips must be completely signed and returned to the sponsor of the activity prior to dismissal from class. All evening activities, except practices, must have no less than two school sponsors. Non school sponsors must be approved by the administration. If vehicles are used for transportation, the drivers must be adults who have been approved by the school.

The activities director has the responsibility for all activities. Therefore, any ruling or handbook decision he/she makes will be school regulation in lieu of further board action.

No student may participate in a field trip off school property without written permission of his or her parent or guardian.

Evacuations

Early in the semester, classroom teachers should review instructions for leaving the classroom with all of their students. Classroom teachers should also periodically review with each class what to do in case of fire, tornado or other emergency.

1. Fire Drills

Fire drills will be held on a regular basis. Certified staff may or may not be notified in advance. These drills are important exercises that help ensure the safety of students in case of an emergency.

When the fire alarm is sounded, all students and staff immediately must cease the activity in which they are engaged and leave the building at once, following these regulations:

a) Students nearest the windows will close them before leaving.
b) The classroom teacher will be the last to leave the room. He or she will turn out all lights and close the door as he or she leaves.
c) Classroom teachers will take their fire drill packets and class grade books with them when they leave their classrooms.
d) The first two students reaching the exit doors will hold the doors wide open until everyone has filed out.
e) Staff and students will move far enough away from the building to avoid possible injury from fire and falling embers, and also, to remain clear of emergency vehicle traffic.
f) Once outside, each teacher must account for every student in the class. Classroom teachers will take roll for their class and;
    1) hold up a Green Card (all students accounted for)
    2) hold up a Red Card (missing student (s) listed)
    3) hold up a White Card (extra students listed)

The signal to return to the school building will be the short bell. It will be sounded upon completion of the drill. Students will return in an orderly manner.

2. Tornado Drills

When a tornado warning has been issued, the school will evacuate classrooms and move students to the designated tornado shelters. Tornado alerts will be given via the intercom system. When a tornado alert is given, all students and staff immediately must cease the activity in which they are engaged immediately and seek shelter, following these regulations:

a) All students and staff should proceed to the designated tornado shelter.
b) Once in the designated shelter, each teacher must account for every student in the class.
c) Classroom teachers should be sure that each student is sitting with his or her back to the wall, their knees up and their heads should be between their legs.

3. **Protocol for all Evacuations**

Upon evacuation signals, all students and staff must exit each building. Classroom teachers should do the following:

1) Take the class roster;
2) Lock the classroom door after all occupants have exited the room;
3) Keep the class together and move promptly in an orderly fashion; and
4) Upon arriving at the evacuation point, take roll, maintain order, and supervise students.

Evaluations

The appropriate district administrator will evaluate tenured and probationary teachers as required by law and district policy. Additional evaluations, both formal and informal, may be conducted as the district administration deems appropriate.

Examinations

Semester examinations will be given unless deemed appropriate not to give one after consultation with the principal. Tests and final exams will not be given ahead of time. Students are not to type tests or grade any major tests.

Faculty Meetings

The superintendent and principals will call meetings as needed. Certified staff are required to be present at all faculty meetings unless excused by the administration.

Field Trip Request

Certified staff who wish to take students off school property must request from their building principal at least ten calendar days prior to the date of the requested activity.

Grading Policy

A student is to be graded on academic performance. **A student's grade is not to be reduced for discipline.** Prejudice or favoritism has no place in grading a student. All grading should be explained in simple, understandable terms to the student.

Report cards - Classroom teachers should provide students and parents with frequent updates regarding the student's progress during the quarter. Following the end of each nine weeks grading period report cards will be given to students. **Students must have all fines and bills paid before receiving their report cards or having their online account reactivated.** The report cards are to be taken home.

Pupils entering school for the first time after the school year has started must be in school at least 4 1/2 weeks prior to the date report cards are issued to be entitled to receive a report card.

Elementary Grading Scales
Grading in the Superior Elementary Schools will follow the guidelines below. Quarter and Semester grades will be given. The Homeroom teacher and the Resource teacher will work cooperatively to give special needs students grades that are appropriate for that student's ability and effort. Parents may be contacted concerning their student's performance.

Will follow Instructional & Assessment Practices at Superior Public Schools.

~~Kindergarten: Each quarter the report card is marked with a performance indicator. Skills are measured by the following marks: M-Mastered (independent), P-Progressing (Needs some assistance), B-Beginning (Needs work), N-Needs Improvement, NA-This skill has not been taught~~

~~Grades 1-2: The letter grades listed below will be used in all subject areas for grades 1-2~~

~~H~~	~~High Quality~~	~~97%-100%~~
~~S+~~	~~Above Average~~	~~90%-96%~~
~~S~~	~~Satisfactory~~	~~80%-89%~~
~~S-~~	~~Below Average~~	~~70%-79%~~
~~N~~	~~Needs Improvement~~	~~0%-69%~~

~~Grades 3-5: Percentage grades will be used in core curricular and related subject areas. Letter grades (H, S+, S, S-, N) will be given in Art, Handwriting, Band, Music, and Physical Education.~~

~~A+~~	~~98% - 100%~~	~~C+~~	~~82% - 84%~~	~~F~~	~~0%-69%~~
~~A~~	~~93% - 97%~~	~~C~~	~~77% - 81%~~		
~~B+~~	~~90% - 92%~~	~~D+~~	~~74% - 76%~~		
~~B~~	~~85% - 89%~~	~~D~~	~~70% - 73%~~		

Secondary Level:
Class Rank and Grade Point Average are computed twice yearly in grades 9-12 at the conclusion of each semester. Student class rank shall be determined by using a numeric grade point average derived from all classes graded on a numeric basis. To be included in the class ranking, a student must have received a numeric grade for each curriculum class in which he/she was enrolled. For the purposes of this policy, all classes are used for class rank except for Drivers Education and Teacher Aide.

Students who transfer into the school district will be eligible to be included in class ranking after two semesters of attendance.

Students who transfer into the school district in the middle of their senior

year will be eligible to be included in class ranking, although a mid-year transfer will not displace the ranking of a student who has not transferred mid-year. In those circumstances there will be two students holding the relevant class ranking. Mid-year transfer students will not be eligible to receive senior awards such as valedictorian and salutatorian unless the student has been enrolled in the district's high school for at least two semesters.

Grading Scale

A+	98-100%	C	77-81%
A	93-97%	D+	74-76%
B+	90-92%	D	70-73%
B	85-89%	F	0-69%
C+	82-84%	I	Incomplete

A student with a low grade 65% through 69% may receive a conditional passing grade for the first semester of a two semester course if the teacher thinks it advisable. However, at the end of the second semester the student's grades must average out to a 70 percent. The pupil's record must clearly be marked to indicate a conditional passing grade; otherwise, any grade below 70 percent is failing. There will be no conditional passing grades given at the end of the second semester.

Guest Lecturers

Guest lecturers must be approved by the administration before they are asked to address a class. The guest lecturer must have a specific, relatable objective in his/her lecture.

Hall Duty

Every classroom teacher is on hall duty before school in the morning and between classes. Classroom teachers are responsible especially for the part of the hall adjacent to their classrooms.

Homework Policy

Homework is an important part of student learning. When parents, teachers, and students work together, out-of-class assignments are a valuable part of the instructional program. Homework should provide opportunities for students to practice acquired skills, develop initiative, form independent study habits, and use community resources.

Instructional Materials

Instructional materials are made available through the Education Service Unit. A listing of items and check out instructions can be found at https://esu9.org/media-and-technology/media-and-equipment-library/.
Films should be used as instructional materials. All media must be previewed for suitability by the classroom teacher before being shown to students.

Lesson Plans

Each teacher will prepare and complete a proper lesson plan on Friday for the following week. These plans must be written so that they are clear to any substitute teacher and readily available to any teacher. An up-to-date seating chart of the class or classes shall be part of the lesson plan book. Other regulations relative to lesson plans will be made by individual building principals. The lesson plans of all classroom teachers are subject to review of the building principal or other members of the school district's administration at any time.

Lesson plans must **identify major instructional objectives and show page assignments and general direction that might be followed by anyone who might be called upon to teach the classes.**

Lesson plans for the upcoming week must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday of each week or the last day of the week if it ends earlier.

Media Center

The media center is set up to serve the needs of certified staff and students. Certified staff who need assistance with textbooks, literature sets, magazines and other reference materials should consult with the media specialist assigned to their building.

Students may use the media center before school or during class time with their teacher's permission. Classroom teachers may send individual students to use the media center during class time, but should contact the media staff before sending a group of students during class. The media staff may send disruptive students back to class or study hall, or may exclude unruly students from the media center for a specified period of time. Classroom teachers who send their entire class to the media center must accompany and supervise the students, unless prior arrangements have been made with the media specialist.

Paraeducators

Paraeducators provide valuable assistance in the educational process and allow teachers to carry out their responsibilities in a more efficient and effective manner. A paraeducator must not, however, assume teaching responsibilities. The classroom teacher must maintain the role of leadership and responsibility for the students, with the teacher aide in a supportive role. Paraeducators may be used to assist the classroom teacher by, among other tasks, assisting with instructional activities under the direction of the teacher, helping to supervise students, copying tests and other written material, organizing class materials, preparing bulletin boards, grading tests or class work, and calculating and recording grades. Paraeducators are to work only on and within their assigned work days. If the classroom teacher desires the paraeducator to work hours other than the assigned work hours

or assigned work day, he or she must contact the administration for approval.

Parent-Teacher Communication

Students' academic success has been closely linked to parental involvement in school. Certified staff should strive to develop open and supportive relationships with parents and guardians. Each classroom teacher is responsible for keeping a student's parents informed about the student's progress. This may be done by letter, telephone, email, or personal conference. Certified staff must attend parent teacher conferences, promptly return phone calls, participate in teacher events for students and parents, and where necessary utilize a planner as a communication tool. Certified staff who need additional support in communicating with parents should contact their building principal or guidance counselor.

Parties

1. No activities or picnics shall be held by an organization of the school without the presence of the sponsor or sponsors.
2. The number of activities and the closing hour for activities will be determined by the building principal and organization sponsor.
3. In making arrangements for activities and picnics, staff must avoid disturbing the routine of the school.
4. Cleaning up after the activity is the responsibility of the sponsor.

Planning Time

Each classroom teacher is provided with duty-free time for planning, preparation of school-related materials, and a brief respite from the duties of the day.

The Board defines planning time as time for educational planning and other task-related functions that cannot normally be accomplished during instructional periods. Planning time should not be confused with personal time. **Planning time is not to be used for running personal errands, conducting personal business, or pursuing non-school hobbies and/or interests.**

Private Tutoring

Classroom teachers must provide individual assistance to students as a part of their duties. Any certified staff member who engages in private tutoring for pay (compensation of any kind from a source other than the District) is subject to the following rules:

- Certified staff may not arrange to provide private tutoring for any child enrolled in the staff member's class.
- Certified staff are not to provide private tutoring in a school building.
- Certified staff are not to provide private tutoring during duty time.
- Certified staff are prohibited from advertising or promoting the private tutoring services in the school or in the school's communications systems except with the express permission of the Superintendent or designee.

Pupils' Records

1. Each classroom teacher must keep a set of records in the daily class record book of the class recitations, tests, exams, daily work, notebook, etc. This serves as a justification of the final grade in case of dispute between teacher and pupil, or teacher and parent, and assists in making out the final grades. This book must be turned into the principal at the end of each school year.
2. Report cards will be issued within one week following the end of the quarter unless otherwise announced.
    a) Reports should be conscientiously and accurately made because they are a serious estimate of the degree of success of the pupil.
    b) Each classroom teacher should be adequately prepared to defend all decisions given on the report card.
    c) Each classroom teacher is responsible for distribution of class cards on time.
    d) Classroom teachers must confer with the principal before recording any incomplete, failing, or conditional grades on report cards.

Rights of Certified and Probationary Teachers

Certified and probationary teachers are entitled to the legal and procedural rights outlined in the board policies and state and federal law with regard to the amendment, cancellation, or termination of the teacher's employment contract. For specific questions relating to those procedural or legal rights, please refer to the district's board policies.

School Day

All certified staff must be at school or on duty between the hours of 7:50 a.m. and 3:50 p.m., Monday through Thursday. On Fridays and days preceding certain holidays or vacation periods, certified staff are permitted to leave after the students are dismissed. Under special circumstances, certified staff may seek permission from their building principal to vary these duty hours. In addition, certified staff may be assigned responsibilities at other hours by the principal or superintendent for supervising or directing school activities or affairs or for participation in affairs under the direct sponsorship of the school.

Each teacher will be in his or her classroom and ready to teach at 7:50 a.m. each day. Classroom teachers will stand at their doors when class is dismissed and must be outside their classroom doors before each class period. Classroom teachers must be physically present in their classrooms at all times during class periods and conference periods.

Personal work may not be done on school time.

Sponsors

Certified staff members are assigned by the superintendent as class and club sponsors. Sponsors must be present at all meetings and activities of the

sponsored group. The procedure for activity accounts and meetings can be found in the student manual. Purchasing of supplies must be approved by the Superintendent.

Student Activities

Staff members who sponsor extracurricular activities such as athletics, class plays, and class activities may leave the school building only after making sure that all students and other individuals have left the building. No student is to be left unattended in the school building at any time.

School-owned clothing or equipment that is checked out to students remains the property of the school. The clothing or equipment is not to be used or worn by the student except for its intended use. Each piece of equipment or clothing is to be returned to the instructor or coach when the season or the use for such clothing or equipment is over. Certified staff will be held responsible for clothing and equipment that is not returned.

Student Aides

Student aides are to be directly supervised by the certified staff member and are not to leave the building or be in the halls or anywhere they are not being supervised. Student aides are not to be used to assist the certified staff member by helping supervise another student, grade tests or class work, calculate student grades, or record grades. Keys are NEVER to be given to students, whether they are student aides or not. A student aide should not be present and assisting a certified staff member without another adult present after the end of regular teacher duty hours.

Student Attendance

Students are expected to arrive at each class, be seated and ready for instruction prior to the beginning of the class day or class period, as appropriate. Student tardiness is the classroom teacher's professional responsibility. Classroom teachers must insist that students be on time.

Each teacher must maintain an accurate record of student attendance each day. Classroom teachers must carefully check and record attendance information at the beginning of each school day and, in upper grades, at the beginning of each period. Students and student assistants are not permitted to check attendance. Excessive absenteeism should be reported to the building principal or guidance counselor.

Students returning from an absence must report to the office prior to going to class. A returning absentee must show each classroom teacher the admittance pass that was issued by the school office. No student should be accepted back into class after an absence without this pass.

A student who departs school during the school day must report to the office and sign out before leaving the building. A student who returns during the school day must sign in at the building office before returning to class.

Student Attire

The responsibility for proper daily grooming and dress is primarily the responsibility of students and parents/guardians. However, certified staff members must insist that students do not remain in school while wearing attire that violates the dress code set forth in the Student Handbook.

Classroom teachers must report students who are not in compliance with the dress code to the building principal. The final decision on what is considered proper grooming and appearance is the responsibility of the building principal.

Student Illness

In the event of student illness or injury, classroom teachers should notify the building principal or superintendent immediately. Staff should never send a pupil home without notifying school officials and checking to see if his/her parents are home.

Student Medication

Student medications should not be dispensed by staff members unless they follow the following procedures.

No staff members other than the school nurse or medication trained personnel may dispense medications (prescription or over-the-counter) to students at any time. Students may, with written parental or guardian permission, self-administer medications such as aspirin and cough syrup or cough drops.

Staff members are not authorized to dispense prescription medicine without an agreement with a parent or guardian to provide a prescription container for the medicine that includes a pharmaceutical label, the physician's name, a child guard cap and directions for administering the medication.

After receiving the medication, the school employee should lock the medication in a cabinet or place it in an area where access is restricted to school employees only.

Student Searches

Certified staff members may not search students or their belongings. If a staff member suspects that a student is in possession of contraband, he/she should immediately contact a member of the administration and supervise the student until the administrator arrives. Students who are suspected of having an item in violation of school rules may be directed to wait with a staff member.

Substitute Teaching During Planning Period

Certified staff may be required to substitute during their planning period. Coverage time compensation will be paid per the negotiated agreement.

Teaching Controversial Issues

Teachers may teach or lead discussions about controversial issues if they comply with the following criteria:

- The issues discussed must be relevant to the curriculum and be part of a planned educational program.
- Students must have free access to appropriate materials and information for analysis and evaluation of the issues.
- The teacher must encourage students to consider and discuss a variety of viewpoints.
- The topic and materials used must be within the range, knowledge, maturity, and competence of the students.
- The teacher must inform parents and the building principal before discussing sensitive or controversial issues.
- The teacher must keep detailed, documentary evidence to prove that both sides and/or all facts available were presented.
- Teachers must refrain from advocating partisan causes, sectarian religious views, or selfish propaganda through any classroom or a school device; however, a teacher shall not be prohibited from expressing a personal opinion as long as the student is encouraged to reach his/her own decision independently.

Textbooks

Classroom teachers will issue textbooks to the pupils, keeping a record of the number and condition of the book assigned to each pupil. If the books are new, classroom teachers must make sure the books are stamped and numbered before distribution.

Textbooks are to be stored in the classroom or storeroom. Textbooks are to be checked out to the students with teachers keeping an accurate record of each book by number in the place provided in grade books. Pupils are to pay for lost or damaged books. Student textbooks must be covered with a book cover.

Workbooks do not become the property of the students and in most cases should be retained by the school.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING CLASSIFIED STAFF

At-Will Employment

Classified staff members are employed "at-will." Either you or the school district may terminate your employment at any time, for any reason, with or without cause or notice. This handbook is not a contract, express or implied, guaranteeing employment for any specific duration.

Bereavement Leave

Classified employees will be granted up to five days off from work with pay in the event of the death of your spouse, child, or parent; up to three days in the event of the death of your grandparents, grandparents-in-law, sister, brother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, or grandchildren. All requests for bereavement leave should be submitted to your immediate supervisor.

Holidays

Employees will receive paid time off on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day if they fall during the employees scheduled work week.

Holidays falling on a Saturday are normally observed on the preceding Friday. Holidays falling on a Sunday are normally observed on the following Monday.

Hours

Work hours vary with the classified staff member's department and position. Meetings will occasionally be scheduled before or after normal working hours.

It is vital that the district's employees arrive at work punctually and consistently. Staff members who are chronically late or excessively absent will be disciplined, up to and including discharge.

Overtime and Compensatory Time

All classified staff members must keep an accurate record of all hours worked for the district. The only exceptions are those who have been notified in writing that they are exempt from this time-keeping requirement. Classified staff should not work more than forty hours in a given week without the express permission of their immediate supervisor. Those who accrue more than forty hours in a given workweek will receive overtime or compensatory time, pursuant to board policy.

Reporting When School is Closed

When school is closed due to inclement weather, classified staff should report to work based on their positions:

a) **Secretaries/Clerical staff** should not report to work unless specifically directed to do so by their supervisor or the superintendent.

b) **Paraprofessionals** should not report to work unless teaching staff are asked to report.

c) **Food Service staff** should not report to work.

d) **Bus Drivers** should not report to work**.**

e) **Custodians/Maintenance staff** should report to work.

Sick Leave

Classified employees will receive 8 days of sick leave annually cumulative to a 45 day cap. A staff member who is too ill to come to work, or who has a qualifying family member who is too ill to be left alone, must notify his or her immediate supervisor at least three hours prior to the time he/she regularly reports to work. Classified employees shall not be paid for accrued unused sick days in the event of termination of employment.

Vacation

Eligible classified employees will receive paid vacation each school year. Employees should consult with their immediate supervisor for vacation information.

New employees will not be entitled to any vacation leave for the first three months of employment. After the completion of the last day of the third month of employment, new employees will be awarded one-half of the total vacation days provided for their job assignment. After the completion of the last day of the sixth month of employment, new employees will receive the remaining days of vacation provided for their job assignment.

Nine month employees may accrue up to five days of vacation; Eleven/twelve month employees may accrue up to ten days of vacation. Once vacation days are accrued, they may be carried forward from year to year. If an employee carries forward accrued vacation days, he/she shall receive additional vacation days for the next contract year to bring the total of accrued vacation days to the maximum number of days allowed for his/her particular job assignment. In no event shall the employee receive any additional days beyond the maximum accrual cap listed above. Classified employees shall be paid for any unused vacation days in the event of termination of employment.

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Grade 4

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Ag Education

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Sarah Kirchhoff (JH Girls Basketball)
Natalie Meyers (JH Volleyball)
Andrew Miller (Asst HS Track)
Trent Siebecker (Head Boys Basketball)
Ron Thayer (Asst Girls Golf, Asst Boys Golf)
Spencer Trapp (JH Boys Basketball)
Kirk Utecht (Girls Golf, Asst Girls Basketball)

Staff Internet and Computer Use

Internet access is an important tool for communicating, keeping up-to-date with current developments in education, and for conducting research to enhance management, teaching and learning skills. The following procedures and guidelines are intended to ensure appropriate use of the Internet at the school by the district's faculty and staff. Staff should also refer to the district's policy on Staff and District Social Media Use.

I. Staff Expectations in Use of the Internet

A. Acceptable Use While on Duty or on School Property

1. Staff shall be restricted to use the Internet to conduct research for instructional purposes.

2. Staff may use the Internet for school-related e-mail communication with fellow educators, students, parents, and patrons.

3. Staff may use the Internet in any other way which serves a legitimate educational purpose and that is consistent with district policy and good professional judgment.

4. Teachers should integrate the use of electronic resources into the classroom. As the quality and integrity of content on the Internet is not guaranteed, teachers must examine the source of the information and provide guidance to students on evaluating the quality of information they may encounter on the Internet.

B. Unacceptable Use While on Duty or on School Property

1. Staff shall not access obscene or pornographic material.

2. Staff shall not engage in any illegal activities on school computers, including the downloading and reproduction of copyrighted materials.

3. Staff shall not use school computers or district internet access to use peer-to-peer sharing systems such as BitTorrent, or participate in any activity which interferes with the staff member's ability to perform their assigned duties.

4. The only political advocacy allowed by staff on school computers or district internet access is that which is permitted by the Political Accountability and Disclosure Act and complies with district policy.

5. Staff shall not share their passwords with anyone, including students, volunteers or fellow employees.

II. School Affiliated Websites

Staff must obtain the permission of the administration prior to creating or publishing any school-affiliated web page which represents itself to be school-related, or which could be reasonably understood to be school-related. This includes any website which identifies the school district by name or which uses the school's mascot name or image.

Staff must provide administrators with the username and password for all school-affiliated web pages and must only publish content appropriate for the school setting. Staff must also comply with all board policies in their school-affiliated websites and must comply with the board's policy on professional boundaries between staff and students at all times and in all contexts.

Publication of student work or personality-identifiable student information on the Internet may violate the Federal Education Records Privacy Act. Staff must obtain the consent of their building principal or the superintendent prior to posting any student-related information on the Internet.

III. Enforcement

A. Methods of Enforcement

The district owns the computer system and monitors email and Internet communications, Internet usage, and patterns of Internet usage. Staff members have no right of privacy in any electronic communications or files, which are stored or accessed on or using school property and these are subject to search and inspection at any time.

1. The district uses a technology protection measure that blocks access to some sites that are not in accordance with the district's policy. Standard use of the Internet utilizes a proxy server-based filter that screens for non-curriculum related pages.

1. Due to the nature of technology, the filter may sometimes block pages that are appropriate for staff research. The system administrator may override the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access for staff access to a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked.

2. The district will monitor staff use of the Internet by monitoring Internet use history to ensure enforcement of this policy.

B. **Any violation of school policy and rules may result in that staff member facing:**

1. Discharge from employment or such other discipline as the administration and/or the board deem appropriate;

2. The filing of a complaint with the Commissioner of Education alleging unprofessional conduct by a certified staff member;

3. When appropriate, the involvement of law enforcement agencies in investigating and prosecuting wrongdoing.

IV. Off-Duty Personal Use

School employees may use the internet, school computers, and other school technology while not on duty for personal use as long as such use is (1) consistent with other district policies, (2) consistent with the provisions of Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 27 (Nebraska Department of Education "Rule 27"), and (3) is reported as compensation in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and taxes, if any, are paid. All of the provisions of Rule 27 will apply to non-certificated staff for the purposes of this policy. In addition, employees may not use the school's internet, computers, or other technology to access obscene or pornographic material, sext, or engage in any illegal activities.

Title IX Policy and Grievance Procedures

It is the policy of the school district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any of the school district's programs or activities. The district is required by Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to not discriminate in such a manner.

1. Title IX Coordinator

1.1. **Designation.** The district will designate and authorize at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with its responsibilities under this policy, who will be referred to as the "**Title IX Coordinator**." The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, of the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator. Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment). This report may be made by any means, including but not limited to, in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours).

2. **Definitions.** As used in this policy, the following terms are defined as follows:

2.1. **Actual knowledge** means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to any district employee. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge. This standard is not met when the only district employee with actual knowledge is the respondent (as that term is defined below). "Notice" as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator as described in subsection 1.1 above.

2.2. **Complainant** means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.3. **Formal complaint** means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the district investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. The only district official who is authorized to initiate the Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment against a respondent is the Title IX Coordinator (by signing a formal complaint). At the time of filing a formal complaint with the district, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the

district's education program or activity. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic mail, by using the contact information required to be listed for the Title IX Coordinator under subsection 1.1 above, and by any additional method designated by the district. As used in this paragraph, the phrase "document filed by a complainant" means a document or electronic submission (such as by electronic mail or through an online portal provided for this purpose by the district) that contains the complainant's physical or digital signature, or otherwise indicates that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint. Where the Title IX Coordinator signs a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator is not a complainant or otherwise a party under this policy or under 34 C.F.R. part 106, and will comply with the requirements of this policy and 34 C.F.R. part 106, including subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4 and 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(1)(iii).

2.4. **Respondent** means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.5. **Consent** for purposes of this policy means the willingness in fact for conduct to occur. An individual may, as a result of age, incapacity, disability, lack of information, or other circumstances be incapable of providing consent to some or all sexual conduct or activity. Neither verbal nor physical resistance is required to establish that an individual did not consent. District officials will consider the totality of the circumstances in determining whether there was consent for any specific conduct. Consent may be revoked or withdrawn at any time.

2.6. **Sexual harassment** means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

2.6.1. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;

2.6.2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity;

2.6.3. **Sexual assault**, as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), which means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

2.6.3.1. **Sex Offenses, Forcible**—Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

2.6.3.1.1. **Rape**—(Except Statutory Rape) The carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

2.6.3.1.2. **Sodomy**—Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent

mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.3. **Sexual Assault With An Object**—To use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.1.4. **Fondling**—The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.2. **Sex Offenses, Non-forcible**—(Except Prostitution Offenses) Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

2.6.3.2.1. **Incest**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

2.6.3.2.2. **Statutory Rape**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent

2.6.4. **Dating violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a), which means violence committed by a person—

2.6.4.1. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and

2.6.4.2. where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

2.6.4.2.1. The length of the relationship.

2.6.4.2.2. The type of relationship.

2.6.4.2.3. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

2.6.5. **Domestic violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a) which includes felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant funding and, in the case of victim services, includes the use or attempted use of physical abuse or sexual abuse, or a pattern of any other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse that may or may not constitute criminal behavior, by a person who—

2.6.5.1. is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, or person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim;

2.6.5.2. is cohabitating, or has cohabitated, with the victim as a spouse or intimate

partner;

2.6.5.3. shares a child in common with the victim; or

2.6.5.4. commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction.

2.6.6. **Stalking**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a), which means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

2.6.6.1. fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or

2.6.6.2. suffer substantial emotional distress.

2.7. **Supportive measures** means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures. The district will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the district to provide the supportive measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

3. Discrimination Not Involving Sexual Harassment.

3.1. **General Prohibition.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other education program or activity operated by the district.

3.2. **Specific Prohibitions.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, in providing any aid, benefit, or service to a student, the district will not on the basis of sex:

3.2.1. Treat one person differently from another in determining whether such person satisfies any requirement or condition for the provision of such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.2. Provide different aid, benefits, or services or provide aid, benefits, or

services in a different manner;

3.2.3. Deny any person any such aid, benefit, or service;

3.2.4. Subject any person to separate or different rules of behavior, sanctions, or other treatment;

3.2.5. Apply any rule concerning the domicile or residence of a student or applicant;

3.2.6. Aid or perpetuate discrimination against any person by providing significant assistance to any agency, organization, or person which discriminates on the basis of sex in providing any aid, benefit or service to students or employees;

3.2.7. Otherwise limit any person in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity.

3.3. **Complaint Procedure.** All complaints regarding any alleged discrimination on the basis of sex, including without limitation violations of this policy, 34 C.F.R. part 106, Title IX, Title VII, or other state or federal law—when the alleged discrimination does not arise from or relate to an allegation of sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 above—shall be addressed pursuant to the district's general complaint procedure, Board Policy 2006.

4. Response to Sexual Harassment

4.1. **Reporting Sexual Harassment.** Any person who witnesses an act of unlawful sexual harassment is encouraged to report it to the District's Title IX Coordinator. No person will be retaliated against based on any report of suspected sexual harassment or retaliation. Any District employee who receives a report of sexual harassment or has actual knowledge of sexual harassment must convey that information to the Title IX Coordinator as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no case later than the end of the following school day.

4.2. **General Response to Sexual Harassment.** When the district has actual knowledge of sexual harassment in its education program or activity against a person in the United States, the district will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent. The district will be deemed to be deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. For the purposes of this policy "education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the district exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs. The district's response will treat complainants and respondents equitably by offering supportive measures as defined in subsection 2.7 above to a complainant, and by following the grievance process described in section 5 below before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures, against a respondent. The Title IX Coordinator will promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the

complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.

4.3. **Emergency Removal.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from removing a respondent from the district's education program or activity on an emergency basis, provided that the district undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis, and determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment justifies removal. In the event that the district so removes a respondent on an emergency basis, then the district will provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.4. **Administrative Leave.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from placing a non-student employee respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of a grievance process that complies with section 5 below. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.5. **General Response Not Conditioned on Formal Complaint.** With or without a formal complaint, the district will comply with the obligations and procedures described in this section 4.

5. **Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment**.

5.1. **General Requirements**.

5.1.1. **Equitable Treatment.** The district will treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, and by following the grievance process described in this section 5 before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. Remedies will be designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. Remedies may include the same individualized services described in subsection 2.7 as "supportive measures"; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent.

5.1.2. **Objective Evaluation.** This grievance process requires an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence—including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence. Credibility determinations may not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness.

5.1.3. **Absence of Conflicts of Interest or Bias.** The district will require that any individual designated by a recipient as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or any person designated by a recipient to facilitate an informal resolution process, not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants

or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

5.1.4. **Training.** The district will ensure that all individuals or entities described in this Training section 5.1.4 receive training as provided below. Any materials used to train these individuals will not rely on sex stereotypes and will promote impartial investigations and adjudications of formal complaints of sexual harassment.

5.1.4.1. **All District Employees and Board Members**. All district employees and board members will be trained on how to identify and report sexual harassment.

5.1.4.2. **Title IX Coordinators, Investigators, Decision-Makers, or Informal Resolution Facilitators.** The district will ensure that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, or any person designated by the district to facilitate an informal resolution process receive training on:

5.1.4.2.1. The definition of sexual harassment in subsection 2.6;

5.1.4.2.2. The scope of the district's education program or activity;

5.1.4.2.3. How to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and informal resolution processes, as applicable; and

5.1.4.2.4. How to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias.

5.1.4.3. **Decision-Makers.** The district will ensure that decision-makers receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, as set forth in subsection 5.6.

5.1.4.4. **Investigators.** The district will also ensure that investigators receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence, as set forth in subsection 5.5.8.

5.1.5. **Presumption.** It is presumed that the respondent is not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

5.1.6. **Reasonably Prompt Time Frames.** This grievance process shall include reasonably prompt time frames for conclusion of the grievance process, including reasonably prompt time frames for filing and resolving appeals and informal resolution processes if the district offers informal resolution processes. The process shall also allow for the temporary delay of the grievance process or the limited extension of time frames for good cause with written notice to the complainant and the respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities.

5.1.7. **Range of Possible Sanctions and Remedies.** Following a determination of responsibility, the district may impose disciplinary sanctions and remedies in conformance with this and the district's student discipline policy, and other state

and federal laws. Depending upon the circumstances, these policies provide for disciplinary sanctions and remedies up to and including expulsion.

5.1.8. **Range of Supportive Measures**. The range of supportive measures available to complainants and respondents include those listed in subsection 2.7.

5.1.9. **Respect for Privileged Information.** The district will not require, allow, rely upon, or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitute, or seek disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege.

5.2. **Notice of Allegations.**

5.2.1. **Initial Notice.** Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the district will provide the following written notice to the parties who are known:

5.2.1.1. A copy of this policy.

5.2.1.2. Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6, including sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview. Sufficient details include the identities of the parties involved in the incident, if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known. The written notice will include a statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process. The written notice will inform the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, under subsection 5.5.5, and may inspect and review evidence under subsection 5.5.5. The written notice will inform the parties of any provision in the district's code of conduct that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process.

5.2.2. **Supplemental Notice.** If, in the course of an investigation, the district decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the Initial Notice described above, the district will provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known.

5.3. **Dismissal of Formal Complaint.**

5.3.1. The district will investigate the allegations in a formal complaint.

5.3.2. **Mandatory Dismissals.** The district **must** dismiss a format complaint if the conduct alleged in the formal complaint:

5.3.2.1. Would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 even if proved;

5.3.2.2. Did not occur in the district's education program or activity; or

5.3.2.3. Did not occur against a person in the United States.

5.3.3. **Discretionary Dismissals**. The district **may** dismiss the formal complaint or any allegations therein, if at any time during the investigation or hearing:

5.3.3.1. The complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;

5.3.3.2. The respondent is no longer enrolled in or employed by the district; or

5.3.3.3. Specific circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

5.3.4. Upon a dismissal required or permitted pursuant to subsections 5.3.2 or 5.3.3 above, the district will promptly send written notice of the dismissal and an explanation of that action simultaneously to the parties.

5.3.5. Dismissal of a formal complaint under this policy does not preclude the district from taking action under another provision of the district's code of conduct or pursuant to another district policy.

5.4. **Consolidation of Formal Complaints.** The district may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one respondent, or by more than one complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances. Where a grievance process involves more than one complainant or more than one respondent, references in this policy to the singular "party," "complainant," or "respondent" include the plural, as applicable.

5.5. **Investigation of Formal Complaint.** When investigating a formal complaint and throughout the grievance process, the district will:

5.5.1. Designate and authorize one or more persons (which need not be district employees) as investigator(s) to conduct the district's investigation of a formal complaint;

5.5.2. Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rest on the district and not on the parties provided that the district cannot access, consider, disclose, or otherwise use a party's records that are made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional's or paraprofessional's capacity, or assisting in that capacity, and which are made and maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless the district obtains that party's voluntary, written consent to do so for a grievance process under this section (if a party is not an "eligible student," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3, then the district will obtain the voluntary, written consent of a "parent," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3);

5.5.3. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence;

5.5.4. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;

5.5.5. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and not limit the choice or presence of advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding; however, the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties;

5.5.6. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all hearings, investigative interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate;

5.5.7. Provide both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint, including the evidence upon which the district does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source, so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to conclusion of the investigation. Prior to completion of the investigative report, the district will send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy, and the parties will have at least 10 calendar days to submit a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report; and

5.5.8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 calendar days prior to the time of determination regarding responsibility, send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response.

5.6. **Determination Regarding Responsibility**

5.6.1. **Decision-Maker(s).** The decision-maker(s) cannot be the same person as the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator(s).

5.6.2. **Exchange of Written Questions.** After the district has sent the investigative report to the parties pursuant to subsection 5.5.8, but before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker(s) will afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. The decision-maker(s) will explain to

the party proposing the questions any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

5.6.3. **Written Determination.** The decision-maker(s) will issue a written determination regarding responsibility. To reach this determination, the decision-maker(s) will apply the preponderance of the evidence standard. The written determination will include:

5.6.3.1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6;

5.6.3.2. A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held;

5.6.3.3. Findings of fact supporting the determination;

5.6.3.4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct to the facts;

5.6.3.5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant; and

5.6.3.6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal.

5.6.4. The district will provide the written determination to the parties simultaneously. The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the district provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.

5.6.5. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies.

5.7. **Appeals**. The district will offer both parties the opportunity to appeal from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, on the grounds identified below.

5.7.1. **Time for Appeal.** Appeals may only be initiated by submitting a written Notice of Appeal to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the respective written determination of responsibility or dismissal from which the appeal is taken. The Notice of Appeal must include (a) the name of the party or parties making the appeal, (b) the determination, dismissal, or portion thereof being appealed, and (c) a concise statement of the specific grounds (from subsection 5.8.2 below) upon which the appeal is based. A party's failure to timely submit a Notice of Appeal will be deemed a waiver of the party's

right to appeal under this policy, 34 C.F.R. part, 106, and Title IX.

5.7.2. **Grounds for Appeal.** Appeals from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, are limited to the following grounds:

5.7.2.1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;

5.7.2.2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and

5.7.2.3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome of the matter.

5.7.3. As to all appeals, the district will:

5.7.3.1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties;

5.7.3.2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is not the same person as the decision-maker(s) that reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator;

5.7.3.3. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal complies with the standards set forth in subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4.

5.7.3.4. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome;

5.7.3.5. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result; and

5.7.3.6. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties.

5.8. **Informal Resolution.** The district will not require as a condition of enrollment or continuing enrollment, or employment or continuing employment, or enjoyment of any other right, waiver of the right to an investigation and adjudication of formal complaints of sexual harassment consistent with this section. Similarly, the district will not require the parties to participate in an informal resolution process under this section and may not offer an informal resolution process unless a formal complaint is filed. However, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility the district may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication, provided that the district:

5.8.1. Provides to the parties a written notice disclosing:

5.8.1.1. The allegations;

5.8.1.2. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the

circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations;

5.8.1.3. That at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint; and

5.8.1.4. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared;

5.8.2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process; and

5.8.3. Does not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

5.9. **Recordkeeping**.

5.9.1. The district will maintain for a period of seven years records of:

5.9.1.1. Each sexual harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, and any remedies provided to the complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity;

5.9.1.2. Any appeal and the result therefrom;

5.9.1.3. Any informal resolution and the result therefrom; and

5.9.1.4. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district will make these training materials publicly available on its website, or if the district does not maintain a website then the district will make these materials available upon request for inspection by members of the public.

5.9.2. For each response required under section 4, the district will create, and maintain for a period of seven years, records of any actions, including any supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment. In each instance, the district will document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. If the district does not provide a complainant with supportive measures, then the district will document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. The documentation of certain bases or measures does not limit the district in the future from providing additional explanations or detailing additional measures taken.

6. **Superintendent Authorized to Contract.** The board authorizes the Superintendent to contract for, designate, and appoint individuals to serve in the roles of the district's investigator(s), decision-maker(s), informal resolution facilitator(s), or appellate decision-maker(s) as contemplated by this policy.

7. **Access to Classes and Schools**.

7.1. **General Standard.** Except as provided in this section or otherwise in 34 C.F.R. part 106, the district will not provide or otherwise carry out any of its education programs or activities separately on the basis of sex, or require or refuse participation therein by any of its students on the basis of sex.

7.1.1. **Contact sports in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit separation of students by sex within physical education classes or activities during participation in wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and other sports the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

7.1.2. **Ability grouping in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit grouping of students in physical education classes and activities by ability as assessed by objective standards of individual performance developed and applied without regard to sex.

7.1.3. **Human sexuality classes.** Classes or portions of classes that deal primarily with human sexuality may be conducted in separate sessions for boys and girls.

7.1.4. **Choruses.** The district may make requirements based on vocal range or quality that may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one sex.

7.2. **Classes and Extracurricular Activities.** The district may provide nonvocational single-sex classes or extracurricular activities as permitted by 34 C.F.R. part 106.

8. **Athletics.** It is the policy of the district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic, club, or intramural athletics offered by the district, and that the district will not provide any such athletics separately on such basis.

8.1. **Separate Teams.** Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the district may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.

8.2. **Equal opportunity.** The district will provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both sexes. Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams will not constitute noncompliance with this section.

9. **Certain Different Treatment on the Basis of Sex Permitted.** Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the district from treating persons differently on the basis of sex as permitted by Title IX or 34 C.F.R. part 106. For example, and without limiting the foregoing, the district may provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of sex, but such facilities provided for students of one sex shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other

sex.

10. **Retaliation Prohibited.** Neither the district nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. The district will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any complainant, any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination, any respondent, and any witness, except as may be permitted by the FERPA statute, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, or FERPA regulations, 34 C.F.R. part 99, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of 34 C.F.R. part 106, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder. Complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to shall be addressed pursuant to Board Policy 2006 (Complaint Procedure).

10.1. **Specific Circumstances**.

10.1.1. The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation prohibited by this section.

10.1.2. Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding under this part does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this section, provided, however, that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a materially false statement in bad faith.

11. **Notification of Policy.** The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the existence of this policy. The requirement to not discriminate, as stated in Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, in the district's education program(s) or activities extends to admission and employment, and inquiries about the application of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education, or both.

12. **Publication of Policy.** The district will prominently display on its website, if any, and in each handbook that it makes available to applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the employee or employees designated as the Title IX Coordinator(s).

13. **Application Outside the United States.** The requirements of this policy apply only to sex discrimination occurring against a person in the United States.

14. **Scope of Policy.** Nothing herein shall be construed to be more demanding

or more constraining upon the district than the requirements of Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106. To the extent that the district is in compliance with Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, then all of the district's obligations under this policy shall be deemed to be fulfilled and discharged.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of Superior Public School District's Staff Handbook which includes:

1) the District's drug-free workplace policy statement; staff internet and computer use policy; and

2) my authorization for the District to deduct or withhold from my pay amounts necessary to offset any damages I cause to district property or the value of property or money entrusted to me or owed by me to the unified district during the course of my employment.

I understand that, as a condition of my employment, I am required to read and abide by the provisions of the handbook. Further, if I have any questions about any provision, I should confer with my supervisor or building principal.

_____ _____

Signature Date

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Instructional & Assessment Practices at Superior Schools

The mission of the Superior Public Schools is to provide a student-centered environment that ensures personal success by developing resilient, healthy, productive citizens through partnerships with families and the community.

TEACHING & LEARNING PRACTICES

A district-approved local curriculum will be used for each course taught at Superior Schools. The curriculum will consist of outcomes and components which are aligned to Nebraska state standards.

District-approved resources will be the primary resource used to teach the district's curriculum.

Research-based instructional practices will be used in all classrooms. Utilization of district-supported instructional strategies to support student growth and proficiency in the curriculum will be a priority.

Teachers will provide a specific learning target for the daily lesson.

Opportunities for intervention and enrichment will be provided to students based on data.

Teachers will check often for understanding. Feedback on student work will be given in a meaningful and timely manner.

"Learning is the constant; time is the variable."

HOMEWORK

Homework is an opportunity for students to practice learned skills and demonstrate their level of understanding. It is used by the teachers to guide instruction and provide feedback to the students about their learning. Teachers are looking for quality, not quantity.

Elementary Teachers will provide meaningful homework that reinforces previously taught concepts and encourages family engagement which averages 10 min/grade level (not to exceed 30 minutes).

Secondary teachers will provide adequate class time to complete assignments. Assignments not completed in class will need to be completed at home. Homework may also be assigned as needed.

Homework performance is not an accurate portrayal of final proficiency or mastery. It's the path to learning. We grade students against standards, not the routes by which they achieve them.

Homework given for the purpose of addional practice will not be included in the student's academic score. Homework is a risk-free chance to experiment and practice with newly acquired skills without penalty.

ASSESSMENT

Teachers will use a variety of methods to measure individual progress and help students track student learning during a unit of instruction. Formative and summative assessments will be used to grade proficiency.

Quizzes or other checks for understanding (formative assessments) may be recorded as evidence of student learning.

REASSESSMENT

Students not demonstrating proficieny will receive additional instruction and practice to improve their learning. Reassessment opportunities will be provided to those students not demonstrating proficiency.

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WHY IS THE DISTRICT STARTING TO USE STANDARDS-REFERENCED GRADING?

Standards-referenced grading provides better communication to students, parents, teachers, and administration on what each student knows and is able to do according to the identified outcomes.

The goal of Superior Public Schools is to improve student learning by reporting grades that are consistent, accurate, meaningful, supportive of learning, and the shift to standards-referenced grading is an effort to reach that goal.

Consistent: For each unit, a teacher will provide a proficiency scale that describes exactly what the student needs to know and do. Proficiency scales establish clear expectations for learning at the beginning of a unit and are referenced consistently throughout the unit and semester.

Accurate: By basing a student's grade solely on academic factors, the teacher creates a clear picture of what the student has learned without the influence of other factors. These factors, such as effort and attitude, are still essential, but are not part of the student's academic grade and are communicated separately.

Meaningful: A meaningful grade is one that clearly communicates what learning has taken place. In a standards-referenced classroom, scores are recorded by the unit outcome rather than by type, such as tests or homework.

Supportive of Learning: This approach supports learning by focusing on the outcome and components that have or have not been learned rather than on accumulating points to reach a certain total. The reassessment policy also supports student learning by allowing new levels of learning to replace old when a student shows improvement on an outcome.

PROFICIENCY SCALES

Proficiency scales are the heart of a standards-referenced grading system because they guide instruction and learning.

Proficiency scales display a progression of learning aligned to grade level outcomes and components. At Superior Public Schools, the following levels are used:

4 - Exceeds Expectations (above benchmark)
3.5
3 - Meets Expectations (benchmark)
2.5
2 - Approaching Expectations
1.5
1 - Does Not Meet Expectations



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GRADING PHILOSOPHY AT SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- All students are consistently held to high academic expectations, which include development of work ethic and social skills.
- Grading practices are fair and manageable, and support effective teaching and learning.
- Grading practices yield grades that are understandable and meaningful, and accurately reflect student learning.
- Teachers exercise professional judgment in their grading practices, using a preponderance of evidence.
- Procedures for grading are supported, monitored, and supervised by the school district.

GRADING PRACTICES

Grading Practice #1:
Only include scores that relate to the achievement of the component.

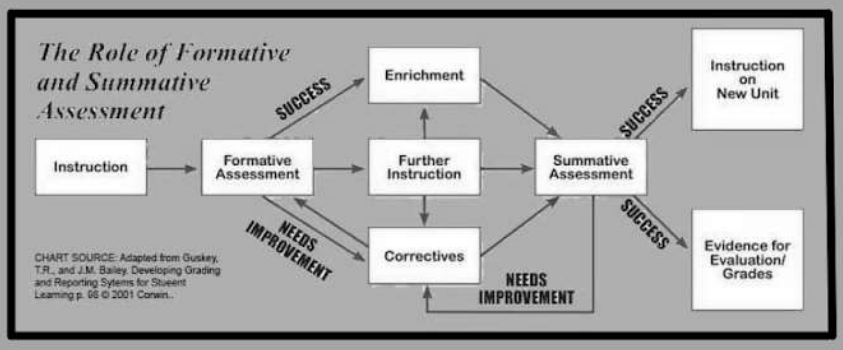
- Score based on individual achievement, not group score.
- Non-academic factors, which may include cheating, late or missing work, insufficient effort, lack of participation, and negative attitude, are reported separately and do not penalize proof of meeting the component.
- An "I" for insufficient evidence will be given if there is not enough proof which may include missing work, refusal to complete assessments. and will be replaced with a grade once sufficient evidence is provided.

Grading Practice #2:
Use a variety of assessment methods to collect evidence of learning and proficiency.

- Evidence should include multiple, varying, validated assessments, which may include paper/pencil, verbal, labs, performance, and electronic measures.

Grading Practice #3:
Use grading and assessment procedures that support learning.

- Formative assessments will occur frequently to provide feedback towards mastery and guide instruction. Not all assessments need to be reported for achievements of components.
- A summative assessment will be given, but will not be the only evidence for a component.



The goal of frequent assessment is to modify learning. Formative assessments are scored and can be recorded but are mainly used to track student learning so that appropriate instruction can be planned. Including students in classroom assessment practices and scoring ensure that the expectations are clear to all, promotes student learning and encourages self assessment and mastery of the standards. Where learning is developmental and will grow with time, repeated practice and assessment provides evidence of progress.

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RECORDING AND REPORTING GRADES

Elementary teachers will record grades in Otus. Formative and summative assessment measures will provide the teacher with pieces of evidence of the student's learning. At the end of an instructional unit a grade will be given, using the district's proficiency scale, for each outcome that was taught. This outcome grade will be reported to parents on the quarterly report card. Parents will also have access to the component grades through their parent account in Otus. Because moving from a traditional percentage report card to a standards-referenced report card is a process, the above grading practices will be fully in place for Math during the 2022-2023 school year. As other subject areas continue through the process of developing proficiency scales and common assessments, they too will be reported as standards-referenced grade. Until then, those subject area grades will continue to be reported in the same manner as previous years.

Secondary teachers will record grades in JMC as a traditional percentage report card. When all secondary courses complete the process of developing proficiency scales and common assessments, they too will transition to standards-referenced grading. Teachers may also use Schoology and Google Classroom to complete assignments.

Data collected on non-academic factors will be reported separately from the students' subject grade. This will be reported quarterly as Learning Attributes and include both areas of character development and skills for learning.

LEARNING ATTRIBUTES

Skills for Learning:
Positive attitude towards learning
Follows adult directions
Demonstrates organizational skills
Uses works time appropriately
Stays focused during instruction
Actively participates in classroom discussions
Asks for help when needed
Accepts help when needed

Character Development:
Demonstrates positive attitude towards self
Cooperates with others and solves peer conflicts
Follows school and classroom rules
Respectful to adults
Continues to try when things are challenging
Takes responsibility

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GLOSSARY

Benchmark-expected level of proficiency at grade level

Common Assessment- same assessment that is given and graded by common grade level/subject classrooms at about the same time to collect data

Components- specific concept or skill necessary for students to know or do in order to perform the outcome

Formative Assessment- periodic assessment tool for learning that is used to adjust instruction for individual students or a whole class which may include exit tickets, quizzes, interim assessments, etc.

Learning Targets- learning objective for the day's lesson

Otus- online service that collects and monitors student data K-5

Proficiency scale- a progression of learning aligned to outcomes and components and associated with levels of performance. The proficiency scale provides specific information on what a student must know or do to achieve a particular score. Our district's 4 proficiency levels are:

- **Exceeds expectations**- "I have a deep understanding of the outcome and components and can demonstrate it in multiple ways"
- **Meets expectations**- "I meet the expectations described in the outcome and components and can do them independently"
- **Approaches expectations**- "I'm getting close to meeting expectations and can do simpler parts independently"
- **Does Not Meet expectations**-"I still need help and support from my teacher to do the simpler parts"

Reassessment- opportunity to assess again over a learning outcome

Standards/Outcomes- statement that describes what and/or how well students are expected to understand and perform

Summative/Outcome Assessment- a test, such as a unit test, that measures the student's knowledge or skills on the subject matter that has been taught

Supporting Resources
Sheridan County School District #1- Standards Referenced Grading Handbook for Teachers, 2018.
Excelsior Springs School District 40 Assessment and Grading Handbook, 2011.
Curriculum Leadership Institute "Gray Binder," 2022.
Shimmer, Tom. Grading from the Inside Out. Blomington, IN: Solution Tree Press, 2016.

Superior Schools

Emergency Operations Plan

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of the Superior School Emergency Operations Plan (School EOP) is to identify and respond to incidents by outlining the responsibilities and duties of Superior School and its employees. Developing, maintaining, and exercising the plan empowers employees in an incident to act quickly and knowledgeably. In addition, the plan educates staff, faculty, students, and other key stakeholders on their roles and responsibilities before, during, and after an incident. This plan provides parents and other members of the community with assurances that Superior School has established guidelines and procedures to respond to threats, hazards and incidents in an effective way.

The developed guidelines and procedures for dealing with existing and potential student and school incidents are defined in the plan below. The basic plan and the functional and hazard-specific systems outline an organized systematic method to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents. Faculty and staff have been trained to assess the seriousness of incidents and respond according to these established procedures and guidelines. Superior School regularly schedules in-service training for faculty and staff.

Lastly, developing, maintaining, and exercising the School EOP increases Superior School's legal protection. Schools without established incident management procedures have been found liable for their absence of planning. While no set of policies rules out the potential for legal problems, establishing procedures and guidelines on the best professional practices provides a margin of protection against liability.

B. Scope of the Plan

The Superior School Emergency Operations Plan outlines the expectations of staff/faculty; roles and responsibilities; direction and control systems; internal and external communications plans; training and sustainability plans; authority and references as defined by local, tribal, state, and federal government mandates; common and specialized procedures; and responses/recovery for specific hazards and vulnerabilities.

1. Definitions

Threats: Threats include situations to harm students, personnel, and/or facilities. Threats usually include those things that we can control, such as active killer, bullying, and suicide. Threats may require an interagency response involving law enforcement and/or emergency services depending on the size and scope of the incident.

Hazards: Hazards include situations to harm students, personnel, and/or facilities. Hazards usually include those things that we cannot control, such as tornadoes, floods, and chemical spills. Hazards may require an interagency response involving law enforcement and/or emergency services depending on the size and scope of the incident.

Incidents: An incident is an occurrence that requires a response to protect life or property. An incident is something that we most likely cannot control, such as car accidents, pandemics, and illness. The superintendent/principal/building administrator shall have the authority to determine when an incident has occurred and to implement the procedures within this EOP.

2. School Board Policy Statement

The Superior School Emergency Operations Plan operates within the framework of the Superior School Board policy.

C. Situation Overview/Hazard Analysis Summary

1. School Population

a. General Population

The current enrollment of Superior Schools is approximately 200 PK-5th grade students and 215 6th-12th grade students located in one building on campus. These students are supported by a committed staff and faculty consisting of:

__3___ Superintendent/Principal/Building Administrators
__45__ Teachers
__10__ Paraeducators
__2___ Counselors, Social Workers, and Psychologists
__1___ School Nurses/Health Assistans
__6___ Custodians/Maintenance Personnel
__5___ Office/support staff
__5___ Food Service/Cafeteria staff
__6___ Transportation
_____ Other (specify _____)

A master schedule of classes, locations, grade levels, and staff are included in each go-bag.

b. Special Needs Population

Superior School is committed to the safe evacuation and transport of students and staff with special needs. The special needs population includes students/staff with:

- Students on the Autism Spectrum,
- Limited English proficiency,
- Blindness or visually impaired,
- Cognitive or emotional disabilities,
- Deaf or hard of hearing,
- Mobility/physical disabilities (permanent and temporary), and
- Medically fragile health (including asthma and severe allergies).

The school's current enrollment of students with special needs is approximately 8 who need additional assistance; however, this number will fluctuate. Students and/or staff may require additional assistance if they are temporarily on crutches, wearing casts, wheelchairs, etc. A list of these students and those responsible for their evacuation will be shared with staff and kept in the go bag.

2. Building Information

Superior School is located on a 36.733 acre lot and includes 2 buildings (MS/HS and Elementary), 1 baseball field, 3 football/soccer/track fields,1 bus barn, and 2 staff parking lots. All classes take place in the main building on campus.

Annotated maps of the buildings and grounds are included in **Appendix C**.

__x___ Evacuation routes
__x___ Shelter locations
__x___ Fire alarm pull stations
__x___ Fire hydrants
__x___ Fire extinguishers
__x___ First aid kits
__x___ AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)

__x___ Hazardous materials storage
__x___ Utility shutoffs
___x__Electricity
___x__Gas
___x__Water
___x__HVAC

Staff members on the safety team are required to know these locations as well as how to operate the utility shutoffs.

Located in **Appendix D** are the list of local utility companies and their contacts for additional assistance.
City of Superior 402-879-4711

3. Hazard Analysis Summary

Superior School is exposed to many hazards, all of which have the potential for disrupting the school community, causing casualties, and damaging or destroying public or private property.

In 6/6/2022 Superior Public School Safety Team completed a thorough hazard analysis to identify any circumstances in the school or near the campus that may present unique problems or potential risk to people or property. The interior and exterior portions of all school buildings and school grounds have been assessed for potential hazards that may impact the site, the staff, and the students. Identified hazards have been assessed by risk and likelihood and ranked accordingly.

The most recent risk assessment by Alicap Insurance Company was completed January 2022.

In addition, the table on the following page briefly discusses Superior Public School's high-priority hazards including flood, severe storm, fire, chemical, intruder, civil disturbance, and terrorism.

Table 1. High-Priority Hazards

Intruder/ Active Shooter	While a hostile intruder incident has never occurred in Superior Schools, our school, like any school, is vulnerable to intruders. Students have access to guns due to recreational hunting. Our community has had an active shooter incident recently (Agrex 2021). The frequent occurrences of school shooters in the US has made this a popular idea for students.
Concealed Weapon on Campus	Weapons are part of everyday life in our community. Many students carry knives as part of the agricultural background they come from. In addition, it is likely students have guns in their vehicles for hunting, recreational use or personal protection.
Death of Student/Staff	In the 2021-22 school year Superior lost 2 students as a result of auto accidents. The district also had a staff member die in 2017-18. This impacted the school and community in a significant way.
Suicide	Superior experienced suicide within the student body during the 2017-18 school year.
Behavioral Crisis / Fight or Assault	Superior has started programs for students with significant behavioral issues and serves those students in-house rather than through programs in other districts. As a result, there is a more frequent need for assistance from Law Enforcement in dealing with significant behavior incidents. Behaviors include threats to kill or harm staff or other students as well as physical assaults.
Unknown Person on Campus	In the 2021-22 school year Superior experienced 3 cases of unknown persons on campus. They were both in vehicles on or near campus and were deemed to pose a threat to the safety of students.
Cyber Attack	Schools are targets of attacks via email or open security patches leading to infected machines and also ransomware. During the past few years, some schools in Nebraska have been attacked, leading to financial burdens being placed on those districts.
Auto / Bus Accident	The district runs bus routes in rural areas, van routes for preschool students and many activity routes. Many students commute to school beginning at the age of 14. With road conditions in our area and heavy truck traffic with agricultural activities an accident is possible. A neighboring district in Blue Hill experienced a fatal accident a few years ago.
Bomb Threat	With increased violence and rhetoric surrounding schools and the possibility of school being closed for a bomb threat this is a possible scenario.
Severe Weather	Superior and its surrounding areas are vulnerable to severe local storms. The effects are generally transportation problems and loss of utilities, but can vary with the intensity of the storm, the level of preparation by Superior School, and the equipment and staff available to perform tasks to lessen the effects of severe local storms. Severe weather which occurs frequently in our area include: Severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, ice, blizzards.
Chemical / Hazardous Material	Hazardous chemicals are used for a variety of purposes and are regularly transported through many areas in and around Superior. Currently, ammonia, chlorine, and propane are all used and stored on school grounds.
Gas Line Break	A natural gas distribution station is located within a block of the school. An accident involving this area is possible. Gas and water lines are being updated throughout the city. While this work is being done it is possible for a leak. Until the older infrastructure is replaced it is also possible for a break.
Fire On Campus	Monthly fire drills are conducted to ensure the safety of everyone in the school. The secondary school has older electrical systems and infrastructure that could spark a fire. The

	school has updated fire suppression systems within the school to mitigate any potential incident.
Wildfire	Nuckolls County recently had a number of wildfires that destroyed a homestead, vehicles and other property. During drought conditions it is a possibility of the school campus being threatened.

4. Prevention, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Overview

Prevention includes actions to avoid a threat or intervene to stop a threat from occurring. It also includes activities to reduce the loss of life and property from controllable and noncontrollable disasters. Prevention aims to avoid or lessen the impact of a disaster and provides value to the public by creating safer communities. Superior Public School is committed to taking proactive, prevention measures whenever possible to protect the safety and security of students and staff.

The school visitors and security protocols have been enhanced. All staff have been trained in our safety and security procedures.

Preparedness is achieved and maintained through a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action. Ongoing preparedness efforts require coordination among all those involved in emergency management and incident response activities. Superior Public School fosters preparedness at all levels including students, parents, teachers, staff and community partners. Examples of preparedness actions include maintaining this plan, conducting training, planning and implementing drills and exercises, etc.

Response is the capability necessary to stabilize an emergency once it has happened or is certain to happen in an unpreventable way using both systems, Incident Command System (ICS) and the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Superior Public School will establish a safe and secure environment to allow for the saving of lives and property and will facilitate the transition to recovery.

Recovery is the capability necessary to assist any school building impacted by an incident or emergency in restoring the health and well-being of students and the learning environment over the long-term. Successful recovery addresses the full range of psychological, emotional, and behavioral health needs associated with the disaster's impact and resulting recovery challenges. Individuals and families will be better situated to manage their recovery once their basic needs are met, such as shelter, food, and reunification with family and household pets or service and assistance animals. Successful recovery depends on all recovery stakeholders having a clear understanding of pre- and post- disaster roles and responsibilities.

D. Planning Assumptions and Limitations

1. Planning Assumptions

Stating the planning assumptions allows Superior Public School to deviate from the plan if certain assumptions prove not to be true during operations. The School EOP assumes:

- The school community will continue to be exposed and subject to hazards and incidents described in the Hazard Analysis Summary, as well as lesser hazards and others that may develop in the future.
- A major disaster could occur at any time, and at any place. In many cases, dissemination of warning to the public and implementation of increased readiness measures may be possible; 'however, some emergency situations occur with little or no warning.
- A single site incident (e.g., fire, gas main breakage) could occur at any time without warning and the employees of the school affected cannot, and should not, wait for direction from local response agencies. Action is required immediately to save lives and protect school property.
- Following a major or catastrophic incident, the school may have to rely on its own resources to be self-sustaining for up to 72 hours.

- There may be a number of injuries of varying degrees of seriousness to faculty, staff, and/ or students. Rapid and appropriate response will reduce the number and severity of injuries.
- Outside assistance from local fire, law enforcement, and emergency managers will be available in most serious incidents. Because it takes time to request and dispatch external assistance, it is essential for the school to be prepared to carry out the initial incident response until responders arrive at the incident scene.
- Proper prevention actions, such as creating a positive school environment and conducting fire inspections, will prevent or reduce incident related losses.
- Maintaining the School EOP and providing frequent opportunities for stakeholders (staff, students, parents, first responders, etc.) to exercise the plan can improve the school's readiness to respond to incidents.
- A spirit of volunteerism among school employees, students, and families will result in their providing assistance and support to incident management efforts.

2. Limitations

It is the policy of Superior Public School that no guarantee is implied by this plan of a perfect incident management system. As personnel and resources may be overwhelmed, Superior Public School can only endeavor to make every reasonable effort to manage the situation, with the resources and information available at the time.

https://www.disastermh.nebraska.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DHHS-Disaster-Behavorial-Health-Risk-Messages-June-2019.pdf

II . CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

This plan is based upon the concept that the incident management functions that must be performed by the school generally parallel some of their routine day-to-day functions. To the extent possible, the same personnel and material resources used for day-to-day activities will be employed during incidents. Because personnel and equipment resources are limited, some routine functions that do not contribute directly to the incident may be suspended. The personnel, equipment, and supplies that would typically be required for those routine functions will be redirected to accomplish assigned incident management tasks.

A. National Incident Management System (NIMS)

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is a set of principles that provides a systematic, proactive approach guiding government agencies at all levels, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to work seamlessly to prevent, prepare, respond, and recover, from the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life or property and harm to the environment. This system ensures that those involved in incident response/recovery understand what their roles are and have the tools they need to be effective.

According to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 and the U.S. Department of Education, school districts are among local agencies that must adopt NIMS if they receive Federal grant funds. As part of its NIMS implementation, Superior Public School participates in the local government's NIMS preparedness program and believes it is essential to ensure that response/recovery services are delivered to schools in a timely and effective manner.

Superior Public School recognizes that staff and students will be first responders during an incident. Adopting NIMS enables staff and students to respond more effectively to an incident and enhances cooperation, coordination, and communication among school officials, first responders, and emergency managers.

Superior Public School works with local government agencies to remain NIMS compliant. NIMS compliance for school districts includes completing the following:

- Adopt the use of the Incident Command System (ICS). Adopt the use of the NIMS and the use of SRP. Should a staff member desire more information about these, they can reference the ICS-100 web-based training as well as ICS-700, available free from FEMA.
- Participate in the local government's NIMS preparedness program and incorporate the school plan into the community EOP.
- Train and exercise the plan. All staff and students are expected to participate in training and exercising the plan's procedures and hazard-specific incident plans. The school is charged with ensuring that the training and equipment necessary for an appropriate response/recovery operation are in place.

B. Implementation of the Incident Command System (ICS)

In a major emergency or disaster, Superior Public School may be damaged or need to be evacuated, people may be injured, and/or other incident management activities may need to be initiated. These activities must be organized and coordinated to ensure efficient incident management. **The Incident Command System (ICS) will be used to manage all incidents and major planned events. [Note: The ICS approach can be used in all phases of incident management, including pre-incident, during incident, post-incident activities,]**

The Superintendent/Principal/Incident Commander at Superior Public School will be delegated the authority to direct all incident activities within the school's jurisdiction. The Incident Commander will establish an incident command post (ICP) and provide an assessment of the situation to the principal or other officials, identify incident management resources required, and direct the on-scene incident management activities from the ICP. If no Incident Commander is present at the onset of the incident, the most qualified individual will assume command until relieved by a qualified Incident Commander.

C. Initial Response (Standard Response Protocol) (SRP)

Lockdown: is followed by "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep students quiet and in place. (Threat is close to or in the building)

Secure: is followed by the Directive: "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors" and is the protocol used to safeguard students and staff within the building. Secure is called when there is a threat or hazard outside of the school building. Whether it is due to violence or criminal activity in the immediate neighborhood, or a dangerous animal in the playground. Secure uses the security of the physical facility to act as protection. (Threat is outside)

Evacuate: is always followed by a location, and is used to move students and staff from one location to a different location in or out of the building. Evacuate is called when the building is unsafe for use due to fire, flooding, hazardous material release, structural damage or inoperable utilities. (Threat is inside)

Shelter: is always followed by a type and a method and is the protocol for group and self protection. Shelter is called when there is severe weather, hazardous material release or other potentially dangerous environmental conditions. (Threat is outside)

Hold: means to hold in your classroom or area. Hold is called when the hallways need to be kept cleared due to a medical emergency, K9 search, emotional outburst, or other sensitive issues involving students or staff. (No threat involved)

School personnel are usually first on the scene of an incident in a school setting. Staff and faculty are expected to take charge and manage the incident until it is resolved or command is transferred to someone more qualified and/or to an emergency responder agency with legal authority to assume responsibility. Staff will seek guidance and direction from local officials and seek technical assistance from state and federal agencies and industry where appropriate. The superintendent/principal or his/her designee is responsible for activating the School EOP, including common and specialized procedures as well as hazard-specific incident plans.

III. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

This section establishes the operational organization that will be relied upon to manage the incident and includes:

- A list of the kinds of tasks to be performed by position and organization.
- An overview of who does what task.
- A list of these teams and members begins on page 16 of this document.

School staff may be required to remain at school to assist in an incident. In the event that this School EOP is activated, staff will be assigned to serve within the Incident Command System based on their expertise and training and the needs of the incident.

A. Principal/Building Administrator

Marty Kobza, Bob Cook, and Jodi Fierstein may serve as the Incident Commander or delegate that authority to a qualified individual. At all times, Marty Kobza, Bob Cook, and Jodi Fierstein still retain the overall responsibility for the overall safety of students and staff. However, delegating the authority to manage the incident allows Marty Kobza, Bob Cook, and Jodi Fierstein to focus on policy-level activities and interfacing with other agencies and parents. Marty Kobza, Bob Cook, and Jodi Fierstein shall coordinate between the superintendent's office and the Incident Commander.

B. Incident Commander

The Incident Commander responsibilities include:

- Assume overall direction of all incident management procedures based on actions and procedures outlined in this EOP.
- Take steps deemed necessary to ensure the safety of students, staff, and other individuals.
- Determine whether to implement incident management protocols (i.e., Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter), as described more fully in the functional systems in this document.
- Arrange for transfer of students, staff, and other individuals when safety is threatened by a disaster.
- Work with emergency services personnel. (Depending on the incident, community agencies such as law enforcement or fire department may have jurisdiction for investigations, rescue procedures, etc.)
- Keep other administrators and officials informed of the situation.

C. Teachers

Teachers shall be responsible for the supervision of students and shall remain with students until directed otherwise.

Responsibilities include:

- Attend to students with special and/or trauma needs.
- Supervise students under their charge.
- Take steps to ensure the safety of students, staff, and other individuals in the implementation of incident management protocols.
- Direct students in their charge to inside or outside assembly areas, in accordance with signals, warning, written notification, or intercom orders according to established incident management procedures.
- Give appropriate action command during an incident.
- Take attendance when class relocates to an outside or inside assembly area or evacuates to another location.
- Report missing students to the Incident Commander or designee.
- Execute assignments as directed by the Incident Commander or ICS supervisor.

- Obtain first aid services for injured students from the school nurse or person trained in first aid. Arrange for first aid for those unable to be moved.
- Render first aid if necessary. School staff will be trained and certified in first aid and CPR.

D. Paraeducators

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting teachers as directed.
- Buddy Teachers for students with special needs

E. Counselors, Social Workers, and Psychologists - Psychological First Aid Team (PFA)

Counselors, social workers, and psychologists provide assistance with the overall direction of the incident management procedures at the site.

Responsibilities include:

- Take steps to ensure the safety of students, staff, and other individuals in the implementation of incident management protocols.
- Direct students in their charge according to established incident management protocols.
- Render first aid if necessary.
- Assist in the transfer of students, staff, and other individuals when their safety is threatened by a disaster.
- Execute assignments as directed by the Incident Commander or ICS supervisor.

F. School Nurses/Health Assistants - First Aid Team

Responsibilities include:

- Administer first aid or emergency treatment as needed.
- Supervise administration of first aid by those trained to provide it.
- Organize first aid and medical supplies.
- Administer medication as needed

G. Custodians/Maintenance Personnel - Fire Suppression / Utilities Team

Responsibilities include:

- Survey and report building damage to the Incident Commander, Safety Officer, or Operations Section Chief.
- Control main shutoff valves for gas, water, HVAC, and electricity and ensure that no hazard results from broken or downed lines.
- Provide damage control as needed.
- Assist in the conservation, use, and disbursement of supplies and equipment.
- Keep Incident Commander or designee informed of the condition of school.

H. School Secretary/Office Staff

Responsibilities include:

- Answer phones and assist in receiving and providing consistent information to callers.
- Provide for the safety of essential school records and documents.
- Execute assignments as directed by the Incident Commander or ICS supervisor.
- Provide assistance to the principal and Safety Team.
- Monitor radio emergency broadcasts.

- Assist with health incidents as needed, acting as messengers, etc.

I. Food Service/Cafeteria Workers

Responsibilities include:

- Use, prepare, and serve food and water on a rationed basis whenever the feeding of students and staff becomes necessary during an incident.
- Execute assignments as directed by the Incident Commander or ICS supervisor.
- Prepare feeding opportunities beyond school-based operations.

J. Bus Drivers

Responsibilities include:

- Supervise the care of students if disaster occurs while students are in the bus.
- Transfer students to new locations when directed.
- Execute assignments as directed by the Incident Commander or ICS supervisor.
- Transport individuals in need of medical attention.

K. Other Staff (e.g., Itinerant Staff, Substitute Teachers)

Responsibilities include:

- Reporting to the Incident Commander or ICS supervisor if requested or activated.

L. Students

Responsibilities include:

- Cooperate during emergency drills and exercises, and during an incident.
- Learn to be responsible for themselves and others in an incident.
- Understand the importance of not being a bystander by reporting situations of concern.
- Develop an awareness of and associated prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery processes.
- Take an active part in school incident response/recovery activities, as age appropriate.

M. Parents/ Guardians

Responsibilities include:

- Follow all SRP procedures (secure, lockout, evacuate, and shelter).
- Encourage and support school safety, violence prevention, and incident preparedness programs within the school.
- Participate in volunteer service projects for promoting school incident preparedness.
- Provide the school with requested information concerning the incident, early and late dismissals, and other related release information.
- Practice incident management preparedness in the home to reinforce school training and ensure family safety.
- Understanding their roles during a school emergency.
- Monitor school and community communications (school website, text notifications) for updates.
- Follow all requests and procedures regarding reunification of parents and students.

N. Internal Response Teams

Incident Commander

Immediately and solely responsible for emergency/disaster operations at the school until such time as fire, law enforcement or Red Cross takes over. Then shall assist and oversee staff and students in school-based operations.

Marty Kobza / Bob Cook / Jodi Fierstein

Alt. Logan Christiancy

Responsibilities:

Is solely responsible for emergency/disaster operations and shall remain at the command post to observe and direct all operations. Ensure the safety of students, staff and others on campus. Lead by example: your behavior sets the tone for staff and students.

Start-up Actions:

-Assess type and scope of emergency
-Determine threat to human life and structures
-Implement emergency/disaster plan and hazard specific procedures
-Develop and communicate an action plan
-Activate Crisis Management Teams as needed

Ongoing Duties:

-Continue to monitor and assess total school situation
-Check for damage assessment information
-Check with teams for periodic updates
-Reassign personnel as needed
-Report to Superintendent on status of students, staff, and campus as needed
-Develop & communicate revised incident action plans as needed.
-Begin student release or evacuation when appropriate. NOTE: No student should be released until student accounting is complete. Never send students home before the end of the regular school day unless directed by the Superintendent, except individuals on request of parent/guardian.
-Authorize release of information through Superintendent or designee
-Remain on and in charge of your campus until redirected or released by the Superintendent or Emergency Personnel

Closing Down:

-Authorize deactivation of CMT when they are no longer required
-At the direction of the Superintendent, deactivate the entire emergency response. If the Fire Department or other outside agency calls an “All Clear,” contact the Superintendent before taking any further action
-Ensure that any open actions not yet completed will be taken care of after deactivation
-Close out all logs. Ensure that all logs, reports, and other relevant documents are completed and provided to the Superintendent
-Proclaim termination of the emergency and proceed with recovery operations if necessary
-Set up a debriefing for personnel involved and an evaluation of the management of the situation

Supplies:

Campus Map
School Crisis Procedures Manual
2 sets of staff & student rosters
Disaster response forms
Master keys
Vests, Bullhorn
AM/FM radio (battery operated)
Campus two-way radios

Search & Rescue Team

Does a quick check for missing students and staff. Does NOT enter unsafe areas unless appropriately trained in search and rescue.

Jenny Utecht Kelsey Blevins

Courtney Utecht Christin Hanson

Roles/Responsibilities:

- Identify needs and team capability to safely function
- Remove debris and recover victims

Start-Up Actions:

-Check in with Building Leader for situation briefing and get your job description clipboard
-Obtain necessary equipment and supplies
-Obtain a list of all students and who is absent from the building leader

Ongoing Duties:

-Close out all logs
-Provide logs and other relevant documents to the Building Crisis Team Leader

Supplies: Two-way radio Crisis Manual
Paper, pens List of students
Search & Rescue Maps, large campus map

Reunification Site Team

Oversees location where students assemble, and how students are released to parents using a checklist or getting parent signatures. Collects and compiles all reports and documentation from the incident. Assists PIO with writing fact statements.

Sharon Biltoft Rebecca Fullerton Stacey Shroyer Sara Fuller Jessica Diehl

Heather Blackstone Rhonda Freeman Andrew Diehl Jacki Kleinschmidt Kelsea Blevins

Responsibilities:

Assure the reunification of students with their parents or authorized adult. Responsible for the collection, evaluation, and maintain accurate records.

Start-Up Actions:

-Check in with Building Team Leader for situation briefing
-Take a student roster and Computer with access to SIS
-If school is evacuating verify that the assembly area and routes to it are safe and count or observe the classrooms as they exit, to make sure that all classes evacuate
-Obtain necessary equipment and supplies
-Turn on radios and be ready to accept traffic
-Bring GO BOX to the evacuation center

Ongoing Duties:

-Release students with appropriate documentation. Verify identifications and mark them on the release list.
-Update records of the number of students and staff in the assembly area
-Direct all requests for information (JMC,) to the District Crisis Leader
-Follow procedures outlined below to ensure the safe reunification of students with their parents/guardians.
-Verify identification, look on student list

-Get parental signature to release students. Note: If a parent refuses to wait in line, don't argue. Document time with appropriate comments on Reunification form
-Maintain all records and reports
-Record verbal communication for basic content
-Coordinate with Law Enforcement to secure a reunification site

Important: A permanent log may be typed or rewritten at a later time for clarity and better understanding. Keep all original notes and records –they are legal documents.

<u>If student is not with the class:</u>

- On the GREEN EMERGENCY ROLL SHEET, teacher makes appropriate notation:
  "Present" if student is with the group
  "Absent" if student was never in school that day
  "First Aid" if student was in school but now is in the Medical Area
  "Missing" if student was in school but now cannot be located

-On the RED CARD, teacher records each student who is:

- Absent - if student was never in school that day
- First Aid - if student was in school but now is in the Medical Area
- Missing - if student was in school but now cannot be located

RED CARD will be delivered to the Check-in table.
-Search & Rescue Officer verifies student location if known
-Parent should be notified of missing student status and escorted to Student Care Team
-If student is in Medical Treatment Area, parent should be escorted there
-If student was marked absent, the parent will be notified by a staff member for confirmation

Closing Down:

-Collect all records and reports from all team members
-Rewrite a report to be kept on file in the Central Office
-Return all equipment and supplies to appropriate location

Supplies: 2-way radio Computer Paper/pens Stapler
-Signs to organize parents by school
-Emergency Roll Sheet, RED CARD, Reunification form

First Aid Team

Knows where supplies are located. Oversees first aid prior to paramedic arrival, then coordinates with paramedics

<u>Megan McMeen</u> <u>Seth Going</u>

<u>Paul Heusinkelt</u> <u>Bev Czirr</u>

Responsibilities:

Responsible for the provision of emergency medical response and first aid. Informs the Building Leader when the situation requires health or medical services that staff cannot provide. Ensures that appropriate actions are taken in the event of on-site death.

- Triage Site set-up and operations
- First Aid
- CPR
- Defibrillator (and training)

Start-Up Actions:

-Briefing and get your job description clipboard
-Establish scope of disaster with Building Leader and determine probability of outside emergency medical support and transport needs
-Set up first aid area in safe place, away from others.

-Obtain supplies from nurse's office if possible or from the Go Box
-Assign people with First Aid training to help.

Ongoing Duties:

-Triage treatment of injured

-If there is an on-site death, do not move the body. Write down information to make available to law enforcement (date/time, exact location, name of decedent)

-Oversee care, treatment and assessment of injured

-Ensure caregiver and rescuer safety (gloves for protection, etc.)

-Stay alert for communicable diseases and isolate appropriately

-Keep Building Team informed of overall status

-Check on health care, medications, and meals for students with known medical conditions

Closing Down:

-Return equipment to nurse's office and restock supplies

-Close out logs and provide the documentation to the Logistics Team

Supplies: First Aid Equipment
List of students with known medical conditions and what the conditions are.
Special medications for students with medical conditions.

Student Care Team / PFA Team

Collect names of those who need defusing and debriefing.

Audrey Arsenian Casey Zoltenko

Fire Suppression / Utilities Team

Turn off utilities, locate Hazmat supplies, use fire extinguishers as appropriate.

Kent Kottmeyer Missy Erickson

Cody Fierstein Teresa Richardson

Gwen Mohler Marlin Rothchild

Buddy Teachers

Responsibilities:

- Relieve teachers assigned to response team(s)
- Assume oversight of the safety and management of the students assigned to response team teacher(s) as well as own students

Qualifications:

-Approachable and trusted by students

-Effective at calming and managing large number of students

-Able to focus on managing students and not investigating the incident

Elementary Buddy Teachers		**Secondary Buddy Teachers**	
KA - Mrs. Baird	KB - Mrs. Grube	Melody Rempe	Kelsea Blevins
1A - Ms. VanNatter	1B - Mrs. Renz	Timber Huynh	Ashley Wulf

2A - Mrs. Long	2B - Mrs. Rothchild	Alison Brittenham	Melissa Schuster
3A - Mrs. Elting	3B - Mrs. Henry	Sydnie Spiegel	Chirssy Ehlers
4A - Mrs. Kuhlmann	4B - Ms. Fiegener	Corissa Arickx	Cindy Mellott
5A - Mr. Nannen	5B - Mrs. Baker	Paul Heusinkvelt	Nelson Peterson
		Sara Fuller	Lisa Jameson
		Allison White	Ryan Renz
		Ron Hershberger	Seth Going

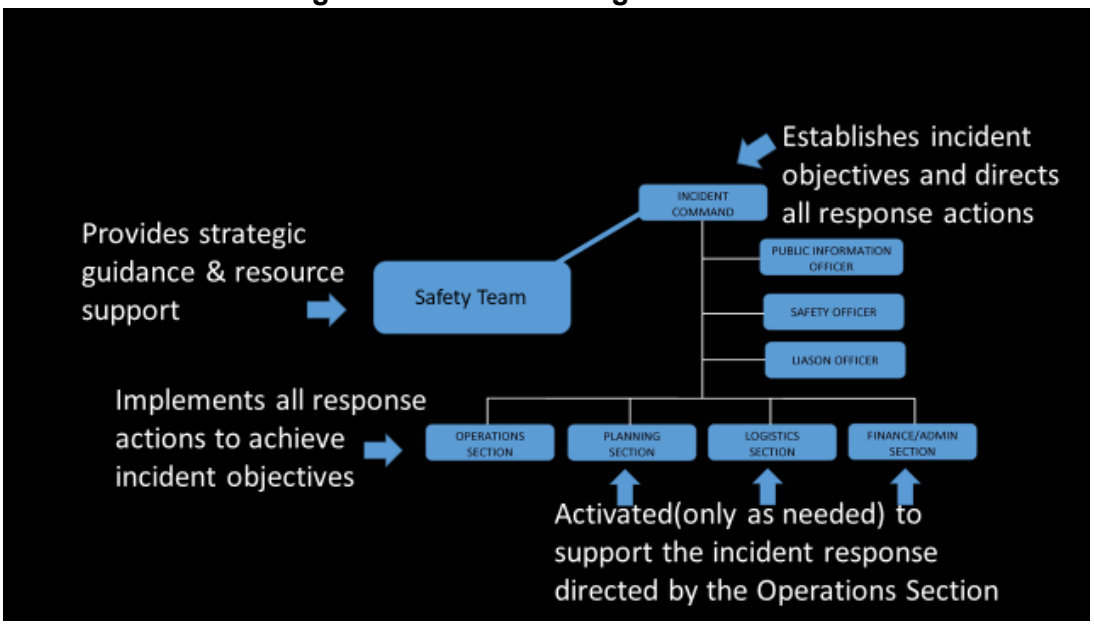
IV. DIRECTION, CONTROL, AND COORDINATION

A. School Incident Command System (ICS)

To provide for the effective direction, control, and coordination of an incident, either single site or multi-incidents, the School EOP will be activated including the implementation of the Incident Command System (ICS). An ICS Organizational Chart is located in **Appendix E1**. **Appendix E2** is a list of your ICS contacts within your school.

The Incident Commander is delegated the authority to direct tactical on-scene operation until a coordinated incident management framework can be established with local authorities. The Safety Team is responsible for providing the Incident Commander with strategic guidance, information analysis, and needed resources.

Figure 1. Incident Management Team



The ICS is organized into the following functional areas:

1. **Incident Command:** Directs the incident management activities using strategic guidance provided by the Safety Team.

School-related responsibilities and duties include:

- Establish and manage the Command Post, establish the incident organization, and determine strategies to implement protocols and adapt as needed.
- Monitor incident safety conditions and develop measures for ensuring the safety of building occupants. (including students, staff, volunteers, and responders)
- Coordinate media relations and information dissemination with the principal.
- Develop working knowledge of local/regional agencies, serve as the primary on-scene contact for outside agencies assigned to an incident, and assist in accessing services when the need arises.
- Keep elected officials and other executives informed of the situation and decisions.
- Document all activities on the Chronological Log of Activities. **Appendix F**

2. Operations Section: Directs all tactical operations of an incident including implementation of response/ recovery activities according to established incident management procedures and protocols, care of students, first aid, crisis intervention, search and rescue, site security, damage assessment, evacuations, and the release of students to parents.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Analyze school staffing to develop a Parent-Student Reunification Plan, and implement an incident action plan.
- Monitor site utilities (i.e., electric, gas, water, heat, ventilation/air conditioning) and shut off only if danger exists or directed by Incident Commander, and assist in securing the facility.
- Establish medical triage with staff trainees in first aid and CPR, provide and oversee care given to injured persons, distribute supplies, and request additional supplies from the Logistics Section.
- Provide and access psychological first aid services for those in need, and access local/regional providers for ongoing crisis counseling for students, staff and parents.
- Coordinate the rationed distribution of food and water, establish secondary toilet facilities in the event of water or plumbing failure, and request needed supplies from the Logistics Section.
- Document all activities on the Chronological Log of Activities. **Appendix F**

As needed, the types of Operations Teams described in the following table may be established within the Operations Section.

Table 2 Operations Section Teams

Operations Team	Potential Responsibilities
Fire & EMS Team	Fire & EMS Teams search the entire school facility, entering only after they have checked the outside for signs of structural damage and determined that it is safe to enter. Fire & EMS Teams are responsible for ensuring that all students and staff evacuate the building (or, if it is unsafe to move the persons, that their locations are documented so that professional responders can locate them easily and extricate them). Fire & EMS Teams are also responsible for: ● Identifying and marking unsafe areas. ● Conducting initial damage assessment. ● Obtaining injury and missing student reports from teachers. ● Provide triage & treatment services as needed. ● Assessing and treating injuries. ● Assist with traffic control
Evacuation/ Shelter/Care Team	Evacuation, shelter, and student care in an incident are among the most important tasks faced by schools. These tasks include student accounting, protection from weather,

Reunification Team	providing for sanitation needs, and providing for food and water. The Evacuation/ Shelter/Care Team is responsible for: ● Establish an Incident Command. ● Classroom evacuation. ● Mobilize the reunification team. ● Provide a secure assembly area, greeting area, check in table, reunification area. ● Law Enforcement support and investigations. ● Student/Staff Transport. ● Proper unification paperwork. ● Accounting for the whereabouts of all students, staff, and volunteers. ● Coordinating with the Logistics Section to secure the needed space and supplies.
PFA Support Team	The PFA Support Team is responsible for: ● Assessing the need for onsite mental health support. ● Determining the need for outside agency assistance. ● Providing onsite intervention/counseling. ● Monitoring well-being of school Incident Management Team, staff, and students, and reporting all findings to the Operations Section Chief.
Student Release Team **Reunification Team**	Reunification refers to getting students reunited with their parents or guardians in an efficient and orderly manner. Reunification can be an enormous challenge and takes a lot of planning. The Student Release Team is responsible for: ● Setting up a secure reunion area. ● Checking student emergency cards for authorized releases. ● Completing release logs. ● Coordinating with the Public Information Officer on external messages.

3. Planning Section: Collects, evaluates, and disseminates information needed to measure the size, scope, and seriousness of an incident and to plan appropriate incident management activities.

Duties may include:

- Assist Incident Commander in the collection and evaluation of information about an incident as it develops (including site map and area map of related events), assist with ongoing planning efforts, and maintain incident time log.
- Document all activities on the Chronological Log of Activities. **Appendix F**

4. Logistics Section: Supports incident management operations by securing and providing needed personnel, equipment, facilities, resources, and services required for incident resolution, coordinating personnel; assembling and deploying volunteer teams, and facilitating communication among incident responders. This function may involve a major role in an extended incident.

Additional responsibilities include:

- Establish and oversee communications center and activities during an incident (two-way radio, battery-powered radio, written updates, etc.), and develop telephone trees for after-hours communication.
- Establish and maintain school and classroom preparedness kits, coordinate access to and distribution of supplies during an incident, and monitor inventory of supplies and equipment.
- Document all activities on the Chronological Log of Activities. **Appendix F**

5. Finance/Administration Section: Oversees all financial activities including purchasing necessary materials, tracking incident costs, arranging contracts for services, timekeeping for emergency responders, submitting documentation for reimbursement, and recovering school records following an incident. Additional duties may include:

- Assume responsibility for overall documentation and recordkeeping activities; when possible, photograph or videotape damage to property.
- Develop a system to monitor and track expenses and financial losses, and secure all records.
- Schools have to track finances for loss and should track costs to the district.
- Document all activities on Chronological Log of Activities. **Appendix F**

This section may not be established onsite at the incident. Rather, the school superintendent/principal and school district management offices may assume responsibility for these functions.

B. Coordination With Safety Team

In complex incidents, a Safety Team will be convened at the school district Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The role of the Safety Team is to:

- Support the on-scene Incident Commander.
- Provide policy and strategic guidance.
- Help ensure that adequate resources are available.
- Identify and resolve issues common to all organizations.
- Provide factual information, both internally and externally through the Incident Commander.

The Superior Public School Superintendent/Principal/Incident Commander will keep the Safety Team informed.

C. Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)

The Superior Public School District maintains a district Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to address hazards and incidents in their district. The Superior Public School EOP has been developed to fit into the larger local county EOP in the case of a large-scale incident. Staff members that maintain and exercise the plan are in frequent contact with Nick Elledge, County/City Emergency Manager, Nuckolls County/City Emergency Management Department.

D. Coordination With First Responders

An important component of the Superior Public School EOP is a set of interagency agreements with various county agencies to aid timely communication. These agreements help coordinate services between the agencies and Superior Public School.

E. Source and Use of Resources

Superior Public School will use its own resources and equipment to respond to incidents until incident response personnel arrive.

Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)

- **Appendix G1: Local Business**
- **Appendix G2: Interlocal Agreement**
- **Appendix G3: Emergency Response Entities**
- **Appendix G4: County Sample**

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Communication is a critical part of incident management. This section outlines Superior Public Schools communications plan and supports its mission to provide clear, effective internal and external communication between the school, staff, students, parents, responders, and media.

A. Internal Communications

1. Communication Between Staff/Faculty Members

Faculty and staff will be notified when an incident occurs and kept informed as additional information becomes available and as plans for management of the situation evolve. The following practices will be utilized to disseminate information internally when appropriate:

- **Telephone Tree:** A telephone tree is a simple, widely used system for notifying staff of an incident when they are not at school. The tree originates with the principal, who contacts the members of the Incident Management Team. Team members then in turn will contact groups of staff (teachers, administrators, and support staff).
- **Morning Faculty Meeting:** As appropriate, updated information about an incident will be presented at the morning faculty meeting. Any new procedures for the day will also be reviewed at this time.
- **End-of-Day Faculty Meeting:** As appropriate, update information and a review of the day's events will be presented at the end-of-day meeting. Staff will also have the opportunity to address any misinformation or rumors.
- **Email:** Email updates to staff during the school day with updated information.

2. Communication With the School District Office

The Incident Commander will use the countywide 103.9 School Emergency Radio Network to notify the principal of the school's status/needs. The principal will notify the district office. He/she will designate staff member(s) to monitor all communications.

B. External Communications

Communicating with the larger school community begins before an incident occurs. In the event of an incident, parents, media, and first responders will require clear and concise messages from Superior Public School about the incident, what is being done about it, and the safety of the children and staff.

1. Communication With Parents

Before an incident occurs, Superior Public School will:

- Discuss specific strategies with parents of students with special needs or trauma, the best way to support their children during an incident.
- Develop a relationship with parents so that they trust and know how to access alerts and incident information.
- Inform parents about the school's Emergency Operations Plan, its purpose, and its objectives. Information will be included in the school newsletter and a presentation delivered at Back-to-School Night.
- Identify parents who are willing to volunteer in case of an incident, include them in preparation efforts, and include them in training.
- Be prepared with translation services for non-English-speaking families and students with limited English proficiency.

During the incident, Superior Public School will:

- Disseminate information via text messages, mass telephone messages, radio announcements, and emails to inform parents about exactly what is known to have happened.
- Implement the plan to manage phone calls and parents who arrive at school.
- Describe how the school and school district are handling the situation.
- Provide information regarding possible reactions of their children and ways to talk with them.
- Provide a phone number, Web site address or recorded hotline where parents can receive updated incident information.
- Inform parents and students when and where school will resume.

After an incident, Superior Public School administrators may schedule and attend an incident specific open question-and-answer meeting for parents as soon as possible.

2. Communication With Media

Incident Commander will:

- The Superintendent will act as the PIO for the district.
- Establish an off-campus briefing area for media representatives. (Media Briefing Area)
- Coordinate messages with the superintendent/principal and Safety Team.

All Superior Public School employees are to refer requests for information and questions to the designated Public Information Officers or Joint Information Center. Templates for statements/press releases to the media, including standard procedures and protocols, have been developed and are included in this link:

The link below contains several pre-developed messages that Public Information Officers can use for different events. Public Information Officers should practice delivering the three key messages, then work their way through the supporting points when needed. These messages were developed by Nebraska's Behavioral Health Risk Communication Cadre – professionals with special expertise and knowledge of risk communication and threat assessment. The group meets monthly to discuss emergency plans and information related to behavioral health.

https://www.disastermh.nebraska.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DHHS-Disaster-Behavorial-Health-Risk-Messages-June-2019.pdf

Additional templates for releasing information to the public are included in: **Appendix H**

Media contacts at the major television, Internet, and radio stations are maintained by the Public Information Officer (PIO) or superintendent/principal's executive assistant. In the case of an incident, these media contacts will broadcast Superior Public School's external communications plans, including the information hotline for parents and guardians.

3. Handling Rumors

In addressing rumors, the most effective strategy is to provide facts as soon as possible. To combat rumors, Superior Public School will:

- Provide appropriate information to internal groups including administrators, teachers, students, custodians, secretaries, instructional assistants, cafeteria workers, and bus drivers. These people are primary sources of information and are likely to be contacted in their neighborhoods, at grocery stores, etc.
- Hold a faculty/staff meeting before staff members are allowed to go home so that what is (and is not) known may be clearly communicated.
- Designate and brief personnel answering calls to help control misinformation.
- Conduct briefings for community representatives directly associated with the school.

- Enlist the help of the media to provide frequent updates to the public, particularly providing accurate information where rumors need to be dispelled.
- Consistent statement is provided as a response to possible questions.

After the immediate incident response period, Superior Public School may conduct public meetings as needed. These meetings are designed to provide the opportunity for people to ask questions and receive accurate information.

4. Communication With First Responders

The Incident Commander will maintain communication with first responders during an incident. Transfer of command will occur when first responders arrive on the scene to assume management or form unified command of the incident under their jurisdiction. Superior Public School frequently exercises the School EOP with first responders to practice effective coordination and transfer of command.

5. Communication After an Incident (Recovery Process)

After the safety and status of staff and students have been assured, and emergency conditions have abated following an incident, staff/faculty will assemble to support the restoration of the school's educational programs. Defining mission-critical operations and staffing will be a starting point for the recovery process. Collecting and disseminating information will facilitate the recovery process.

The staff/faculty teams will:

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the physical and operational recovery needs.
- Assess physical security, data access, and all other critical services (e.g., plumbing, electrical).
- Examine critical information, technology assets and personnel resources, and determine the impact on the school operations for each asset and resource that is unavailable or damaged.
- Document damaged facilities, lost equipment and resources, and special personnel expenses that will be required for insurance claims and requests for state and federal assistance.
- Provide detailed facilities data to the school district office so that it can estimate temporary space reallocation needs and strategies.
- Arrange for ongoing status reports during the recovery activities to: a) estimate when the educational program can be fully operational; and b) identify special facility, equipment, and personnel issues or resources that will facilitate the resumption of classes.
- Educate school personnel, students, and parents on available crisis counseling services.
- Apprise the Nuckolls County Office of Emergency Management.

The school district will:

- Review the use of the ICS and identify areas for modification.
- Identify recordkeeping requirements and sources of financial aid for state and federal disaster assistance.
- Establish absentee policies for teachers/students after an incident.
- Establish an agreement with mental health organizations to provide counseling to students and their families after an incident.
- Develop alternative teaching methods for students unable to return immediately to classes: correspondence classes, videoconferencing, telegroup tutoring, etc.
- Create a plan for conducting classes when facilities are damaged (e.g., alternative sites, half-day sessions, portable classrooms).
- Get stakeholder input on prevention measures that can be incorporated into short-term and long-term recovery plans.

C. Communication Tools

Some common internal and external communication tools that Superior Public School may use include the following:

- **Landline Phone:** The extension for high school announcements will be used as a recorded "hotline" for parents to call for information during incidents. The goal is to keep other telephone lines free for communication with first responders and others.
    - Go to http://192.168.3.2:5478/director
    - Username: sshroyer Password: !June1966!
    - Administration Tab ->Features -> Auto Attendant -> Announcements -> On Hours -> Record
- **Cell phones:** These phones may be the only tool working when electric service is out; they are useful to faculty/staff enroute to or from a site.
- **App:** socialmedia@superiorwildcats.org Mark message URGENT
- **Intercom systems:** The intercom system includes teacher-initiated communication with the office using a handset rather than a wall-mounted speaker.
- **Bullhorns and megaphones:** A battery-powered bullhorn is part of the school's emergency to-go kit to address students and staff who are assembling outside the school. Procedures governing storage and use will help ensure readiness for use.
- **Two-way radio:** Two-way radios provide a reliable method of communication between rooms and buildings at a single site. All staff will be trained to understand how to operate the two-way radio.
- **Computers:** A wireless laptop computer may be used for communication both within the school and to other sites. Email may be a useful tool for updating information for staff, other schools in an affected area, and the district superintendent. An assigned staff member(s) will post information such as school evacuation, closure, or relocation on the home page of the school and district Website (insert your school's website URL).
- **Alarm systems:** Bells or buzzers are in place and sound in different ways to signal different types of incidents - for example, fire lockdown or special alert (with instructions to follow). All staff/ faculty, support staff, students, and volunteers will be trained on what the sounds mean and how to respond to them.

VI. ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, AND LOGISTICS

A. Recordkeeping

1. Administrative Controls

Superior Public School is responsible for establishing the administrative controls necessary to manage the expenditure of funds and to provide reasonable accountability and justification for expenditures made to support incident management operations. These administrative controls will be done in accordance with the established local fiscal policies and standard cost accounting procedures.

2. Activity Logs

The ICS Section Chiefs will maintain accurate Chronological Logs of Activities **Appendix F** recording key incident management activities including:

- Basic documentation by each role or position responsibilities with time and completed by whom.
- Activation or deactivation of incident facilities.
- Significant changes in the incident situation.
- Major commitments of resources or requests for additional resources from external sources.
- Issuance of protective action recommendations to the staff and students.
- Evacuations.
- Casualties.
- Containment or termination of the incident.

B. Incident Costs

1. Annual Incident Management Costs

The ICS Finance and Administration Section is responsible for maintaining records summarizing the use of personnel, equipment, and supplies to obtain an estimate of annual incident response costs.

2. Incident Costs

The ICS Finance and Administration Section Chief will maintain detailed records of costs for incident management and operations to include:

- Personnel costs, especially overtime costs.
- Equipment operations costs.
- Costs for leased or rented equipment.
- Costs for contract services to support incident management operations.
- Costs of specialized supplies expended for incident management operations.

These records may be used to recover costs from the responsible party or insurers or as a basis for requesting financial assistance for certain allowable response and recovery costs from the state and/or federal government.

C. Preservation of Records

In order to continue normal school operation following an incident, vital records must be protected. These include legal documents and student files as well as property and tax records. The likely causes of damage to records are fire and water; therefore, essential records should be protected accordingly (e.g., electronic, redundant backup, offsite electronic version). Details are outlined in the Continuity of Operations (COOP) Procedures, a functional system of this plan.

VII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND DISTRIBUTION

The Safety Team (including community partners) is responsible for the overall maintenance and revision of the Superior Public School EOP. The Safety Team is responsible for coordinating, training, and exercising the School EOP. The Team is expected to make recommendations for revising and enhancing the plan.

The local school board and the superintendent are responsible for approving and promulgating this plan. Community fire/rescue, law enforcement, and emergency managers' approval and suggestions will also be requested.

A. Approval and Dissemination of the Plan

The superintendent and principals will initiate the annual review of the EOP following the steps below. The local school board will approve the plan.

- Review and Update the Plan.
- Present the Plan to the local school board. (for Comment or Suggestions)
- Obtain Plan Approval Annually. (local school board)
- Distribute the Plan.

1. Record of Changes

Each update or change to the plan will be tracked on Page 2 of this document. The record of changes will include: the change number, the date of the change, and the name of the person who made the change (the date the school board was informed/approved). The record of change will be in table format and maintained by the Safety Team.

2. Record of Distribution

Copies of plans and systems will be distributed to those tasked in this document. The record of distribution will be kept as proof that tasked individuals and organizations have acknowledged their receipt, review, and/or acceptance of the plan. The Safety Team will indicate the title and name of the person receiving the plan, the agency to which the receiver belongs, the date of delivery, and the number of copies delivered.
Appendix-J Recording and Distributing the EOP

B. Plan Review and Updates

The basic plan and its systems will be reviewed annually by the Safety Team, emergency management agency, law enforcement, fire/rescue, school board, and others deemed appropriate by school administration. The superintendent will establish a schedule for annual review of planning documents.

The School EOP will be updated based upon deficiencies identified during incident management activities and exercises and when changes in threat hazards, resources and capabilities, or school structure occur.

C. Training and Exercising the Plan

Drill: The primary objective of a drill is for participants to build muscle memory and practice an action to use in various events or situations. A secondary objective is for the people who are administering the drill to validate procedures, clarify roles and identify operational process gaps. In the school safety context, it is critical to distinguish between drills and exercises. Drills are for staff and students, and are educational opportunities to practice a life skill.

Exercise: The overall learning objective of an exercise is to test response, capacity and resources across the system. An exercise often includes a description or enactment of an incident, depending on the type of exercise that's being conducted. Exercises are broader in scope. These typically present a hypothetical emergency scenario (hurricane, earthquake, biochemical emergency, etc.) designed to encourage people to think on their toes, work together, and apply lessons learned from Drills.

Tabletop Exercise: is a roundtable session administered by a facilitator. Team members discuss their roles and share observations regarding a simulated emergency scenario. It's designed to test each team's ability to refer and react to their role in the emergency plan, as well as their readiness to communicate with other teams as needed.These usually run a few hours in duration, and are highly valuable for identifying the unique threats in each community.

Functional Exercises: typically focus on specific team members and/or procedures, and are often used to identify process gaps associated with multi-agency coordination, command and control. In a Functional Exercise, participants perform their duties in a simulated emergency environment.

Basic training and refresher training sessions will be conducted during the first in-service day of the school year for all school personnel in coordination with local fire, law enforcement, and emergency managers.

School EOP training will include:

- Hazard and incident awareness training for all staff.
- Orientation to the School EOP.
- First Aid and CPR/AED training for designated staff.
- Team training to address specific incident response or recovery activities, such as Parent-Student Reunification, Special Needs, and Relocation.
- Two online FEMA courses: ICS 100 and IS-700 for assigned staff. Both courses are available for free at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute Website.

Additional training will include drills, tabletop, and functional exercises. Drills will be conducted at least once per semester. Exercises will occur at least once per school year. The details of training are outlined in the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan. Records of the training provided including date(s), type of training, and participant roster will be maintained. Approved parent volunteers and community members will also be incorporated into larger training efforts.

Appendix K1: Record of Trainings
Appendix K2: Schedule/Record of Drills
Appendix K3: Record of Exercises

VIII. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

The following regulations are the State authorizations and mandates upon which this School EOP is based. These authorities and references provide a legal basis for incident management operations and activities.

Rule 10

- 011.01B Each school system has a safety and security plan for the schools' in the system. The plan addresses the safety and security of students, staff and visitors. The plan is approved by the local governing body.

- 011.01C Each school system has a school safety committee which includes representatives of faculty, parents and the community. The committee meets at least annually to prepare and/or review safety and security plans and procedures including emergency plans and procedures.

- 011.01D The school systems safety and security plan(s) are reviewed annually by one or more persons not on the local school system safety committee and not an employee of the school system. The review will include a visit to school buildings to analyze plans, policies and procedures, and practices and recommendations. Any recommendations made as a result of the analysis are forwarded to the head administrator and to the school safety committee to be considered in making revisions to the plan.

79-2,143. State school security director; appointment.
The position of state school security director is created within the State Department of Education. The Commissioner of Education shall appoint the director based on experience, knowledge, and skills in the field of school security.

79-2,144. State school security director; duties.(those included are specific to EOP)
The state school security director appointed pursuant to section 79-2,143 shall be responsible for providing leadership and support for safety and security for the public schools. Duties of the director include, but are not limited to:

(1) Collecting safety and security plans, required pursuant to rules and regulations of the State Department of Education relating to accreditation of schools, and other school security information from each school system in Nebraska. School districts shall provide the state school security director with the safety and security plans of the school district and any other security information requested by the director, but any plans or information submitted by a school district may be withheld by the department pursuant to subdivision (8) of section 84-712.05;

(4) Identifying deficiencies in school security based on the minimum standards adopted by the State Board of Education and making recommendations to school boards for remedying such deficiencies;

(5) Establishing security awareness and preparedness tools and training programs for public school staff;

(8) Establishing tornado preparedness standards which shall include, but not be limited to, ensuring that very school conducts at least two tornado drills per year;

Authority for this Plan is contained in:

A. Public Law 81-920 (Federal Emergency Management Act of 1950) as amended;
B. Public Law 93-288 (Disaster Relief Act of 1974) as amended by PL 100-707;
C. Public Law 99-499 (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986) as amended;
D. 44 CFR, Part 302, Emergency Management: State and Local Emergency Management Assistance (EMA), October 2011, as amended;
E. RRS Sections 81-829.36 to 81-829.75, Nebraska Emergency Management Act of 1996, as amended, Cum. Supp. 2002;
F. Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 7; Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Title 67, July 21, 2001;
G. Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-201 (Reissue 1996), 54-701 (reissue 1998 and Cum. Supp. 2002, and 54-1180 to 54-1182 (Reissue 1998 and Cum. Supp. 2002), (Nebraska Department of Agriculture's general response procedures); 2-1072 to 2-10, 117, the Plant Protection and Pest Act; and 54-847 to 54-863, (Reissue 1998) the Commercial Feed Act; 81-2,257 to 81-2,261 (Reissue 1996 and Cum. Supp. 2002), the

Nebraska Pure Food Act; S2-3901 to 2-3911 (Reissue 1997 and Cum. Supp. 2002), the Nebraska Pasteurized Milk Law; 2-3913 to 2-3946 (Reissue 1997 and Cum. Supp. 2002), Manufacturing Milk Act;

H. USC Title 21, section 134(a), (USDA response procedures for animal disease events);
I. USC Title 7, sections 7701-7772, (USDA Plant Protection Act);
J. 21 CFR, Parts 500-599 (Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act);
K. Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5 “Management of Domestic Incidents,” 28 Feb. 2003;
L. Presidential Policy Directive (PPD) 8 “National Preparedness” March 30, 2011;
M. State of Nebraska, Executive Order 05-02, State Adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), March 4, 2005.

Functional Systems

Note:
Functional Systems address all-hazard critical operational functions, including:

- Common procedures.
- Specialized procedures.

Each functional system describes the policies, processes, roles, and responsibilities for that function.

All functional systems should address:

- Situations under which the procedures should be used.
- Who has the authority to activate the procedures.
- Specific actions to be taken when the procedures are implemented.

Functional systems do not repeat content but rather build on the information within the basic plan. This section presents three sample functional systems.

Standard Response Protocol (SRP)

I. PURPOSE

When all schools work off the same plan for an immediate response, success can be achieved in keeping our students safe in all buildings and activities, in any setting throughout the state. The statewide plan includes the use of a common language, common signage, and common protocol and when applied in all schools across the state will provide the safest and most secure settings possible.

Weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned and trained for by school and district administration and staff. A statewide approach is necessary to enhance the preparation of all students, staff, and parents to respond immediately as protocol to any incident.

- For students, a common plan provides continuity of expectations and actions in any school and community setting throughout the state.
- For school staff, a common plan clarifies procedures and lends to simplified training and practice.
- The common language and protocols assist first responders with greater predictability throughout the duration of any incident.
- The expected procedures afford parents greater understanding of risk and can reduce the level of their stress.

In cases of an incident requiring a school to either secure, lockdown, evacuate and shelter or hold, the following procedure should be adhered to by students, staff, and parents.

II. SCOPE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based not on individual scenarios but on the response to any given situation. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP demands a specific vocabulary but also allows for greater flexibility. The premise is simple - there are four specific actions that can be performed during an incident.

Secure: is followed by the Directive: "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors" and is the protocol used to safeguard students and staff within the building. (Threat is outside)

Lockdown: is followed by "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep students quiet and in place. (Threat is close to or in the building)

Evacuate: is always followed by a location and is used to move students and staff from one location to a different location in or out of the building. (Threat is inside)

Shelter: is always followed by a type and a method and is the protocol for group and self-protection. (Threat is outside)

Hold: means to hold in your classroom or area. Clear the halls. (No threat involved)

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

To implement the Standard Response Protocol:

- All staff and students will undergo training and participate in incident management training and drills.
- Staff and bus drivers assigned to work with special needs students will undergo in-depth training.
- Emergency management and response personnel will review and provide input into the plan.

IN AN EMERGENCY
TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS
Remain in the area until
the "All Clear" is indicated

ADULTS
Close and lock door
Business as usual
Account for students and adults



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS
Return inside
Business as usual
Monitored entry or controlled
release of students as
information increases

ADULTS
Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Business as usual
Account for students and adults



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

ADULTS
Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
Maintain silence
Account for students and adults
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS
Evacuate to specified location
Bring your phone
Instructions may be provided about
retaining or leaving belongings

ADULTS
Lead evacuation to specified location
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students
or adults



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS

Hazard	Safety Strategy
Tornado	Evacuate to shelter area
Hazmat	Seal the room
Earthquake	Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami	Get to high ground

ADULTS
Lead safety strategy
Account for students and adults

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K12 2021 STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

Standard Reunification Method (SRM):

- The Impacted Site Team -Their Objective is to Safely Transport Students to the Reunification Site
- The Reunification Site Team -Their Objective is to Reunify Every Student that can be Reunified

I. Purpose

One critical aspect of crisis response is accountable reunification of students with their parents or guardians in the event of a school crisis or emergency. The Standard Reunification Method provides school and district safety teams with proven methods for planning, practicing and achieving a successful reunification.

Crisis recovery starts with the crisis, not after. Without a plan to reunite students and parents, more than just the mental health demands which accompany a crisis are ignored; the responsibility of the school and district in maintaining the chain of custody for every student can be lost. No school is immune to emergencies; fires, floods, tornadoes, blizzards, power outages, bomb threats, acts of violence -- this is just a short list of events that could initiate a release and reunification for a school or district.

II. Scope

Circumstances may occur at the school that require parents to pick up their students in a formalized, controlled release. This process is called a Reunification and may be necessary due to weather, a power outage, hazmat or if a crisis occurs at the school. The Standard Reunification Method is a protocol that makes this process more predictable and less chaotic for all involved. Because a reunification is not a typical end of school day event, a reunification may occur at a different location than the school a student attends. If this location is another school, then those students may be subject to a controlled release as well.

A predetermined, practiced reunification method ensures the reunification process will not further complicate what is probably already a chaotic, anxiety-filled scene. In fact, putting an orderly reunification plan into action will help defuse the emotion building at the site.

A reunification typically occurs because of a crisis or emergency. Consequently, not just students and parents are trying to function at extraordinary stress levels; staff, their families and other first responders also feel the strain. By having a defined process with signage, cards, branding, procedures and protocols, the school presents an organized, calm face to all involved. Fear or uncertainty often results from the unknown. By adopting, communicating and practicing a “known” procedure, the school removes some of that uncertainty.

SRM Operations Guide can be found at: SRM ♥ The "I Love U Guys" Foundation

The SRM Process in a Nutshell
The materials provide the fundamentals for a comprehensive district plan. The beauty of the Standard Reunification Method is its simplicity in the following steps:

- Establish a parent check-in location.
- Deliver the students to the student staging area, beyond the field of vision of parents/guardians.
- Once students are on site, notify parents of location.
- “Greeters” direct parents/guardians to the parent check-in location and help them understand the process.
- Parents/guardians complete Reunification Cards.
- Procedure allows parents/guardians to self-sort during check in, streamlining the process.
- The “Reunifier” recovers students from the student staging area and delivers to the parent.
- Controlled lines of sight allow for an orderly flow, and issues can be handled with diminished drama or anxiety.
- Medical, notification, or investigative contingencies are anticipated.
- Pedestrian “flows” are created so lines don’t cross.

- When it's all said and done, successful reunification is about managing the student and parent experience.

The Reunification Operations Kit (ROK) which are ready made SRM materials can be found at: SRM ♥ The "I Love U Guys" Foundation

Offsite Reunification Organization Chart (Fillable) **Appendix L2**

REUNIFICATION SITE TEAM

Responsibilities:

Assure the reunification of students with their parents or authorized adult. Responsible for the collection, evaluation, and maintain accurate records.

Start-Up Actions:

-Check in with Building Team Leader for situation briefing
-Take a student roster and Computer with access to SIS
-If school is evacuating verify that the assembly area and routes to it are safe and count or observe the classrooms as they exit, to make sure that all classes evacuate
-Obtain necessary equipment and supplies
-Turn on radios and be ready to accept traffic
-Bring GO BOX to the evacuation center

Ongoing Duties:

-Release students with appropriate documentation. Verify identifications and mark them on the release list.
-Update records of the number of students and staff in the assembly area
-Direct all requests for information (JMC,) to the District Crisis Leader
-Follow procedures outlined below to ensure the safe reunification of students with their parents/guardians.
-Verify identification, look on student list
-Get parental signature to release students. Note: If a parent refuses to wait in line, don't argue. Document time with appropriate comments on Reunification form
-Maintain all records and reports
-Record verbal communication for basic content
-Coordinate with Law Enforcement to secure a reunification site

Important: A permanent log may be typed or rewritten at a later time for clarity and better understanding. Keep all original notes and records –they are legal documents.

If student is not with the class:

- On the GREEN EMERGENCY ROLL SHEET, teacher makes appropriate notation:
  "Present" if student is with the group
  "Absent" if student was never in school that day
  "First Aid" if student was in school but now is in the Medical Area
  "Missing" if student was in school but now cannot be located
-On the RED CARD, teacher records each student who is:
  - Absent - if student was never in school that day
  - First Aid - if student was in school but now is in the Medical Area
  - Missing - if student was in school but now cannot be located

RED CARD will be delivered to the Check-in table.
-Search & Rescue Officer verifies student location if known
-Parent should be notified of missing student status and escorted to Student Care Team
-If student is in Medical Treatment Area, parent should be escorted there

-If student was marked absent, the parent will be notified by a staff member for confirmation

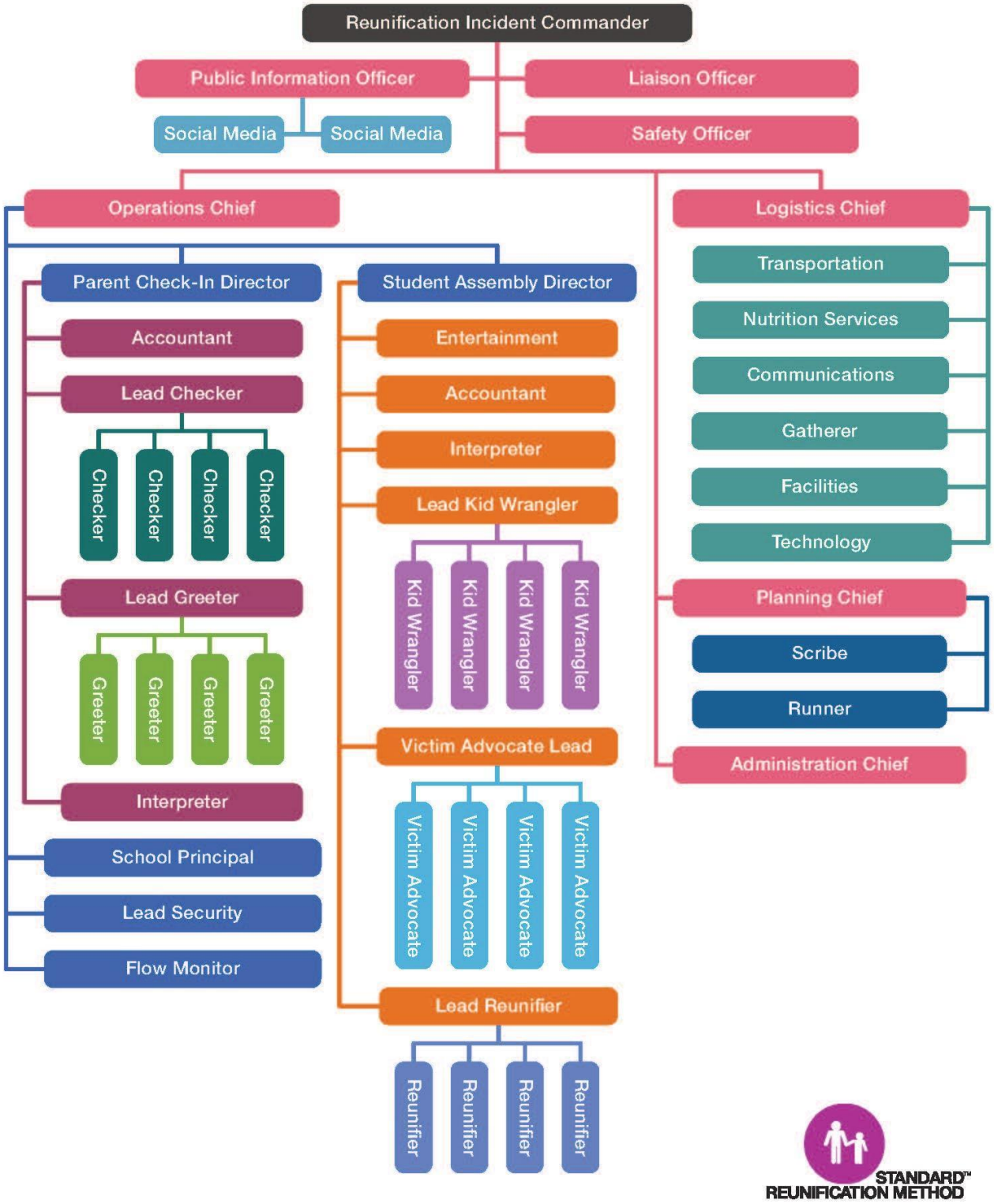
Closing Down:

-Collect all records and reports from all team members
-Rewrite a report to be kept on file in the Central Office
-Return all equipment and supplies to appropriate location

Supplies:

-2-way radio Computer Paper/pens Stapler
-Signs to organize parents by school
-GREEN EMERGENCY ROLL SHEET, RED CARD, Reunification form

SAMPLE OFFSITE REUNIFICATION ORGANIZATION CHART



SRM Staging the

STEP 1
ESTABLISH ONSITE INCIDENT COMMAND

The first step in staging for transport is establishing School Incident Command at the affected school. Integrating with Unified Command should be a priority.



Priorities: Student and staff safety and wellbeing
Student and staff whereabouts and condition
Assemble affected school command staff
Integrate with Unified Command
Joint Information Center established

Objectives: Safe transport of students and staff to reunification site

Strategy: The Standard Reunification Method

Tactics: Will be determined by the environment

STEP 2
CLASSROOM EVACUATION

Classrooms are individually evacuated to the Secure Assembly Area. During a Police Led Evacuation, students and staff will be asked to keep their hands visible.



If it is a Police Led Evacuation after a Lockdown, each room will be cleared by Law Enforcement personnel. This process may take up to several hours. Teacher should take attendance in the classroom, prior to evacuation.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Individuals with Disabilities Act mandates additional supports for students with special education needs in a school setting. These supports would also function to provide supervision and assistance to students with disabilities during emergency situations.



SRM Actions and

COMMUNITY ACTION
PARENTS WILL BEGIN TO ARRIVE

Parents will be arriving at the impacted school. Often with a Lockdown event, adjoining schools will go into Lockout. Parents may be arriving at those schools as well.



REUNIFICATION SITE
MOBILIZE REUNIFICATION TEAM

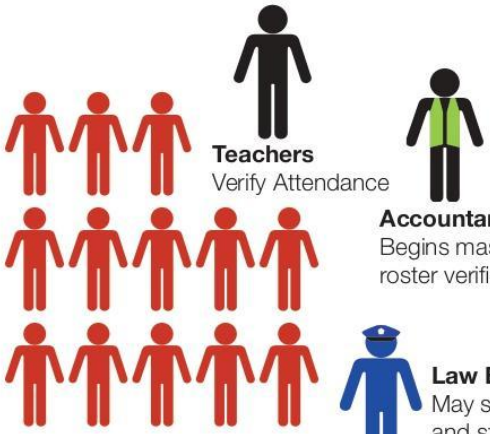
Contacting the Superintendent and determining the Reunification Site are among the first actions taken. If the site is another school, early release may be necessary.



School for Transport

STEP 3
SECURE ASSEMBLY AREA

At the Secure Assembly Area it is preferable that teachers stay with their students. If some teachers are unable to be at the Secure Assembly Area, doubling up classes with "Partner" teachers is appropriate.



Teachers
Verify Attendance

Accountant
Begins master roster verification



Law Enforcement
May search students and staff at the assembly area

STEP 4
STUDENT AND STAFF TRANSPORT

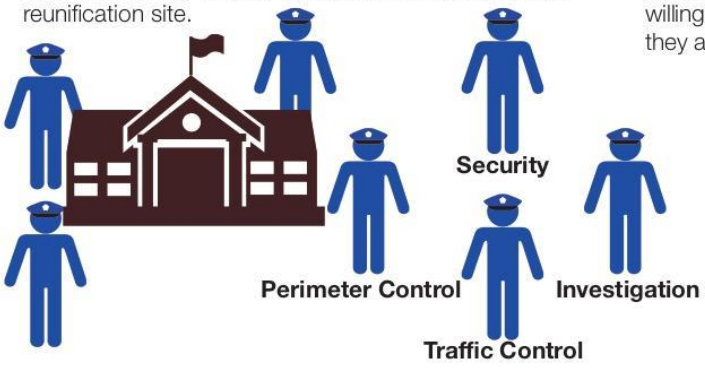
Students and staff board the bus and are transported to the Reunification Site. Buses having audio video systems can be utilized for further accountability by having students face the camera and state their name.



Considerations

LAW ENFORCEMENT
SUPPORT AND INVESTIGATIONS

Regardless of criminal activity, law enforcement support will be necessary at both the impacted school and the reunification site.



Security

Perimeter Control

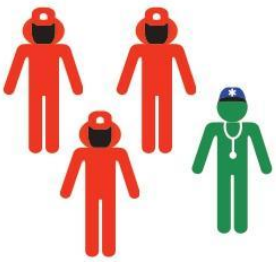
Investigation

Traffic Control

FIRE AND EMS
CASUALTY CARE

If necessary, Fire and EMS will establish Casualty Collection, Triage and Transport areas. Many fire departments are also willing to assist in the transport and reunification process, if they are not actively responding to crisis.





CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS (COOP) PLAN

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of these Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) is to ensure that there are procedures in place to maintain or rapidly resume essential operations within the school after an incident that results in disruption of normal activities or services to the school. Failure to maintain these critical services would significantly affect the education and/or service mission of the school in an adverse way.

Continuity of operations planning is required by Nebraska State Statute 79-2,144.

II. SCOPE

It is the responsibility of Superior Public School officials to protect students and staff from incidents and restore critical operations as soon as it is safe to do so. This responsibility involves identifying hazards, threats, and incidents, and preparing for and responding to incidents, and managing the recovery. These COOP procedures are written to address these responsibilities before, during, and after times of routine work schedules. They apply to Superior Public School, 601 W 8th St, Superior, NE 68978.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

The COOP plan outlines actions needed to maintain and/or rapidly resume essential academic, business, and physical services after an incident. Superior Public School relies on strong internal and external communication systems and partnerships with contractors and organizations to quickly recover following an incident.

GUIDANCE: A COOP plan should address the following nine elements to help ensure that after a large emergency that significantly impacts the school occurs, teaching and learning continues; physical aspects of the school and campus are addressed, such as identification of an alternate site and provision of classroom equipment, books, and material; business functions continue to operate; and appropriate emotional and psychological support is provided to students, teachers, and staff.

1. GUIDANCE: Define Essential Functions. The planning team should identify all of the functions performed by the district or school and determine which are critical and need to continue during and after an emergency. One essential function the team will likely readily identify is continuity of education, which includes teaching and learning, special education and related services, and school-based medical services and food programs. Other essential functions may include communications (internal and external), computer and systems support, facility use/maintenance, business services (e.g., payroll), and the provision of safety, security, mental and behavioral health services. Examples of non-essential functions may include after-school activities, professional development/educator training, sporting events, and field trips.

The delegation of authority and management responsibilities in event of an incident follows the hierarchy outlined in previous sections. Designated school staff/faculty COOP plan personnel, in conjunction with the principal, will perform the essential functions listed below.

Essential Functions Performed by COOP Plan Personnel

Person Responsible	Actions
Superintendent /Principal	● Determine when to close schools, and/or send students/staff to alternate locations. ● Disseminate information internally to students and staff. ● Communicate with parents, media, and the larger school community. ● Identify a line of succession, including who is responsible for restoring which business functions for schools/districts.

Primary Person:Marty Kobza	Phone/Email:402-879-9058 mkobza@superiorwildcats.org
Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:

Principal and/or assigned staff	● Ensure systems are in place for rapid contract execution after an incident. ● Identify relocation areas for classrooms and administrative operations. ● Create a system for registering students. (out of district or into alternative schools) ● Brief and train staff regarding their additional responsibilities. ● Secure and provide needed personnel, equipment and supplies, facilities, resources, and services required for continued operations. ● Identify strategies to continue teaching. (e.g., using the Internet, providing tutors for homebound students, rearranging tests) ● Reevaluate the curriculum.

Primary Person:	Phone/Email:
Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:

Custodians/ Maintenance Personnel	● Work with local government officials to determine when it is safe for students and staff to return to the school buildings and grounds. ● Manage the restoration of school buildings and grounds. (e.g., debris removal, repairing, repainting, and/or re-landscaping)

Primary Person:Cody Fierstein	Phone/Email: 402-879-1050
Alternate:Kent Kottmeyer	Phone/Email:402-879-5417
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:

School Secretary/ Office Staff	● Maintain inventory. ● Maintain essential records (and copies of records) including the school's insurance policy. ● Ensure redundancy of records is kept at a different physical location. ● Secure classroom equipment, books, and materials in advance. ● Restore administrative and recordkeeping functions such as payroll, accounting, and personnel records. ● Retrieve, collect, and maintain personnel data. ● Provide accounts payable and cash management services.

Primary Person: Sharon Biltoft	Phone/Email:402-879-5889
Alternate: Jacki Kleinschmidt	Phone/Email: 402-879-1866
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:

Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists	● Ensure all students have electronic access and equipment. ● Establish academic and support services for students and staff/faculty. ● Implement additional response and recovery activities according to established protocols.

	• Maintain continual contact with families and students.
Primary Person: Audrey Arsenian	Phone/Email: 402-
Alternate:Casey Zoltenko	Phone/Email:
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:
School Nurses/Health Assistants	• Assist families with medical questions and concerns. • Connect families/students with medical services.
Primary Person: Megan McMeen	Phone/Email: 402-879-5208
Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Food Service /Cafeteria Workers	• Determine how transportation and food services will resume. • Establish food security for any student.
Primary Person: Kris Holcolm	Phone/Email:
Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Teachers	• Develop Continuity of Learning Plan for students. • Alternative Education (web-based, electronic) (I.T.) • Provide educational feedback on completed student work. • Maintain continual contact with families and students. • Continue the learning environment as best possible. • Communicate with counselors any concerns on the well-being of students.
Primary Person:	Phone/Email:
Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Transportation	• Assist in the distribution of food/lunches. • Assist in transportation of people as needed.
Primary Person: Kevin Knoell	Phone/Email: 402-879-5661
Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Emergency Management	• Assist the school with any needs. (i.e., state or federal agencies) • Coordinate using NIMS and ICS. • Coordinate personnel to assist in setting up structure.
Primary Person:	Phone/Email:

Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Law Enforcement	• Maintain the security of off site location. • Set up traffic flow at an off site location. • Provide traffic control at the off site location.
Primary Person: Brad Baker	Phone/Email:
Alternate:Jill Algood	Phone/Email: 402-879-1972
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Parents	• Support the educational Continuity of Learning Plan provided by schools. • Provide an environment at home conducive to learning. • Provide support and encouragement to children for their continued learning. • Procure food security if needed.
Students	• Follow the educational Continuity of Learning Plan provided by the school. • Maintain communication with teacher(s).
Others (Specific)	
Primary Person:	Phone/Email:
Alternate:	Phone/Email:
Second Alternate:	Phone/Email:

All core COOP procedures personnel as well as senior staff will undergo annual training on executing the COOP procedures. Training will be designed to inform each participant of his/her responsibilities (and those of others) during implementation of COOP procedures.

Identified COOP procedures personnel will participate in exercises to test academic, physical, and business systems. Training will include testing the information technology (IT) systems and backup data including testing of offsite backup system data and IT operating systems in cooperation with the district office.

2. GUIDANCE: Create Orders of Succession. Orders of succession define who will play an active leadership role when regular leadership is unavailable. For example, the district may want to determine with the school who will serve as Interim Principal in the absence of the regular Principal. The first step in creating orders of succession is to create a list of alternates who would serve in an interim or acting capacity in the event that an administrator or manager is not available. This list should be approved by the school board and district administration.

Order of Succession

School to determine and place statements or charts here. In the table below, describe how successor(s) will be notified. List key positions, the titles of those who are the primary and secondary in the orders of succession,

and any limitations for those titles. Address who will review and revise succession plans and insert completion date.

Orders of Succession				
Conditions for Succession	**Key position holder(s) are unable to execute their duties for an extended period of time.**			
Method of Notification	*Address how successor(s) will be notified, as well as external and internal personnel*			
Succession by Position	Key Position Title	Primary Succession Title	Secondary Succession Title	Time/Geographical/ Organizational Limitations
	(i.e., Principal)	(i.e., Asst. Principal)		
	Add rows if needed			
Succession Revision Procedures/ Date Completed	*Address who will review and revise the succession plans, and date revision is completed*			

3. GUIDANCE: Create Delegations of Authority. Delegations of authority identify what can and cannot be done by an acting leader based on his or her role or title. Again, using the Interim Principal as an example, the person should know which decisions she/he is allowed to make in the absence of the Principal. Any document that lays out delegations of authority should be reviewed by the district or school's general counsel to ensure it meets state law and district and/or local policies (for example, in the event of a pandemic, school closure requirements vary and in some states it is the local health department who has authority while in others the district superintendent has authority to decide whether or not schools stay open or closed and whether or not students are dismissed).

Delegation of Authority

School to determine and place statements or charts here. In the table below, list key positions and their associated authorities. For each authority, identify a primary and alternate position that can assume those authorities if necessary. Include any limitations to authority (i.e., financial decisions).

Delegation of Authority			
Delegated Authorities	**Position**	**Authority**	
	(e.g., Principal)	(associated authorities of the principal)	

	Add additional rows if needed		
Delegation Circumstances	**Effective:** Principal (or other key position holders) out of contact/unable to execute duties, or authority is delegated by the Principal (or other key position holders). **Termination:** Key position holder can assume duties once again.		
Assigned Authority	**Authority**	**Primary (title)**	**Alternative (title)**
	Add additional rows if needed		
Limitations			

4. GUIDANCE: Identify Alternate Facilities and Locations. Depending on what are considered essential functions of the school or district, alternate locations should be identified that can be used if the primary school or its buildings can't be used. Alternate locations may include schools, administrative buildings, and other facilities. Essential functions or activities that need to be performed at an alternate location should also be identified, such as the provision of lunches through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or dispensing of medications. The following procedures will be followed by staff/faculty to assist in the execution of essential functions and the day-to-day operations.

A. Activation and Relocation

The principal will determine when to activate and implement the COOP procedures and make the decision to relocate to the alternate site. Authority for activation may be delegated. The activation may occur with or without warning. The principal or designee (with delegated authority) will activate the COOP procedures whenever it is determined the school is not suitable for safe occupancy or functional operation. The principal will also notify the district office and provide contact information for the relocation.

B. Alert, Notification, and Implementation Process

Each School Safety Team member will be part of the telephone tree used to notify employees of COOP procedures activation and provide situation information, as available. Parents/guardians will be alerted and notified using the automated notification system as important information becomes available.

In the table below, identify the primary communication resources and alternates that would be used if necessary. Identify whether the alternate communications are internal or external, what data or services can be accessed, and indicate if they are redundant.

Alternative Communications				
Device type/name	**Internal Capability (Y/N)**	**External Capability (Y/N)**	**Data/System/Services that can be accessed**	**Redundant (Y/N)**

C. Relocation Sites

Relocation sites have been identified as locations to establish management and to implement essential functions if warranted by an incident. Each school site will have more than one potential relocation site, in different wind directions from the incident site. One site can be accessed by walking and other site(s) by transportation services.

D. Alternate Facilities and Strategy

For estimated short-term (2 to 14 days) payroll and personnel actions, the alternative facility will be the Office of State Personnel, 120 Oak Park Street, Georgetown, CL. For a longer term arrangement, schools in the immediate vicinity of Springfield would be utilized if possible. Contingent alternative facilities are listed below:

Facility/Site Name	Alternate Sites Name/Location	Alternate Site Contact Information	Existing or Prepositioned Assets & Capabilities at Alternate Facility	Additional Resources Needed at Alternate Facility
Primary Facility: (i.e., Anytown Elementary School Building)	Alternative Site:		Address the assets, equipment, resources, & capabilities already available at alternate sites, e.g.: --Assets: --Furniture: -- Internet access: --Office supplies:	Address resources needed at alternate site to carry out essential functions.
	Secondary Site:			
Primary Facility:	Alternative Site:			
	Secondary Site:			
Primary Facility:	Alternative Site:			
	Secondary Site:			

For each alternate facility, the essential resources, equipment, and software that will be necessary for resumption of operations at the site will be identified and plans developed for securing those resources. IT systems available at the site will need to be tested for compatibility with Superior Public School's backup data.

5. GUIDANCE: Establish Plans for Communications Continuity. Communicating with stakeholders, such as students, parents/guardians, staff, teachers, the media, and community partners is important in any emergency and can be critical to ensuring continuity of operations. Effective and regular communication allows for all relevant persons to be kept up-to-date on actions the district and school is taking and what is required of them, if anything. To ensure that the district and school will be able to communicate in an emergency, when some lines of communication may not be working, back-up and redundant systems should be identified. For example, if electrical power to the region is lost during an emergency, parents and guardians could be told ahead of time that information will be provided on a notice board in front of the school.

Interoperable Communications/Backup Sites

As noted above, the Office of State Personnel will be used as a temporary alternative site for short-term disruptions involving payroll and personnel actions.

With a longer term and/or more comprehensive incapacity of the building, _____is the first option for relocation. Currently the lines and services for telephones and computers at _____ are maintained, protected, and backed up offsite by the district office.

In _____, the hardware and physical lines are protected by the fire prevention, humidity controls, temperature controls, and electrical generating capacity of the building itself. The telephone lines will work even during power failures. The building also has a generator for emergency power. The main computer room housing the servers on the third floor is protected by an array of optimal controls such as halon fire prevention, humidity controls, large air conditioners, and temperature controls. The rest of the building, however, is highly vulnerable to damage from fire and rapid changes in temperature and humidity. The building has no sprinkler system, and the placement of thermostats does not match the current office configuration, resulting in wide variations of temperature depending on location.

6. GUIDANCE: Create a Plan for Accessing Vital Records. Vital records can be organized into two categories: 1) Emergency operations records, which include information such as staff contact information, orders of succession, and delegations of authority; and 2) Legal and financial records, which can include information such as personnel records, payroll records, contracts, and student data information such as emergency contact cards, medical records, and education records.

Vital Records and Retention File

Vital records are archived and/or retained on backup data systems stored off site.

Vital Records: Emergency Operations Records		
Vital Record Name/Database	**Location**	**Back-up/Alternate Record Location**
Staff Contact List		
Orders of Succession		
Delegation of Authority		

Vital Records: Legal & Financial Records		
Vital Record Name/Database	**Location**	**Back-up/Alternate Record Location**
Personnel Records		
Payroll Records		
Contracts		
Student Emergency Contact List		
Student Medical Records		
Education Records		

7. GUIDANCE: Establish a Plan for Human Capital Management. Teachers and staff should be clear about what they are expected to do in an emergency and students and families should know how education would continue during and after a large emergency. Provisions and accommodations should also be provided for students who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and eligible students should still be provided medical and food services during prolonged school dismissals. Staff and teachers should have advanced training regarding their assigned essential functions.

Human Capital Management

Employees responsible for essential functions are cross-trained. Identified special needs employees are provided Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation and guidance in their responsibilities as well as the assistance that may be provided by coworkers in event of an incident. A coworker may assist the individual, in the appropriate capacity, to an area of safety. All personnel are also encouraged to plan for their families' well-being before a disaster strikes.

Below, indicate how your school plans to manage human capital while the COOP is activated

Notifying Staff about their role during an emergency

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- .
- .

Notifying Students and Parents/Guardians about the Continuity of Instruction

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- .
- .

Provisions and accommodations for students who have IEPs

- .
- .
- .

Provisions and accommodations for eligible students to continue receiving medical and food service

- .
- .
- .

COOP training plan for staff

- .
- .
- .

8. GUIDANCE: Establish Plans for Devolution. Devolution occurs when essential functions are handed over to alternate staff and teachers at another location. Although a rare occurrence, schools and districts need to prepare for a situation where a school needs to close and its administrators, teachers and staff are no longer able or available to provide support in their day-to-day roles. Procedures, guidance, and organizational structure need to be developed so that the transfer of roles and responsibilities to other administrators, staff and teachers at another school or location can go smoothly.

Plan for Devolution

Devolution is the process of transferring operational control of one or more essential functions to a predetermined responsible party or parties. The possibility for hazards, threats, and incidents are constant. Any of these could occur at different times, have variable durations, and may differ in the severity; therefore, full or partial devolution of essential functions may be necessary to continue essential functions and services. The District has established plans and procedures for devolution, which identifies how it will transfer operations, if any of these hazards, threats, or incidents renders leadership and essential staff incapable or unavailable, as determined by the Board of Education.

The school may want to identify the plans and procedures for transfer of operations here or identify where that information is located.

Outline your devolution plan below by answering the questions below:

Who has the authority to order devolution and under what conditions?

- e.g. Superintendent has the authority when school essential functions “fail to operate”.
- .
- .

What are the triggers to activate devolution? (What are the “fail to operate” triggers?)

- e.g. Bus drivers are unable or unavailable to transport students to/from school
- .
- .

What resources are required should a devolution occur?

- e.g. Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with other districts for bussing students
- .
- .

9. GUIDANCE: Establish a Plan for Reconstitution. Reconstitution occurs when educational programming is restored and teachers and staff are able to continue teaching and providing other support. The process of reconstitution can be rather complex, so districts and schools need to consider how this will be achieved quickly and efficiently.

Reconstitution

In most instances of COOP procedures implementation, reconstitution will be a reverse execution of those duties and procedures listed above, including:

- Inform staff that the threat of or incident no longer exists and provide instructions for the resumption of normal operations.
- Supervise an orderly return to the school building.
- Conduct an after-action review of COOP operations and effectiveness of plans and procedures.

Reconstitution Responsibilities			
Phase	**Duties**	**Primary Responsible**	**Alternate Responsible**
Relocation from alternate facility to primary (or replacement)	Internal alert and notification	i.e., Principal	i.e., Asst. Principal
	External alert and notification		
	Transfer equipment, vital records, data		
	Transfer communications		
	Deployment and departure from		

facility	alternate facility		
	Transition to primary operations		
	Set up at primary or replacement site		
Operations	Execution of essential functions		
	Execution of non-essential functions		
	Establishment of communications		
	Procurement of equipment and supplies		
	Conduct a review of COOP execution and effectiveness (After Action Report)		

10. GUIDANCE: The COOP procedures should be reviewed annually to assure all information is accurate and up-to-date. Staff and personnel who perform essential functions should participate in regular training and exercises to ensure they understand their role when the COOP is activated.

Plan Maintenance, Testing, Training, Exercising

In the table below, identify the primary and alternate persons responsible for carrying out COOP maintenance activities, and the date they were completed.

COOP Maintenance			
	Person Responsible		
Activity	**Primary**	**Alternate**	**Completion**
Schedule COOP maintenance meeting			
Review list of essential functions			
Identify essential employees and confirm their availability			
Update contact information, emergency call roster, and checklists			
Establish assistance/ cooperative agreements with suppliers and vendors			
Identify computer network interdependencies (such as servers connected to the district network)			

Notify/Follow-up with facilities management regarding any repairs or maintenance to buildings			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			

Appendix M1 is a COOP Example and **Appendix M2** is a COOP form (Fillable).

RECOVERY: PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALING PROCEDURES/PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID (PFA)

I. PURPOSE

These procedures have been developed to provide emotional support to students/staff impacted by trauma at school or in the community.

Psychological First Aid (PFA) is an evidence-informed intervention model to assist students, families, school personnel, and school partners in the immediate aftermath of an emergency. PFA is designed to reduce the initial distress caused by emergencies, and to foster short- and long-term adaptive functioning and coping. The principles and techniques of PFA meet five basic standards. They are:

1. Consistent with research evidence on risk and resilience following trauma.
2. Respectful of and consistent with the school administration of the academic setting, school culture, and the behavior (code of conduct) of students.
3. Applicable and practical in field settings.
4. Appropriate for developmental levels across the lifespan.
5. Delivered in a culturally-informed and flexible manner.

PFA assumes that students and staff members may experience a broad range of early reactions (e.g., physical, cognitive, psychological, behavioral, spiritual) following an emergency. Some of these reactions can cause distress that interferes with adaptive coping, but support from informed, compassionate, and caring professionals can help students and staff members recover from these reactions. PFA has the potential to mitigate the development of severe mental health problems or long-term difficulties in recovery by identifying individuals who may need additional services and linking them to such services as needed.

Following a traumatic event or incident, the following outcomes should be possible through the implementation to assist students, staff, and their families in the healing process.

- To establish a positive connection with students and staff members in a non-intrusive, compassionate manners.
- To enhance immediate and ongoing safety and provide physical and emotional comfort.
- To calm and orient emotionally overwhelmed or distraught students and staff.
- To help students and staff members identify their immediate needs and concerns.
- To offer practical assistance and information to help students and staff members address their immediate needs and concerns.
- To connect students and staff members as soon as possible to social support networks, including family members, friends, coaches, and other school or community groups.
- To empower students, staff, and families to take an active role in their recovery, by acknowledging their coping efforts and strengths, and supporting adaptive coping.
- To make clear your availability and (when appropriate) link the student and staff to other relevant school or community resources such as school counseling services, peer support programs, after-school activities, tutoring, primary care physicians, local recovery systems, mental health services, employee assistance programs, public-sector services, and other relief organizations.

Whether conducting school vulnerability assessments or adopting an intervention such as PFA, schools organize safety initiatives based on the four-part emergency management cycle. The four-part emergency management cycle includes:

A. Prevention phase

Schools both assess and address building security, the safety and integrity of facilities, the culture/ climate of schools, and the need for secondary prevention mental health programs.

B. Preparedness phase

Schools facilitate a rapid, coordinated, and effective response in the event of an actual emergency by taking the following steps:

- Refining emergency management plans and emergency procedures in collaboration with key members of the emergency response community. (fire and police departments, disaster services, and public health)
- Periodically reviewing and reinforcing emergency plans and procedures with staff.
- Defining building-level and district-level Incident Command System (ICS) structures.
- Implementing staff training on various topics, including parent-student reunification and PFA.
- Conducting emergency simulations in collaboration with outside agencies.
- Developing and regularly updating a list of providers trained in PFA.

C. Response phase

Action is taken to effectively contain and resolve an emergency and to decrease the potential for such an emergency to escalate. During this phase, the school executes the emergency management plan and emergency procedures and initiates preliminary activation of the PFA teams. Although the response phase may have a clear ending point for emergency response agencies, the transition into the fourth phase, recovery, may be less distinct.

D. Recovery phase

Steps are taken to assist students, staff, and their families in the recovery process and to restore educational operations in schools. This phase involves conducting damage assessments and making repairs, implementing business continuity plans, and addressing grief and stress reactions. The very early stages of the recovery phase (hours or days after an emergency) are the most appropriate time to deliver PFA. Depending on the nature of the incident, recovery may be a long-term process. PFA is an acute intervention; for information about longer-term interventions appropriate for students and families who have lingering or severe symptoms, go to www.NCTSN.org for a review of evidence-based interventions and treatments.

II. SCOPE

PFA is most effective immediately following the incident (e.g., from one hour to a couple of weeks after an event). In some circumstances, assuming the safety of students and staff has been ensured, PFA can be initiated while an incident is still occurring, such as in shelter or lockdown situations.

PFA is intended for students, school personnel, and their families who have been exposed to a disaster or other emergency. Whether an emergency occurs on school grounds or in the community at large, schools serve as a central location for professionals to assist children, families, school personnel, and school partners.

The following procedures outline steps to be taken by staff/students following a trauma, a serious injury or death, and/or a major incident impacting the community. Mental health professionals available in the school community such as nurses and social workers are required to participate in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the School EOP as it relates to this system. Additional advice will be sought from outside psychologists and mental health experts.

1. **Contact and Engagement Goal:** To initiate contacts or to respond to contacts by students and staff in a non-intrusive, compassionate, and helpful manner.
2. **Safety and Comfort Goal:** To enhance immediate and ongoing safety, and provide physical and emotional comfort.
3. **Stabilization (if needed) Goal:** To calm and orient emotionally overwhelmed or disoriented students and staff.

4. **Information Gathering:** Current Needs and Concerns Goal: To identify immediate needs and concerns, gather additional information, and tailor Psychological First Aid for Schools interventions to meet these needs.
5. **Practical Assistance Goal:** To offer practical help to students and staff in addressing immediate needs and concerns.
6. **Connection with Social Supports Goal:** To help establish brief or ongoing contacts with primary support persons or other sources of support, including family,friends, teachers, and other school and/or community resources.
7. **Information on Coping Goal:** To provide information about stress reactions and coping to reduce distress and promote adaptive functioning.
8. **Linkage with Collaborative Services Goal:** To link students and staff with available services needed at the time or in the future.

These core actions of Psychological First Aid constitute the basic objectives of providing early assistance within hours, days, or weeks following an event. Be flexible and base the amount of time you spend on each core action on the person's specific needs and concerns.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

To implement the recovery of psychological healing procedures:

- All staff will undergo training to learn how to recognize signs of trauma.
- Members of the Psychological First Aid Team (PFA) will undergo in-depth training to learn how to assist in managing trauma.
- Parents and guardians will be offered tips on how to recognize signs of trauma.
- Mental health experts will review and provide input into the plan.

IV. SPECIALIZED PROCEDURES

The following procedure will be implemented by staff/faculty when directed by the principal or when deemed appropriate by the situation.

Immediately Following a Serious Injury or Death and/or Major Incident:

- Convene a staff meeting immediately to discuss how the situation is being handled and to discuss what resources are available to staff, students, and families. (refer to the communication procedures in the basic plan)
- Set up support rooms. (include PFA team and outside mental health professionals to assist)
- Encourage teachers to read the script about the incident and allow students to openly discuss feelings, fears, and concerns shortly after the incident. Avoid specific details of the incident, just basic facts. Any students who are excessively distraught should be referred to the PFA Team.
- Designate a place for staff, students, and community members to leave condolences, well-wishes, messages and items, and determine a standard amount of time for those items to remain.

Hospital/Funeral Arrangements:

- Provide staff with information regarding visitation and/or funeral arrangements (time, location, customs) when available. If the funeral is scheduled during a school day, all students and staff will be excused from school.
- Encourage staff and students to attend the funeral to provide support for the family and bring closure to the incident.
- Designate staff person(s) to visit the hospital and/or attend the funeral to represent the school.

Post-Incident Procedures:

- Allow for changes in normal routines or schedule to address injury or death; however, recommend students and staff return to their normal routine as soon as possible after the funeral.
- Follow up with students and staff who receive counseling and refer them to outside mental health professionals as needed.

Hazard- and Threat - Specific Systems:

The hazard- and threat- specific systems:

- Provide unique procedures, roles, and responsibilities that apply to a specific hazard.
- Include provisions and applications for warning the public and disseminating emergency public information.
- Only list information one time without repeating from the basic plan or functional systems.

Repeating information is not advisable for the following reasons:

- School staff and students should learn and exercise simple procedures that apply to all hazards. The hazard-specific annexes should present only hazard-unique information.
- Repeating procedures increases the possibility that there will be inconsistencies in procedures that could lead to confusion during an incident.
- The plan becomes larger and more difficult for users to comprehend.

Refer to the following Appendices:

Appendix N1: Threats/Hazards List
Appendix N2: Risk Assessment Worksheet
Appendix N3: Examples of Threats/Hazards in SRP Areas
Appendix N5: Goals/Objectives and Action Plan

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Command Staff: A group of incident personnel that the Incident Commander or Unified Command assigns to support the command function at an ICP. Command staff often include a PIO, a Safety Officer, and a Liaison Officer, who have assistants as necessary. Additional positions may be needed, depending on the incident.

COOP: The purpose of Continuity of Operations (COOP) procedures is to ensure that there are procedures in place to maintain or rapidly resume essential operations within the school after an incident that results in disruption of normal activities or services to the school. Essential functions include business services (payroll and purchasing), communication (internal and external), computer and systems support, facilities maintenance, safety and security, and continuity of teaching and learning.

Drill: A coordinated, supervised activity usually employed to validate a specific operation or function in a single agency or organization. Drills are commonly used to provide training on new equipment, develop or validate new policies or procedures, or practice and maintain current skills. During drills, school personnel and community partners (i.e., first responders, local emergency management staff) use the actual school grounds and buildings to practice responding to a scenario.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC): An EOC is a facility from which staff provide information management, resource allocation and tracking, and/or advanced planning support to personnel on scene or at other EOCs (e.g., a state center supporting a local center).

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP): (formerly called Safety Plan) An ongoing plan for responding to a wide variety of potential threats and hazards.

Exercise: An instrument to train for, assess, practice, and improve performance in prevention, protection, response, and recovery capabilities in a risk-free environment. Exercises can be used for testing and validating policies, plans, procedures, training, equipment, and interagency agreements; clarifying and training personnel in roles and responsibilities; improving interagency coordination and communications; improving individual performance; identifying gaps in resources; and identifying opportunities for improvement.

Evacuate: is always followed by a location and is used to move students and staff from one location to a different location in or out of the building. (Threat is inside)

Hazards: Hazards include situations to harm students, personnel, and/or facilities. Hazards usually include those things that we cannot control, such as tornadoes, floods, and chemical spills. Hazards may require an interagency response involving law enforcement and/or emergency services depending on the size and scope of the incident.

Hold: means to hold in your classroom or area. Clear the halls. (No threat involved)

Incident: An incident is an occurrence that requires a response to protect life or property. An incident is something that we most likely cannot control, such as car accidents, pandemics, and illness. The superintendent/principal/building administrator shall have the authority to determine when an incident has occurred and to implement the procedures within this EOP.

Incident Command System (ICS): A standardized on-scene emergency management construct specifically designed to provide an integrated organizational structure that reflects the complexity and demands of single or multiple incidents, without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. ICS is the combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure, designed to aid in the management of resources during incidents. It is used for all kinds of emergencies and is applicable to small as well as large and complex incidents. ICS is used by various jurisdictions and functional agencies, both public and private, to organize field-level incident management operations.

Incident Management: The broad spectrum of activities and organizations providing effective and efficient operations, coordination, and support applied at all levels of government, utilizing both governmental and

nongovernmental resources to plan for, respond to, and recover from an incident, regardless of cause, size, or complexity.

Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP): The School EOP has been developed to fit into the larger local county or local EOP in the case of a large-scale incident. Staff members that maintain and exercise the plan are in frequent contact with the County/City Emergency Manager and the County/City Emergency Management Department.

Lockdown: is followed by "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep students quiet and in place. (Threat is close to or in the building)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement: A written or oral agreement between and among agencies/organizations and/or jurisdictions that provides a mechanism to quickly obtain assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials, and other associated services. The primary objective is to facilitate the rapid, short-term deployment of support prior to, during, and/or after an incident.

National Incident Management System: A set of principles that provides a systematic, proactive approach guiding government agencies at all levels, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to work seamlessly to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life or property and harm to the environment.

Prevention: The capabilities necessary to avoid, prevent, or stop a threatened or actual act of terrorism. For the purposes of the prevention framework called for in PPD-8, the term “prevention” refers to preventing imminent threats.

Psychological First Aid Team (PFA): Psychological First Aid for Schools (PFA) is an evidence-informed intervention model to assist students, families, school personnel, and school partners in the aftermath of an emergency. PFA is designed to reduce the initial distress caused by emergencies, and to foster short- and long-term adaptive functioning and coping.

Psychological First Aid Team The school team that assists in carrying out the PFA plan.

Public Information: Processes, procedures, and systems for communicating timely, accurate, and accessible information on an incident’s cause, size, and current situation; resources committed; and other matters of general interest to the public, responders, and additional stakeholders (both directly affected and indirectly affected).

Recovery: The capabilities necessary to assist communities affected by an incident to recover effectively.

Response: The capabilities necessary to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs after an incident has occurred.

Risk: The potential for an unwanted outcome resulting from an incident, event, or occurrence, as determined by its likelihood and the associated consequences.

Section Chiefs: The General Staff consists of the Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance/Administration Section Chiefs. These individuals are responsible for the functional aspects of the incident command structure. The Incident Commander or Unified Command activates these section chiefs as needed. These functions default to the Incident Commander or Unified Command until a section chief is assigned. The section chiefs may have one or more deputies as necessary.

Secure is followed by the Directive: "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors" and is the protocol used to safeguard students and staff within the building. (Threat is outside)

Shelter is always followed by a type and a method and is the protocol for group and self-protection. (Threat is outside)

SRM: Standard Reunification Method: Circumstances may occur at the school that require parents to pick up their students in a formalized, controlled release. This process is called a reunification and may be necessary due to weather, a power outage, hazmat or if a crisis occurs at the school. The SRM is a protocol that makes this process more predictable and less chaotic for all involved.

SRP: Standard Response Protocol: The SRP is based on four actions, Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. In the event of an emergency, the action and appropriate direction will be called on the PA system. (new version not on website yet).

Tabletop Exercises: Tabletop exercises are small-group discussions that walk through a scenario and the courses of action a school will need to take before, during, and after an emergency to lessen the impact on the school community. This activity helps assess the plan and resources and facilitates an understanding of emergency management and planning concepts.

Threat: Threats include situations to harm students, personnel, and/or facilities. Threats usually include those things that we can control, such as active killer, bullying, and suicide. Threats may require an interagency response involving law enforcement and/or emergency services depending on the size and scope of the incident.