

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - AGENDA

Alma Public Schools

Monday, July 10, 2023

- A. Call to Order and announce location of Open Meetings Act Poster
 - A.1. Verification of Receipt of Notice, which was published in the Harlan County Journal
 - A.2. Roll of Board Members - Excuse absent board members
 - A.3. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A.3.a. Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - A.3.b. General Financial Report
 - A.3.c. Activity Financial Report
 - A.4. Review monthly bills submitted
- B. Request to address the Board
- C. Action Items - Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action
 - C.1. to review and decide whether to join the Nebraska Rural Community Association (NRCSA - \$850) and the National Rural Education Association (NREA - \$75) for the 2023-24 school year.
 - C.2. to review and possibly approve the following policies and wave the second reading of each policy. Most are required because of new legislation: Policy 1101* – Use of School Facilities; Policy 4171 – Certificated Employees; Policy 5004* – Full-time & Part-time Enrollment; Policy 5006* – Option Enrollment, Resolution, and Sample Letter; Policy 5101* – Student Discipline; Policy 5102* Alternative Education; Policy 5103 – Extracurricular Activity, Policy 5205* – Graduation; Policy 5602 – Naloxone; Policy 6212* - Assesments-Academic Content Standards; Policy 6215* – Collection of Information Relating to Dyslexia; Policy 6284* - Initiations, Hazing, Secret Clubs, and Outside Organizations; Policy 6288 Artificial Intelligence; Policy 6200* Special Education; Policy 6700* Firearm Policy; Policy 6921* - Seizure Safe Schools; Policy 6930* Behavioral Points of Contacts; Policy 8130* - Annual Organization Meeting.
 - C.3. to approve Kris Eddy as the Head Wrestling Coach.

- C.4. to review and approve the student, teacher, non-certified, paraprofessional and activity handbooks.
- C.5. to review, accept and approve the Early Childhood Education Program grant of \$145,000 from the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) for the 2023-2024 school year.
- C.6. to review and discuss the Pre-Kindergarten program and approve and/or make any decision necessary for the program.
- C.7. to review and discuss substitute teacher compensation for the 2023-2024 school year.
- C.8. to review and discuss bids for demolition of the house at 512 5th street.
- D. Principal's Report
- E. Superintendent's Report: Summer Projects, Property line, Budget information, School opening information, New students, paras, Board retreat, Taxing Authority, Harlan Co. Fair food stand schedule.
- F. Next Regular Meeting
- G. Adjourn

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ALMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 WILL DISCUSS, CONSIDER, OR TAKE ACTION ON ALL ISSUES MENTIONED IN THIS AGENDA.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

The regular meeting of the Alma Public Schools Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the library at Alma Public School. The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Allen Brugh, Randy Heckenlively, Kate Hopkins, Nick Simonson, Mike Stemper, Samantha Stuhmer.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posted in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings and notice of this meeting and hearing were given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Nick Simonson and seconded by Kate Hopkins to approve minutes of the regular May 2023 school board meeting minutes, General Financial Report, and Activity Fund Financial Report. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea, Samantha Stuhmer: Yea. Passed.

A motion was made by Randy Heckenlively and seconded by Mike Stemper to approve the receipts, expenditures, and payment of claims from the General Fund for \$604,835.70, Lunch Fund for \$8,440.73, Building/Sinking Fund for \$2,262.05, and from Activity Fund for \$24,568.14. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea, Samantha Stuhmer: Yea. Passed.

The Student Fees Hearing was opened at 7:14 pm.. There was no one present to speak or ask questions. The hearing was adjourned at 7:15 pm..

A motion was made by Samantha Stuhmer and seconded by Randy Heckenlively to approve School fees policy, as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea, Samantha Stuhmer: Yea. Passed.

The Parent Involvement Policy (6400 and 6410) Hearing was opened at 7:17 pm. Changes and updates were discussed. There was no one was present to speak or ask questions. Hearing was closed at 7:22 pm..

A motion was made by Mike Stemper and seconded by Nick Simonson to approve Parental Involvement Policy 6400 and 6410 with updates as received from Perry Law Firm. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea, Samantha Stuhmer: Yea. Passed.

A motion was made by Randy Heckenlively and seconded by Kate Hopkins to approve Attendance Policy (5008) after review and discussion. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea, Samantha Stuhmer: Yea. Passed.

A motion was made by Samantha Stuhmer and seconded by Kate Hopkins to approve (5415) Anti-Bullying Policy. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea, Samantha Stuhmer: Yea. Passed.

Discussion items included: The preschool building (interior) has been deconstructed and new interior walls constructed. Waiting on: insulation, electrical, sheetrock, moving a window and doors, cabinets, fence, playground equipment, plumbing, internet and telephone, HVAC will be completed after insulation is installed. Twenty students is our enrollment limit.

A motion was made by Nick Simonson and seconded by Mike Stemper to be tuition free at preschool for the 2023-2024 school term. The official name is Little Cardinals Early Learning Center (LCELC). After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea, Samantha Stuhmer: Yea. Passed.

A motion was made by Nick Simonson and seconded by Mike Stemper to Lunch prices for the 2023-2024 school term will be: Pk-6 Student Lunch \$2.70, 7-12 Student Lunch \$3.10, Adult Lunch \$3.85 and Pk-6 Student Breakfast \$1.75, 7-12 Student Breakfast \$1.75, Adult Breakfast \$2.25. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea, Samantha Stuhmer: Yea. Passed.

Principal Brandyberry reviewed and discussed graduation and Summer School.

Superintendent Davis reviewed the preschool projects, grounds upkeep, security updates (grants may be available), surveillance in/on the athletic field parking lot, property line questions near the athletic field, the E3 Emergency and Safety App. (mobile app), and Option Enrollment. We are advertising for a Wrestling Coach.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

DATED Monday, June 12, 2023

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2,

a/k/a ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

President, Allen Brugh

Secretary, Jessica Miller

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN CIVICS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A meeting of the Alma Public Schools American Civics Committee was convened in open and public session on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:40 pm in the library at Alma Public Schools. The roll was called and the following committee members were present: Kate Hopkins, Samantha Stuhmer, Nick Simonson (committee members); as were Superintendent Jon Davis, Principal Stephanie Brandyberry.

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HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2,

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Allen Brugh

Jessica Miller

<u>General/Money Market/Trans Accts</u>	Receipts	Disburse	Total	1
06/01/2023 General			\$320,132.19	
06/01/2023 Money Market			\$642,428.38	
06/01/2023 Transaction			\$20,882.48	
Franklin County Treasurer	\$112.37			
Furnas County Treasurer	\$9,052.90			
Harlan County Treasurer	\$424,570.50			
BCBS self-pay	\$3,865.96			
MAC DecJanFeb23	\$12,619.42			
SpEd FFR Reimb 21-22	\$53,971.00			
REAP	\$34,652.00			
State Aid	\$154,934.00			
interest earned - Transaction Acct	\$10.37			
interest earned - MMA	\$721.69			
interest earned - Gen Fund	\$170.20			
June receipts	\$694,680.41		\$1,678,123.46	
cks cleared/reimb made in June		\$614,911.77	\$1,063,211.69	
outstanding checks		\$3,061.70	\$1,060,149.99	
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>			\$426,607.06	
Balance 6/30/2023			\$1,486,757.05	
<u>Bldg/Sinking Fund</u>				8
06/01/2023 Building Fd			\$525,212.45	
Furnas County Treasurer	\$1,261.33			
Harlan County Treasurer	\$65,135.41			
interest earned	\$301.70			
June receipts	\$66,698.44			
June expenses		\$159,948.16		
Balance 6/30/2023			\$431,962.73	
<u>QCPU Fund</u>				9
6/1/2023 QCPU Fd			\$168,390.63	
Harlan County Treasurer	\$1.25			
interest earned	\$177.34			
June receipts	\$178.59			
Balance 6/30/2023			\$168,569.22	
<u>Depreciation Fund</u>				2
6/1/2023 Depreciation Fd			\$26,801.57	
interest earned	\$17.07			
Balance 6/30/2023			\$26,818.64	

Lunch Fund

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6/1/2023 Lunch Fd			\$121,279.77
June receipts	\$1,223.59		
cks cleared in June		\$8,367.23	
outstanding checks/deposits		\$149.85	
Balance 6/30/2023			\$113,986.28

Activity Fund

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6/1/2023 Activity			\$213,080.37
June receipts	\$3,089.57		
June expenses		\$14,972.38	\$201,197.56
outstanding checks/deposits		\$5,521.00	
Balance 6/30/2023			\$195,676.56

Fund: 5

Fund Balance		Debits	Credits	Ending Balance
05 704 0100	ART	0.00	0.00	3,480.98
05 704 0110	COMPUTERS	0.00	0.00	13,371.29
05 704 0113	eSports Club	19.13	0.00	852.06
05 704 0120	MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	128.07	871.02
05 704 0130	MUSIC SUPPLIES	19.13	0.00	(748.21)
05 704 0131	ELEMENTARY CHOIR	0.00	0.00	1,073.56
05 704 0133	DISTRICT MUSIC	0.00	0.00	1,116.41
05 704 0134	BAND PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	120.00
05 704 0135	CASH BOXES	0.00	0.00	(1,700.00)
05 704 0140	COURTESY FUND	45.00	0.00	570.06
05 704 0141	WOW	0.00	0.00	670.17
05 704 0142	CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	0.00	0.00	498.58
05 704 0144	RESOURCE	0.00	0.00	928.02
05 704 0145	LUEDKE MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,742.41
05 704 0160	INDUSTRIAL ARTS	0.00	0.00	2,181.98
05 704 0161	FFA SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	0.00	28,501.10
05 704 0165	FUTURE FARMS OF AMERICA	19.13	0.00	45,876.22
05 704 0170	STUDENT COUNCIL	244.29	11.34	5,869.83
05 704 0223	CLASS OF 2023	19.13	0.00	2,216.41
05 704 0224	CLASS OF 2024	0.00	0.00	1,906.36
05 704 0225	CLASS OF 2025	0.00	0.00	5,286.23
05 704 0226	CLASS OF 2026	0.00	0.00	4,089.70
05 704 0240	PLATE FUND	0.00	0.00	251.19
05 704 0251	PICTURES/ANNUAL/YEARBOOK	350.00	0.00	1,373.28
05 704 0260	HOME EC/CONS ED	0.00	0.00	1,314.84
05 704 0265	COOKIE SALES	0.00	0.00	5,116.18
05 704 0270	BOOK/SOFTWARE ORDERS	0.00	8.50	6,584.53
05 704 0271	GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS	0.00	0.00	4,022.11
05 704 0280	FIELD TRIPS	115.49	0.00	384.51
05 704 0300	ALL ACTIVITIES (entry fees, etc)	354.02	915.12	7,284.36
05 704 0301	FOOTBALL	3,020.00	0.00	(406.78)
05 704 0302	VOLLEYBALL	0.00	270.00	4,327.59
05 704 0303	BOYS BASKETBALL	7,833.96	0.00	5,147.84
05 704 0304	GIRLS BASKETBALL	1,837.00	1,610.00	3,710.70
05 704 0305	CROSS COUNTRY	0.00	0.00	1,344.38
05 704 0306	TRACK	19.13	0.00	973.81
05 704 0307	WRESTLING	0.00	0.00	822.88
05 704 0308	GOLF	19.13	0.00	(115.70)
05 704 0400	CHEERLEADERS	0.00	0.00	3,808.37
05 704 0500	moved	19.13	0.00	(19.13)
05 704 0550	VENDING MACH/NHS	0.00	0.00	3,082.13
05 704 0600	QUIZ BOWL	24.55	73.00	1,142.42
05 704 0940	moved	0.00	0.00	(39.07)
05 704 0950	SCHOLARSHIP FUND	0.00	0.00	1,911.50
05 704 0970	WEIGHT ROOM	0.00	0.00	6,707.52
05 704 0971	DEPOSITS WEIGHT ROOM USE	0.00	100.00	2,327.75
05 704 0985	PROJECTOR ADVERTISING	0.00	0.00	11,455.00
05 704 0990	SPEECH	0.00	0.00	(3,072.86)
05 704 0991	DRAMA	0.00	0.00	6,028.03
		Debits	Credits	Ending Balance
05 704 0992	PK-4	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
		<u>13,958.22</u>	<u>3,116.03</u>	<u>195,741.56</u>
		13,958.22	3,116.03	195,741.56

Invoice Listing - Summary			
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>
Blossoms and Butterflies	19603	D. Peterson Funeral (LOWE)	45.00
BSN SPORTS, llc	19604	Boys BB warmups and jerseys	7,733.96
CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL	19596	Southwest NE Educators Golf Outing	300.00
CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL	19605	Boys BB Camp Entry Fee	100.00
CHESTERMAN CO	19593	Concession Supplies	144.00
Concordia University	19598	2023 Girls BB Camp Entry Fee	275.00
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #11	19594	D Schemper Poster Prints for Multi Sport	133.91
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #11	19595	Elem Quiz Bowl 3D Print	24.55
EPIC FOOTBALL CAMP	19606	Football Camp Entry Fee	3,020.00
HOGELANDS MARKET	19591	Alma PS Activity Supplies	243.34
HUSKER WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	19592	June 6th Basketball Camp Entry Fee	250.00
KEARNEY CATHOLIC HS	19597	2023 Girl's BB Camp Entry Fee	165.00
Maywood/ Hayes Center High School	19599	JV GBB Team Camp Entry Fee	150.00
MINDEN HIGH SCHOOL	19601	Girls BB Team Camp Entry Fee	200.00
MOONLIGHT EMBROIDERY &	19589	Girls Basketball TShirts	432.00
PHILLIPSBURG HS USD 325	19602	JH Girls BB Camp Entry Fee	80.00
UNDER THE UMBRELLA DAYCARE	19600	PK-4/ Kgd. Graduation Gowns	350.00
WIL-HIL PS	19590	Girls Basketball League Entry Fee	285.00
			13,931.76

GENERAL FUND

Check Number	Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Invoice Amount
32672	07/10/2023	ACCO BRANDS USA LLC	Coop order-materials	205.44
32673	07/10/2023	AMERICAN ELECTRIC COMPANY	100-17W LED lamp	850.00
32674	07/10/2023	APPLE INC.	2-Ipad's Pre-K	598.00
32675	07/10/2023	AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL	L. Johnsen educational program	4,122.00
63023	07/05/2023	Bosselmann Pump & Pantry	June Fuel Charges	1,427.87
32676	07/10/2023	BSN SPORTS, llc	Coop order for M. Ford	1,615.14
32677	07/10/2023	CANNON SPORTS, INC	4x1000 plastic wrap	50.82
32678	07/10/2023	CCS PRESENTATION SYSTEMS	Smart learning license ext-1 year	147.15
32679	07/10/2023	CITY OF ALMA	512 Main-Preschool bldg	75.61
32679	07/10/2023	CITY OF ALMA	515 Jewell	451.46
32679	07/10/2023	CITY OF ALMA	New Addition	171.67
32679	07/10/2023	CITY OF ALMA	Shop/greenhouse	390.97
32679	07/10/2023	CITY OF ALMA	Practice field	176.50
32679	07/10/2023	CITY OF ALMA	AFCS-concession	498.65
32679	07/10/2023	CITY OF ALMA	Bus barn	75.61
32680	07/10/2023	CKC PAINTING	Painting teachers rooms	1,525.00
32681	07/10/2023	DANA F COLE & CO.	Admin services	85.00
32682	07/10/2023	DAS STATE ACCTING - CENTRAL	May 2023-monthly charge	238.13
32683	07/10/2023	DECKER INC SCHOOL FIX	Activity table	526.70
32683	07/10/2023	DECKER INC SCHOOL FIX	Marker boards and misc parts	2,952.47
32684	07/10/2023	ECOLAB PEST ELIM DIVISION	Pest control June	91.00
32685	07/10/2023	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #11	ESU orders for Pre-K	2,609.00
32685	07/10/2023	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #11	IXL-Math, Ela, Science, SS	5,389.00
32686	07/10/2023	ESU #9	May vision consult	30.00
32687	07/10/2023	ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL	Movie licensing	351.00
6523	06/05/2023	FIRST STATE BANK	ACH monthly fee	35.00
7123	07/01/2023	FIRST STATE BANK	Auto payment for loan-interest only	501.87
32688	07/10/2023	FUN EXPRESS LLC	elementary	96.43
32734	07/10/2023	HARLAN COUNTY JOURNAL	July meeting notice	6.75
32689	07/10/2023	HARLAN COUNTY JOURNAL	June civics mintues	22.47
32689	07/10/2023	HARLAN COUNTY JOURNAL	June minutes & claims	131.89
32690	07/10/2023	HARLAN COUNTY SHERIFF	DOT breath test-M. Hage & D. Ritt	40.00
32691	07/10/2023	HOGELANDS MARKET	Summer school/ice pops	34.74
32691	07/10/2023	HOGELANDS MARKET	Summer school cups	11.99
32692	07/10/2023	Home Depot Supply	carpet cleaner and magic erasers	194.43
32693	07/10/2023	HOMETOWN LEASING	copier lease payment	2,473.04
32694	07/10/2023	J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC	All State Chorus Music	106.64
32694	07/10/2023	J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC	All State Chorus Music	46.35
32694	07/10/2023	J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC	All State Chorus Music	19.80
32695	07/10/2023	K2 CONSTRUCTION	Aeration, seeding & fuel	1,047.81
32696	07/10/2023	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	HOWS	203.42
32696	07/10/2023	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	Siebels	107.96
32697	07/10/2023	Learning Without Tears	preschool writing curriculum	1,444.71
32698	07/10/2023	Lee BHM Corp	July meeting notice	4.70
32699	07/10/2023	LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Tuition per semester - Distance Learning	150.00
32700	07/10/2023	LOCKMOBILE (THE)	12 keys	51.00
32701	07/10/2023	MARKERBOARD PEOPLE	Staff whiteboard	48.85

32702	07/10/2023	Masters True Value	notched blade	84.39
32703	07/10/2023	MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.	high grade AWS	71.35
32705	07/10/2023	MENARDS STORE #3200	batteries, trash cans, supplies	359.69
32706	07/10/2023	NCS PEARSON, INC.	Aimswebplus	227.25
32707	07/10/2023	NE ASSN OF SCHOOL BOARDS	23 School leaders & law conference	175.00
32707	07/10/2023	NE ASSN OF SCHOOL BOARDS	S. Brandyberry Leaders & law conference	175.00
32707	07/10/2023	NE ASSN OF SCHOOL BOARDS	School leaders & law golfing	308.00
32708	07/10/2023	NE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMIN	2023 legal implications session-J. Davis	50.00
32709	07/10/2023	NE RURAL COMM SCHOOLS ASSN	2023-24 NRCSA membership dues	850.00
32710	07/10/2023	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	515 Jewell	3,996.84
32710	07/10/2023	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Football field lights	96.49
32710	07/10/2023	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Crossing light	31.58
32710	07/10/2023	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Bus barn	31.58
32710	07/10/2023	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Booster pump	31.58
32710	07/10/2023	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Greenhouse	50.98
32710	07/10/2023	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	511 John	63.24
32734	07/10/2023	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	512 main	36.25
32711	07/10/2023	Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	Annual boiler certification	216.00
32712	07/10/2023	NORTHWEST EVALUATION	Map growth K-12	400.00
32713	07/10/2023	PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	June phone charges	391.93
32714	07/10/2023	PRO BUILDING SUPPLY, INC	contact cement for Quin's whiteboard	47.99
32715	07/10/2023	PRO-ED Inc.	SPED-Tristin	2,461.80
32716	07/10/2023	PROTEX CENTRAL INC	service fire extinguishers	1,321.48
32716	07/10/2023	PROTEX CENTRAL INC	I3 detector & labor	322.20
32717	07/10/2023	RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES	Pre-school HVAC	9,669.00
32718	07/10/2023	REALLY GOOD STUFF, LLC	classroom supplies	578.48
32718	07/10/2023	REALLY GOOD STUFF, LLC	classroom supplies	1,641.22
32718	07/10/2023	REALLY GOOD STUFF, LLC	classroom supplies	20.97
32719	07/10/2023	RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP	Football Helmets	1,679.95
32720	07/10/2023	RSCHOOL TODAY	Activity scheduler k-12 8/23-7/24	427.50
32721	07/10/2023	SCHOLASTIC INC	Scholastic	132.55
32722	07/10/2023	SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION	Coop order	9.71
32723	07/10/2023	STUDIES WEEKLY	online social studies subscription	477.00
32724	07/10/2023	SUPER DUPER PUBLICATIONS	GUTHRIE DONLEY	388.58
32725	07/10/2023	TEACHER DIRECT	BLAN DAVI SIND CHRI SIEB	729.14
32726	07/10/2023	Teaching Strategies for Early Childhood	10GOLDPOR-online assessment portfolios	151.80
32727	07/10/2023	TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE	Supplies	94.99
32727	07/10/2023	TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE	Paint supplies	223.27
32728	07/10/2023	U.S.CELLULAR	Bruce's cell phone	141.50
32729	07/10/2023	US BANK	US Bank charges	2,338.73
32730	07/10/2023	WAGGONER INSURANCE AGENCY	EMC Insurance	30,189.25
32730	07/10/2023	WAGGONER INSURANCE AGENCY	Notary Bond-T. Simmons	40.00
32730	07/10/2023	WAGGONER INSURANCE AGENCY	EMC insurance WC	5,225.00
32731	07/10/2023	Wards Science	secondary science 23-24 requisitions	282.02
32732	07/10/2023	ZANER-BLOSER EDUCATIONAL	J Christensen, A Siebels	633.66
			Total	98,308.98
			Payroll	182,854.45
			payroll benefits	222,721.13

			Total	503,884.56
		BUILDING FUND		
626	06/14/2023	Eddy Construction	pre-k demo	13,400.00
627	06/14/2023	Schumacher Fencing	pre-k fence deposit	1,000.00



Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association
455 S.11th St, Ste B
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MEMORANDUM

To: John Poppert, ESU 11 Administrator
From: Perry Law Firm
Date: June 5, 2023
RE: School District Annual Policy Service Update

A. REQUIRED POLICY UPDATES

1. **Policy 1101 - Use of School Facilities: Student Groups**– LB 805 was amended into Section 126 of LB 705. LB 805 requires schools to allow designated youth organizations the opportunity to provide information to students at school. The update to Policy 1101 incorporates these new requirements.

2. **Policy 5004 – Full-time and Part-time Enrollment & Policy 5103 – Extracurricular Activity Discipline** – LB 705 revised the part-time enrollment and extracurricular activity eligibility laws. Generally, part-time students now have more flexibility to participate in the public school district’s extracurricular activity program. The updates to 5004 and 5103 incorporate these new changes.

3. **Policy 5006, Resolution, and Sample Letter** – Sections 55 through 57 of LB 705 revamp Nebraska’s option enrollment laws for special education students. Under these new laws, a District generally cannot declare its entire special education program to be at capacity. Instead, a District must review and assess an option student’s needs on a case-by-case basis and make an individualized determination of whether the District has the capacity to provide the needed services or accommodations to that student. The updates to Policy 5006, the Capacity Resolution, and Sample Letter reflect these updates. Boards should plan to include these new changes when reviewing and approving the capacity resolutions for option students. LB 705 requires the Resolution be adopted by October 15th of each school year. In addition, two main areas of Policy 5006 are highlighted to draw attention to optional parts of the Policy. If your Board wants to keep or alter one (or neither) optional provision, you can remove or alter the other (or both) optional provisions.

4. Policy 5101 – Student Discipline – LB 705 includes a number of significant changes to Nebraska’s Student Discipline Act, including:

- A. No pre-kindergarten through second grade student may be suspended from school, unless they bring a deadly weapon to school, in a school vehicle, or to a school activity;
- B. Students cannot be compelled to attend an alternative education program to complete homework or coursework;
- C. Shorter timeframes for the administration’s investigation of alleged student misconduct; and
- D. Significant changes to the expulsion/long-term appeal process (which does not need to be in formal board policy but will require administrators to learn these new rules for the 2023-2024 school year).

5. Policy 5102 – Alternative Education – LB 705 revised the alternative education requirements for expelled students. The update to Policy 5102 incorporates these new changes.

6. Policy 5205 – Graduation – Prior to this session, the Legislature enacted LB 452 and LB 1112 that required financial literacy coursework prior to a student’s graduation. These requirements become effective during the 2023-2024 school year, so Policy 5025 has been updated to reflect the new financial literacy requirement.

7. Policy 6212 – Assessments—Academic Content Standards – The State Board of Education has updated Language Arts and Mathematics content standards. The updated Policy reflects the accurate dates of the new content standards.

8. Policy 6215 – Collection of Information Relating to Dyslexia– This session, LB 298 was signed into law. LB 298 requires public school districts to submit information about student dyslexia to NDE. NDE will collect that data and provide a report to the Legislature about dyslexia in public schools. This data must be provided to NDE by July 1st each year. To ensure that the Board complies with this new reporting requirement, we have added Policy 5602.

9. Policy 6284 - Initiations, Hazing, Secret Clubs and Outside Organizations – LB 705 (via LB 805) repealed Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-2,103. This statutory reference has been removed from Policy 6284.

10. Policy 6600 – Special Education – There are several updates to the general special education policy to conform with recent developments and interpretations about special education law and a public school’s obligations.

11. **Policy 6700 – Firearm Policy** – LB 77 was one of the first bills signed into law this session. LB 77 expanded conceal carry rights but still prohibits concealed firearms on school grounds. The update to Policy 6700 clarifies that concealed firearms cannot lawfully be possessed on school grounds, with limited exceptions. Schools may (but are not legally required to) also choose to post notices at school to alert members of the public that concealed firearms are not permitted on school property.

12. **Policy 6921 – Seizure Safe Schools** – Last year, LB 639 required schools to develop plans for students with seizure disorders. This past 2022-2023 school year has resulted in confusion about who needs to be trained and how staff need to comply with the law. To ensure the Board is in compliance with the Seizure Safe Schools Act, we recommend adopting Policy 6921.

13. **Policy 6930 – Behavioral Points of Contact** – Last year, LB 852 passed to require schools to designate behavioral points of contact. To ensure compliance with this law, Policy 6930 confirms the District’s obligations in policy. In addition, Section 4 of LB 705 from this session slightly modifies these requirements. Note that LB 705 also requires behavioral awareness points of contact are required to be listed on the school’s website and in the student handbook.

14. **Policy 8130 – Annual Organizational Meeting** – Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 576, 577, and 578 require the Board to appoint a secretary. These statutes also identify the secretary’s duties and responsibilities. In some districts, the appointment of the board secretary has differed from the appointment of the recording secretary (the person who takes notes). To avoid this confusion, we have clarified this potential distinction in Policy 8130.

B. OPTIONAL POLICY AND/OR HANDBOOK UPDATES

1. **Policy 4171 – Resignation of Certificated Employees** – With the ongoing teacher shortage, more and more school boards look to hold teachers to their contracts. Under state statute, a certificated employee cannot simultaneously be under multiple contracts with different districts. State law also allows a district to impose a deadline for certificated employees to indicate their intent to return to work for the district. However, not all districts have been as diligent as they should about establishing these deadlines or clearly articulating the process for certificated employees to request a release from their contract. As a result, to better clarify the district’s position on requests for releases, we recommend adopting Policy 4171.

2. **Policy 5602 – Naloxone** – Some schools have begun storing Naloxone (Narcan) in their school buildings. A sample policy is provided if your Board would like to formally approve allowing Naloxone in schools.

3. **Policy 6288 – Artificial Intelligence** – The use of artificial intelligence (like ChatGPT) is certainly on the rise. School boards have the option to adopt a policy to specifically address how students may incorporate artificial intelligence without violating the District’s plagiarism rules.

4. Telehealth Appointments at School. This past year, a number of school districts fielded requests from parents to allow their student to be excused from class to participate in a private telehealth/teletherapy appointment at school. In these situations, schools have the discretion to allow (or not) these appointments at school during the school day. On the one hand, these appointments may allow similar to doctor visits where a student would be excused. On the other hand, questions about supervision, parent involvement, and other privacy concerns may disfavor allowing these private sessions at school. There is no legal requirement that a school have a policy on this issue, but it is worth thinking through how your district will respond to and handle these requests. At a minimum, if your district plans to allow these private appointments at school, you should secure a written consent form from the student's parents or guardians.

5. Name, Image, and Likeness Rulings. Effective February 27, 2023, the NSAA implemented Approved Rulings to outline NSAA's NIL rules for Nebraska student-athletes. Given how fluid the NIL landscape continues to be, and the fact that NSAA Approved Rulings are traditionally not included in School Board Policy, we have not added a NIL Policy to our policy updates. Nonetheless, Activities Directors, Coaches, and students should be aware of these Rulings to ensure compliance with these NIL requirements.

6. Banning Cell Phones in Classrooms. Multiple school districts have reached out to inquire about any handbook or policy language to ban cellphones in classrooms. To be clear: prohibiting cell phones in classrooms is a lawful option for schools to consider. However, there have been practical issues in some districts in defining a "cell phone." For instance, are smartwatches covered? Are all cell phones prohibited or just smartphones? Will tablets or other gaming devices also be banned? It can be difficult for administrators to make these determinations without clear direction in the student handbook or policy. We are happy to work with your district on a "no cell phone" rule, though this type of rule generally needs to be carefully planned and crafted to address the specific goal of eliminating distractions during class time.

7. Book Challenges. Every District should have a Board Policy to address challenges to (1) materials in the curriculum; and (2) materials in the library. In light of the increasing book challenges, boards should review their policies this summer to ensure that they are comfortable with their processes during this upcoming school year. In particular, the District needs to follow its policy when considering the removal of a challenged book to avoid future legal troubles. This continues to be a difficult issue for school boards, who, on the one hand, have been sued for refusing to remove books and, on the other hand, have been publicly admonished by the Office of Civil Rights for removing books.¹ In the end, the best approach is to ensure that Board Policy outlines a prudent approach to book challenges and to follow that Policy carefully.

¹ "U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights Resolves Investigation of the Removal of Library Books in Forsyth County Schools in Georgia," <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-educations-office-civil-rights-resolves-investigation-removal-library-books-forsyth-county-schools-georgia>

8. Flags and Displays in Classrooms. School districts in other parts of the country received increased notoriety for situations involving teachers displaying controversial flags or other displays in their classrooms. As a general rule, staff do not have a First Amendment right to express their personal political opinions as a school employee. However, if the school allows one political viewpoint in the classroom, then the school must usually allow the other “side” of the issue. This came to a head in a different state, where one teacher displayed a “Blue Lives Matter” flag in protest of other teachers hanging “Black Lives Matter” flags in their classrooms. If your district would rather avoid flags or political displays entirely, you could adopt a policy or staff handbook rule that limits displays to specified criteria, such as those directly related to the curriculum, the American Flag, and so forth.

9. Coffee Act Policy. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-2203 allows school boards to expend public funds for “plaques, certificates of achievement, or items of value awarded to elected or appointed officials, employees, or volunteers, including persons serving on local government boards,” so long as the board adopts a policy that “sets a dollar limit on the value of any plaque, certificate of achievement, or item of value to be awarded.” This amount cannot be amended more than once in any twelve-month span. Most Board Policies list \$50.00 as their District’s “amount.” With inflation and the increasing cost of goods, Boards may want to consider increasing this amount as part of their policy updates. (There is no minimum or maximum amount listed in statute.)

10. Employee Relationships. Several unfortunate personnel matters this year involved supervisor-subordinate relationships in the workplace. In most of these cases, the relationship was not disclosed until the relationship ended and the subordinate reported harassment and/or retaliation by their supervisor. In light of these instances, it would be worth discussing whether your board should adopt a policy or provision in the staff handbook that requires supervisors to disclose relationships to the Superintendent or, in the case of the Superintendent, the Board of Education. The requirement to disclose relationships can, of course, be a very sensitive subject, especially in smaller districts.

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. New FLSA and FMLA Posters. In April 2023, the United States Department of Labor updated both the FLSA and FMLA posters. Copies of the new posters are attached. Current FLSA and FMLA posters should be replaced with these updated versions. If a copy of either poster is included in your staff handbook, you will want to update your handbook to reflect the new posters.

2. New EEOC Poster. Earlier this year, the EEOC updated its mandatory “Know Your Rights” poster. Schools should replace their current poster with this attached, updated version.

3. Future Student Dress Code Changes. LB 298 (signed into law this session) includes future changes to school dress codes. As background, the ACLU released a “report” earlier this school year criticizing school dress codes.² That “report” evidently generated interest in the Legislature about the need for schools to review and update their dress codes. In response, the Legislature, via LB 298, required NDE to prepare and, by December 1, 2024, distribute a “model” dress code and grooming policy. Every public school district then has until July 1, 2025 to adopt a dress code and grooming policy (based on NDE’s “model” policy) to be effective during the 2025-2026 school year. As a result, there is no student dress code policy update at this time, but there will be in the coming years. Boards may still want to review their dress code to see if it needs updating before the 2023-2024 school year.

4. LB 705. LB 705 passed this session as the Education Committee’s “Christmas Tree” bill because LB 705 incorporated roughly 24 other bills. Governor Pillen signed LB 705 into law on June 1, 2023. LB 705 includes several required policy updates (as noted above) this year and will require future policy updates. Other legal considerations from LB 705 include the following:

A. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, each administrator, teacher, paraprofessional, school nurse, and counselor must receive “behavioral awareness training” at least once every three years. (LB 705, § 3).

B. By January 15th of each school fiscal year, school districts may apply for a larger reimbursement from the State for special education expenses. (LB 705, § 41)

C. School districts are “encouraged” to adopt “policies incentivizing teacher recruitment and retention” similar to the new Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act. It is not clear what those policies would look like, and any such policy would need to be tailored to avoid violating the applicable negotiated agreement. (LB 705, § 47).

D. Create a competitive grant program to help schools fund security-related infrastructure projects, such as surveillance equipment, door-locking systems, and double-entry doors for school buildings. (LB 705, § 124).

E. The computer science and technology requirements were delayed, and additional flexibility was granted to schools to structure this requirement. (LB 705, § 101).

F. Additional flexibility for individuals to obtain a temporary teaching certificate. (LB 705, § 88).

G. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, all students must complete the FAFSA to graduate high school, with several exceptions. (LB 705, § 79).

² <https://www.aclunebraska.org/en/grading-nebraskas-dress-codes>.

H. A repeal of the textbook loan program for school districts. Instead, beginning July 1, 2024, NDE will take over this program. (LB 705, § 80).

I. By August 1, 2025, each school district must adopt a policy relating to behavioral intervention, behavioral management, classroom management, and removal of a student from a classroom. (LB 705, § 78).

J. During the 2023-2024 school year, every school employee who interacts with students must receive at least one hour of “behavioral and mental health training with a focus on suicide awareness and prevention training each year.” (LB 705, § 77).

5. Title IX Regulations. The United States Department of Education previously anticipated releasing new, proposed Title IX regulations this spring. However, the Department recently announced that the proposed regulations would not become public until this fall. As a result, no changes to Title IX-related policies are required at this time. Depending on the content of the new regulations, there may be updates next year.

6. NDE Rule 23 Repeal. In May 2023, Governor Pillen signed the official repeal of NDE Rule 23. Rule 23 generally required new teachers to pass a basic skills assessment before obtaining their teaching certificate. It does not appear that the repeal of Rule 23 will directly apply to any local school board policies, but we wanted to bring this to your attention.

7. Written Procedures for Foster Care Students. During recent audits, NDE has asked for written procedures for the transportation of foster care students. The Every Student Succeeds Act requires these procedures. This summer would be a good time to review your procedures to make sure they are accurate.

8. Federal Pregnancy Laws. The recently passed federal omnibus funding bill contains two new employment laws, including:

(A) Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. The Act requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations for pregnancy/childbirth-related limitations.

Nebraska’s nondiscrimination laws already include protections, so the PWFA does not add any significant changes for Nebraska schools. (See Nebraska law 48-1102 (“Reasonable accommodation, with respect to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, shall include acquisition of equipment for sitting, more frequent or longer breaks, periodic rest, assistance with manual labor, job restructuring, light-duty assignments, modified work schedules, temporary transfers to less strenuous or hazardous work, time off to recover from childbirth...”).).

(B) “Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act” (or the “PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act.”) The FLSA was amended in 2010 to require employers to provide reasonable break time as needed and a private place, other than a bathroom, for nursing mothers to express breast milk for one year following a child’s birth. 29 U.S.C. § 207. This requirement, however, applied only to non-exempt employees. The PUMP Act expands the breastfeeding accommodations to include exempt, as well as non-exempt, employees.

Nebraska law 20-170 gives mothers the right to express milk wherever they want, and Nebraska law 48-1102 requires employers to give employees "break time and appropriate facilities for breast-feeding or expressing breast milk." As a result, the PUMP Act will also not result in a significant change for Nebraska schools.

9. Executive Order on Broadband Security. On February 22, 2023, Governor Pillen signed an Executive Order to prohibit the State from contracting or funding any program that generally uses any equipment or services on the Federal Communications Commission’s “Covered List.” The Governor’s stated intent behind the Executive Order was to prevent the State of Nebraska and its contractors from using equipment and services under the control of the Chinese Communist Party. It would be worthwhile for school district’s technology departments to investigate this summer whether any of the school’s equipment or services falls under the Covered List, and whether those services or equipment need to be discarded or replaced under the Executive Order.

10. LB 583. The Governor signed LB 583 into law on May 31st. Section 10 of LB 583 requires that, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, every school district to submit a report to NDE that includes: (1) “the amount by which the school district reduced its property tax request for such school fiscal year, if any such reduction occurred;” and (2) “other information as required by the department.” The text of LB 583 does not specify what “other information” will be required, nor does the new law specify the deadline for submitting this report.

11. LB 644 (the “Postcard Bill”) Updates. Last year, LB 644 became effective and caused significant confusion. Of note, the new law was not interpreted consistently across counties, there were practical issues with printing the correct information on the postcards, and practical issues arose with LB 644’s tight timing requirements. After this first year, some in the Legislature promised to address these concerns. LB 529 (merged into LB 727—another “Christmas Tree” bill) made an effort to address some of these problems. It is not clear how the new state funding model will affect the need for LB 644 hearings moving forward (especially after this first year), but Section 49 of LB 727 incorporates the following changes to the postcard hearing process:

- A. Amounts levied to pay bond payments are not included in the calculation of levy increase;
- B. At least one elected official must attend the joint public hearing. A designated representative (such as the Superintendent) may also attend and provide information.
- C. A quorum of the board attending the joint public hearing does not constitute a “meeting” under the Open Meetings Act.

12. Open Meetings Act Poster. There do not appear to be any changes to the Open Meetings Act this year. However, as a reminder, the Open Meetings Act requires “the current version of the Open Meetings Act” be available during board meetings. The Open Meetings Act was last updated in 2022. This would be a good time to make sure that your poster contains the current version of the Open Meetings Act.

13. Required Annual Hearings. One common question we receive every summer relates to the legally required hearings that the Board of Education needs to hold annually. Per the statutes identified below, a school board is required to review or hold a hearing on the following each year:

- A. Parental Involvement Policy (§ 79-533);
- B. Parental and Family Involvement Policy (Title 1) (ESSA);
- C. Bullying Policy (§ 79-2,137);
- D. Attendance Policy (§ 79-209);
- E. Multicultural Policy (§ 79-721);
- F. Student Discipline Policy (and what will be referred to the law enforcement) (§ 79-262); and
- G. Committee on American Civics (not necessarily a full board hearing, but at least two public meetings must occur annually, with at least one allowing public testimony) (§ 79-724).

The summer months are a great time to hold these required hearings.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Community RelationsUse of School Facilities: Student Groups

1. Access by Youth Organizations. The District will allow, upon request, a representative of a recognized youth organization to provide: (1) oral or written information to students regarding the youth organization and how such youth organization furthers the educational interests and civic involvement of students in a manner consistent with good citizenship; and (2) services and activities to any student who is a member of such youth organization. A "recognized youth organization" is limited to those group listed in 36 U.S.C. Subtitle II, Part B. Each requesting youth organization will be permitted to provide information at school at least once during each school year. The administration will make a good faith effort to find a mutually agreeable date, time, and location for each requesting youth organization, though the administration shall have the ultimate authority to select the date, time, and location for any requesting youth organization. Under no circumstances will any requesting youth organization be permitted to provide oral information to students during instructional time, unless previously approved by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. Every representative from a requesting youth organization must submit to, at the organization's cost, a background check. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee may refuse to allow an individual to be on school grounds if the individual's background check discloses a prior felony conviction or if, in the Superintendent's discretion, the background check otherwise reveals concerns about student safety. Nothing in this Paragraph preempts or undermines any provision of the District's Parental Involvement Policy.

2. Equal Access to Student Groups. In the event any of the secondary schools (grades 6-12) have a limited open forum as defined in the Equal Access Act, such school(s) shall not deny equal access or a fair opportunity to, or discriminate against, any students who wish to conduct a meeting within that limited open forum on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. A limited open forum for this purpose exists if the secondary school grants an offering to or opportunity for one or more non-curriculum related student groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional time.

All such student meetings at school are subject to the following requirements:

- a. the meeting must be voluntary and student-initiated;
- b. there must be no sponsorship of the meeting by the school or its agents or employees;
- c. employees or agents of the school are present at religious meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity;
- d. the meeting must not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school; and
- e. non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of the student group.

The administration shall in all respects maintain the District in compliance with the Equal Access Act.

3. Equal Access to Outside Groups Meeting at School. If the District provides an opportunity for one or more outside youth or community groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities before or after school hours, the District shall make that opportunity available to other similarly situated groups. The administration shall in all respects maintain the District in compliance with the Equal Access Act.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. Section 4071-4074 (Equal Access Act)
20 U.S.C. Sec. 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act) & 34
CFR Part 108
LB 705, § 126.

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]

Personnel - Certificated EmployeesResignation of Certificated Employees

Certificated employees are encouraged to notify their immediate supervisor of their plans to resign as soon as practicable. The Board of Education will generally accept all tendered resignations, effective at the end of the current school year, submitted prior to March 15th.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to formally ask certificated employees in writing whether they intend to accept employment with the District for the following school year. The Superintendent shall give employees a deadline to respond to such requests, so long as the deadline occurs after March 14th. Any employee who fails to respond or declines to accept employment for the following school year may be terminated from employment if they refuse to resign.

The Superintendent is further authorized to file a complaint with the Professional Practices Commission for any teacher who abrogates their contract with the District.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board is not obligated to accept or reject any tendered resignation if the employee is involved in a disciplinary matter or for any other reason that the Board deems to be in the best interest of the District.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-829.

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]

StudentsFull-time and Part-time EnrollmentFull-time Enrollment

Students must be enrolled in Alma Public Schools on a full-time basis. Full-time basis is defined as attending classes for the full instructional day within the public school system.

Exceptions are permitted only for:

1. enrolled students attending another state accredited institution such as a vocational-technical school or a college or university for school credit;
2. enrolled students taking the limited number of credits needed to graduate in the school year;
3. enrolled students in need of modified school attendance as an accommodation for a disability or similar unique circumstance;
4. enrolled students receiving special education services where the student's IEP requires a modified schedule, or non-enrolled students receiving special education services or other legally mandated services required to be provided to eligible resident children under state and federal laws and regulations;
5. students from other school districts participating in programs offered by the District pursuant to an interlocal agreement or other arrangement approved by the School Board; and
6. non-public school students in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in this policy.

Part-Time Enrollment of Non-Public School Students

The School Board shall allow the part-time enrollment of students who are residents of the school district and who are also enrolled in a private, denominational, or parochial school or in a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval requirements. Such students are referred to herein as "non-public school students."

The School Board establishes the following guiding principles for enrollment of non-public school students:

- (1) The primary school for a non-public school student is the student's private, denominational, parochial or home school.
- (2) Enrollment of a non-public school student in Alma Public Schools is allowed for the purpose of providing enhanced educational opportunities not otherwise available to the non-public school student. It is not to supplant programming of the student's primary school.
- (3) Non-public school students are not to be given priority over full-time students.
- (4) Non-public school students are to be enrolled only in programs or courses that are educationally appropriate for the student.
- (5) Enrollment of non-public school students is not to negatively affect the educational services to be provided to full-time students.

The School Board establishes the following specific policies and procedures for enrollment of non-public school students. In the event the specific policies and procedures require interpretation or do not fully resolve an issue, the above established guiding principles are to be considered.

A. Non-Public School Student Enrollment Application Procedures.

1. Application. Parent or guardian must submit an Application of Non-Public School Student for Part-Time Enrollment to the administration of the school the student desires to attend.
2. Deadline for Applications. The application must be received by August 1st preceding the school year the student wishes to enroll.
 - a. Change of Residence Exception: The application deadline for a student who becomes a resident of the District after the school year has commenced is: 20 calendar days after the student becomes a resident of the District. The administration may delay enrollment until the next following quarter or semester starts, or at such other time as determined to be educationally appropriate.
 - b. High School Course Exception: The application deadline for a student who desires to enroll in a second semester high school course is December 1st.
3. Action on Applications. The administration will review the application and will notify the parent of the approval or denial of the application within 2 weeks of receipt of the application or 2 weeks prior to the start of school or 2 weeks prior to the start of the next semester, whichever is later.
4. Appeals. The parent or guardian may appeal the administration's action to deny their application. Any such appeal must be submitted to the Superintendent within 14 calendar days from the date of the administration's action. The appeal shall be in writing and shall be decided on the basis of the written submission. The Superintendent may request the parent or guardian to provide further explanation or information and the appeal may be denied in the event the parent or guardian fails to fully respond on a timely basis. The Superintendent shall decide the appeal within 10 calendar days of the submission of the appeal. The Superintendent may make a decision later than the 10 days in the event good reason for delay exists. Good reason includes but is not limited to the Superintendent being unable to gather the information the Superintendent determines necessary to make the decision within the decision period.
5. Annual Applications. Part-time enrollment is determined annually. Application must be made each school year. There will be no guarantee that enrollment will be continued from one year to the next.

B. Non-Public School Student Admission

1. Admission Requirements. Students must meet the normal admission requirements. This includes the requirements that the student: be a resident of the District, be of school attendance age and not have graduated or have received a GED.
2. Admission Process. Students must complete the normal enrollment process and forms required by the District and/or the building for enrollment of all children. This includes the requirements relating to: birth certificates, immunizations, physical examinations, and visual evaluations.

C. Non-Public School Student Enrollment Standards

1. Maximum Enrollment. Students may not enroll in more than 2 middle school or high school courses during any one semester. Elementary students may not enroll in programming of greater than 90 minutes of instruction each day.
2. Capacity Limits. Enrollment will ordinarily be subject to capacity limits. Any grade level, program, or course which has been determined to be at capacity for option enrollment purposes will not ordinarily not be available for non-public school students.
3. Integrated Courses. Students must meet prerequisite requirements to be enrolled in a course by appropriate credits earned through an accredited program. The administration may on a discretionary basis allow prerequisite requirements to be satisfied where the student provides reasonable indications that the academic criteria have been met, such as results from achievement tests or other indications of adequate preparation.
4. Educationally Appropriate Programs and Courses. Students will not be allowed to enroll in programs or courses which the school administration determines to not be educationally appropriate for the student. Determination of whether a program or course is educationally appropriate will be made based on the standards the District uses for making academic placement decisions.
5. Selection of Courses. Subject to Paragraphs 1 through 4 of this Paragraph C, and all other applicable provisions of this Policy, non-public school students may select their courses.

D. Non-Public School Student Policies

1. General Standard. Non-public school students who are enrolled part-time are to be subject to the same standards as full-time enrolled students except

where appropriate to reflect their part-time status.

2. No Partial Part-Time Enrollment. Students must apply for enrollment and attend the entire school year for which enrollment is made or, for high school courses, for the full length of the course. Once enrolled, part-time students will be required to participate in all activities, programs, and tests related to the program or course for which the student is enrolled, including as applicable State or District-wide assessments, as full-time students.
3. Student Conduct Policies. Students enrolled on a part-time basis shall be required to follow all school policies that apply to other students at any time the part-time student is present on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event. This includes the District's student conduct policies. Students enrolled on a part-time basis shall be subject to discipline, including suspension or expulsion, for violation of student conduct rules.
4. Attendance. Students enrolled on a part-time basis are not exempt from the compulsory attendance laws or from the District's attendance policies. Students who engage in excessive absenteeism as defined in Board policy are to be reported under the truancy laws.
5. Presence on School Grounds. Students enrolled on a part-time basis are to be present on school grounds during the school day only at the times required for their attendance in the program or course in which they are enrolled. Exceptions may be made in the discretion of the administration or the administration's designee. Students must sign in and out of the school by following the building level procedure. Students are responsible for being aware of any changes in the school schedule during inclement weather or for other reasons.
6. Transportation. Students enrolled on a part-time basis are not entitled to transportation or transportation reimbursement, unless otherwise required by law. Full-time students will be given first consideration for parking on the high school campus.
7. Academic Honors. Students enrolled on a part-time basis will not be eligible to graduate or receive a diploma from the District or receive academic honors (for example, class rank and honor roll) except to the extent the student meets all requirements of the District's policies for such, including attainment of minimum credits and semesters of attendance.
8. Extracurricular Activities. Any student who is a resident of the District and who is enrolled in a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval requirements may participate in any of the District's extracurricular activity programs to the same extent and subject

to the same requirements, conditions, and procedures as a full-time student in the District. The administration will coordinate with the student's parent or guardian to secure assurances of compliance with these expectations. Any student covered by this subsection must enroll in five credit hours through the District in any semester. There shall be no preference given to any student participating in any extracurricular activity based off their status as a full-time or part-time student. Part-time students will be expected to comply with the same or similar expectations as full-time students to participate in any activity, including team rules. Participation in activities that are subject to the bylaws of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) will be limited to those students who meet the NSAA bylaws.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-2,136 and Sec. 79-526
LB 705, § 75
Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 10

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]

StudentsOption EnrollmentA. Process and Time Lines to Option In

For a student to attend Alma Public Schools as an option enrollment student, the student's parent or legal guardian must submit an application to the Board of Education of the Alma Public School District between September 1 and March 15 for enrollment during the following and subsequent school years (the "application period").

Upon receipt of an application, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall provide the resident school district with the name of the applicant on or before April 1 or, in the case of an application submitted after March 15, within sixty days after submission.

Provisions for Waiver of Application Deadline

The application deadline will be waived by the School District for applications to option into the Alma Public School District, provided that the application contains a release approval from the resident district and satisfies any other requirements of law. Further, the application deadline shall not be waived if the application is for enrollment in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this School District which have been determined by the School District to be at capacity in accordance with the capacity standards (Appendix "1"), and no waiver of the deadline shall be made for such an application regardless of whether such capacity determinations are declared invalid for any reason.

B. Rejection of Applications; Reasons

1. Capacity: An option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building operated by the School District would be exceeded by acceptance of the application, and an option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the application is for enrollment in a program, class, or grade level, which has been declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

The school administration and Special Education staff shall review on a case-by-case basis all option applications for students that would receive or could be eligible to receive special education or related services. If the Director or designee determines that the District does not have the capacity to provide the student with the appropriate services and accommodations, then the Director or designee shall send a denial notice to the parent(s) or guardian(s) and include a description of services and accommodations that the District does not have the capacity to provide.

2. Timeliness: An option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the application is not filed on or before the April 1st immediately preceding the school year in which enrollment is sought, and the filing deadline has not been waived.

3. Previous Option Enrollment: An option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the student has previously filed an option enrollment application for enrollment in any School District and has had such application accepted, unless a statutory exception to the “one-time” rule is applicable to the student’s circumstance.

4. Other Reasons: An option enrollment application may be rejected in the event the Superintendent, the Superintendent’s designee, or the School District determines: The application is not submitted on a form prescribed by the State Department of Education, is not completely and accurately filled in, is not received within the time required by law, or any additional information requested to be supplied is not supplied to the School District within the time lines indicated; or sibling(s) in the option family is not opting into the School District; or in the event acceptance of the application is not required by law. Matters which are legally prohibited from being considered as standards for acceptance or rejection of applications (including “previous academic achievement, athletic or extracurricular ability, disabilities, proficiency in the English language, or previous disciplinary proceedings” and further including, without limitation, race, national origin, and gender) shall not be considered as reasons for acceptance or rejection.

C. Priority of Acceptance

Priority shall be accorded in the following order: (1) first, to those applications required to be given priority by law, (2) second, to those with a sibling in attendance at Alma Public Schools, with priority within this group being given to those who had earliest filed applications, and (3) third to those without an option student sibling in attendance at Alma Public Schools, with priority within this group to those who had earliest filed applications.

Filing date determinations are made by the Superintendent, or the Superintendent’s designee. In the event applications within a group are received at the same or substantially the same time, priority as between such same-date applications shall be determined on the basis of random drawing.

D. Determination of Capacity

The School District will determine and set, on an annual basis, the maximum number of option enrollment applications the School District will accept in any program, class, or grade level, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this School District will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and may declare a program, class or school unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity. Such determinations may be made in the form of an Appendix “1” to this Policy. The determination and declaration made for any school year shall continue in effect for the next and subsequent school years unless otherwise determined and/or declared. The capacity for special education services shall be determined on a case-by-case basis as determined by the school administration or designee.

E. Releases for Options Out**Provisions for Release:**

A request for release of a resident student of the Alma Public School District who submits an enrollment option application after March 15 or any other statutory deadline will be granted unless the release shall not be granted if the administration is considering or has recommended expulsion of the student at the time the application is filed, and the administration determines it is appropriate to complete the expulsion process.

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee is hereby authorized to execute such releases on behalf of the School District and the School District, subject to subsequent ratification by the School District.

F. Notification of Acceptance or Rejection

In the case of an application to option enroll into the Alma Public School District, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall notify, in writing, the parent or legal guardian of the student and the resident school district whether the application is accepted or rejected on or before April 1 or, in the case of an application submitted after March 15, within sixty days after submission.

If an option enrollment application or a request for release is rejected by the Alma Public School District, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall provide written notification to the parent or guardian stating the reasons for the rejection and the process for appealing such rejection to the State Board of Education. Such notification shall be sent by certified mail.

G. Applications Subsequent to Relocations or Mergers

An option enrollment application does not require a release and shall be accepted or rejected within forty-five days after filing in the following circumstances:

1. the student relocated to a different resident school district after February 1, or
2. the student's option school district merged with another district effective after February 1, and
3. the application is for attendance during the immediately following and subsequent school years.

H. Status of Option Student

A student who is admitted under the enrollment option program shall be treated as a resident student, and in such regard shall be required to provide such enrollment information and documentation as is required for enrollment of other students (e.g., certified birth certificate and evidence of physical examination, visual evaluation and immunization), shall be required to be enrolled on a full-time basis, and shall be required to adhere to student conduct rules. The building

assignment for an option student, as well as classroom and grade level assignments, shall be determined by the administration.

An option student shall not be entitled to transportation except as required by law. Transportation or transportation reimbursement will be provided in the following circumstances:

1. The Alma Public School District may, upon mutual agreement with the parent or legal guardian of an option student, provide transportation to the option student on the same basis as provided for resident students. The school district may charge the parents of each option student transported a fee sufficient to recover the additional costs of such transportation.
2. Option students who qualify for free lunches are eligible for either free transportation or transportation reimbursement from the option school district. The District's policy is that the District selects which service (transportation or reimbursement) is to be provided to students.
3. For option students receiving special education services, the transportation services required in the student's Individualized Education Plan shall be provided by the resident school district.

I. Information Regarding Schools, Programs, Policies and Procedures.

As part of the option enrollment program, the administration shall make information about the Alma Public Schools and its school, programs, policies and procedures available to all interested persons and shall have a copy of the option enrollment policy and regulations available at each school building.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-232 to 79-246

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications by October 15th for the following school year; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs for the following school year; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member _____ moved for its passage and adoption, member _____ seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: _____.
The following members voted against the same: _____.
The following members were absent or not voting: _____. The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attest: _____
Secretary

By: _____
President

Appendix "1" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 5006 for the current school year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the current school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten			
First			
Second			
Third			
Fourth			
Fifth			
Building Capacity, Elementary			
Sixth			
Seventh			
Eighth			
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center			
Ninth			
Tenth			
Eleventh			
Twelfth			
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center			

* Special education capacity will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with state law and the available resources as determined by the District's Director of Special Education or designee.



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[Date]

[Insert Name of Parent/Guardian]
[Insert Street Address]
[Insert City], NE [Insert Zip Code]

RE: Option Enrollment; [Insert Name of Student]

Dear [Name of Parent/Guardian]:

I am writing to notify you of the rejection of your:
___ option enrollment application
___ request for a release approval.

Reason for Rejection: The reason for the rejection is that your application or request does not meet the conditions for approval that are set forth in the District's option enrollment policy and/or state law. Additional reasons for the rejection are set forth in the completed application form, which is enclosed.

Special Education Capacity Determination: If the option application disclosed or revealed that the student would receive or could be eligible to receive special education or related services, the District conducted an individualized analysis to determine capacity. After this careful individualized assessment, the school administration and/or Special Education staff or designee concluded that the District does not have the capacity to provide the student with the following services and accommodations.

Appeal Process: The parent or legal guardian may appeal a rejection of an application or of a request to release. The appeal is to be filed with the State Board of Education within thirty days after the date the notification of rejection is received. A sample petition form for an appeal can be found on the Nebraska Department of Education's website (<https://www.education.ne.gov/>).

Sincerely,

Alma Public Schools

[Name of Superintendent], Superintendent

Enclosure: Completed Option Enrollment Application

Sent via certified mail

StudentsStudent Discipline

- A. Development of Uniform Discipline System. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop and maintain a system of uniform discipline. The discipline which may be imposed includes actions which are determined to be reasonably necessary to aid the student, to further school purposes, or to prevent interference with the educational process, such as (without limitation) counseling and warning students, parent contacts and parent conferences, 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 upon written consent of the parent or guardian, or in-school suspension. The discipline may also include out-of-school suspension (short-term or long-term) and expulsion.
1. Short-Term Suspension: Students may be excluded by the Principal or the Principal's designee from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (short-term suspension) on the following grounds:
 - a. Conduct that constitutes grounds for expulsion, whether the conduct occurs on or off school grounds; or
 - b. 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:

- a. The Principal or the Principal's designee will make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. A short-term suspension will be made upon a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.
- b. 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 the student is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and be afforded an opportunity to explain the student's version of the facts.
- c. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary, not to exceed an additional 48 hours, following the suspension, the Principal or administrator 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.
- d. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with the Principal or administrator ordering the short-term suspension before or at the time the student returns to school. The Principal or administrator shall determine who in addition to the parent or guardian is to attend the conference. The Principal shall document their

- attempt to make a reasonable effort to hold a conference with the parent or guardian.
- e. A student who is on a short-term suspension shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of the Principal.
2. Long-Term Suspension: A long-term suspension means an exclusion from school and any school functions for a period of more than five school days but less than twenty school days. A student who is on a long-term suspension shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of the Principal. A notice will be given to the student and the parents/guardian when the Principal recommends a long-term suspension. The notice will include a description of the procedures for long-term suspension; the procedures will be those set forth in the Student Discipline Act.
3. Expulsion:
- a. 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. A student who has been expelled shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of the Principal. A notice will be given to the student and the parents/guardian when the Principal recommends an expulsion. The notice will include a description of the procedures for expulsion; the procedures will be those set forth in the Student Discipline Act.
- b. Suspensions Pending Hearing. 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 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. If the student is suspended pending the outcome of the hearing, the student may complete classwork and homework, including, but not limited to, examinations, missed during the period of suspension. During this period, the student will not be required to attend the alternative

programs for expelled students in order to complete classwork or homework.

- c. 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 in accordance with law.
- d. Alternative Education: Students who are expelled may be offered an alternative education program that will enable the student to continue academic work for credit toward graduation. A student will not be required to attend the alternative education program in order to complete classwork and homework. In the event an alternative education program is not provided, a conference will be held with the parent, student, the Principal or another school representative assigned by the Principal, and a representative of a community organization that assists young people or that is involved with juvenile justice to develop a plan for the student in accordance with law.
- e. 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. As a condition of such suspended action, the student and parents will be required to sign a discipline agreement.
- f. Students Subject to Juvenile or Court Probation. Prior to the readmission to school of any student who is less than nineteen years of age and who is subject to the supervision of a juvenile probation officer or an adult probation officer pursuant to the order of the District Court, County Court, or Juvenile Court, who chooses to meet conditions of probation by attending school, and who has previously been expelled from school, the Principal or the Principal’s designee shall meet with the student’s probation officer and assist in developing conditions of probation that will provide specific guidelines for behavior and consequences for misbehavior at school (including conduct on school grounds and conduct during an educational function or event off school grounds) as well as educational objectives that must be achieved. If the guidelines, consequences, and objectives provided by the Principal or the Principal’s designee are agreed to by the probation officer and the student, and the court permits the student to return to school under the agreed to conditions, the student may be permitted to return to school. The student may with proper consent, upon such return, be evaluated by the school for possible disabilities and may be referred for evaluation for possible placement in a special education program. The student may be expelled or otherwise disciplined for subsequent conduct as provided in Board policy and state statute.
- g. Returning from Expulsion. At the conclusion of an expulsion, the District will reinstate the student and accept nonduplicative, grade-appropriate credits earned by the student during the term of expulsion from any

Nebraska accredited institution or institution accredited by one of the six regional accrediting bodies in the United States.

- h. Exception for Pre-Kindergarten through Second Grade Students. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no pre-kindergarten through second grade student may be suspended from school, unless the student brings a deadly weapon on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or to a school activity. Instead, the Principal or Principal's designee may implement alternative disciplinary measures on a case-by-case basis if a pre-kindergarten through second grade student engages in misconduct that would otherwise result in a short-term suspension. If a pre-kindergarten through second grade student brings a deadly weapon on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or to a school activity, then the student may be suspended or expelled in accordance with this Policy's disciplinary procedures.

4. **Emergency Exclusion:** A student may be excluded from school in the following circumstances:
- a. If the student has a dangerous communicable disease transmissible through normal school contacts and poses an imminent threat to the health or safety of the school community; or
 - b. If the student's conduct presents a clear threat to the physical safety of himself, herself, or others, or is so extremely disruptive as to make temporary removal necessary to preserve the rights of other students to pursue an education.

Any emergency exclusion shall be based upon a clear factual situation warranting it and shall last no longer than is necessary to avoid the dangers described above.

If the emergency exclusion will be for five school days or less, the procedures for a short-term suspension shall be followed. If the Superintendent or his or her designee determines that an emergency exclusion shall extend beyond five days, a hearing is to be held and a final determination made within ten school days after the initial date of exclusion. Such procedures shall substantially comply with the procedures set forth in this policy for a long-term suspension or expulsion, and be modified only to the extent necessary to accomplish the hearing and determination within this shorter time period.

5. Other Forms of Student Discipline: Administrative and teaching personnel may also take actions regarding student behavior, other than removal of students from school, which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, 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. When in-school suspensions,

after-school assignments, 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.

- B. Student Conduct Expectations. Students are not to engage in conduct which causes or which creates a reasonable likelihood that it will cause a substantial disruption in or material interference with any school function, activity or purpose or interfere with the health, safety, well being or rights of other students, staff or visitors.
- C. Grounds for Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment. The following conduct has been determined by the Board of Education to have the potential to seriously affect the health, safety or welfare of students, staff and other persons or to otherwise seriously interfere with the educational process. Such conduct constitutes grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, and any other lesser forms of discipline. The conduct is subject to the consequence of long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment where it occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by the school and being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or an employee's designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event.
1. Willfully disobeying any reasonable written or oral request of a school staff member, or the voicing of disrespect to those in authority.
 2. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, harassment, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes or making any communication that a reasonable recipient would interpret as a serious expression of an intent to harm or cause injury to another.
 3. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, repeated damage or theft involving property, or setting or attempting to set a fire of any magnitude.
 4. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to any person, including any school employee, school volunteer, or 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.
 5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student or making a threat which causes or may be expected to cause a disruption to school operations.
 6. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon or that has the appearance of a weapon or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks.
 7. Engaging in selling, using, possessing or dispensing of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, drugs, controlled substance, or an inhalant; being under the influence of any of the above; possession of drug paraphernalia, or the selling, using, possessing, or dispensing of an imitation controlled substance as defined in section 28-401 of the Nebraska statutes, or material represented to be alcohol, narcotics, drugs, a controlled substance or inhalant. Tobacco means any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), electronic nicotine delivery systems, alternative nicotine products,

tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation. The term "under the influence" 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 or illegal substances 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.

8. Public indecency or sexual conduct.
9. Engaging in bullying, which includes any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal, or electronic abuse on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or a school employee's designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events.
10. Sexually assaulting or attempting to sexually assault any person. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if a complaint alleging such conduct is filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.
11. Engaging in any activity forbidden by law which constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if the conduct creates or had the potential to create a substantial interference with school purposes, such as the use of the telephone or internet off-school grounds to threaten.
12. A repeated violation of any rules established by the school district or school officials if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes.
13. Truancy or failure to attend assigned classes or assigned activities; or tardiness to school, assigned classes or assigned activities.
14. 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, gender, disability, national origin, or religion.
15. Dressing or grooming in a manner which is dangerous to the student's health and safety or a danger to the health and safety of others or repeated violations of the student dress and grooming standards; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that is lewd or indecent, vulgar or plainly offensive; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that school officials reasonably conclude will materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that a reasonable observer would interpret as advocating illegal drug use.
16. Willfully violating the behavioral expectations for riding school buses or vehicles.
17. A student who engages in the following conduct shall be expelled for the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester, and if the expulsion for such conduct takes place during the second semester, the expulsion shall remain in effect for the first semester of the following school year, with the condition that such action may be modified or terminated by the school district during the expulsion period on such terms as the administration may establish:

- a. The knowing and intentional use of force in causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, school volunteer, or student, except if caused by accident, self-defense, or on the reasonable belief that the force used was necessary to protect some other person and the extent of force used was reasonably believed to be necessary, or
 - b. The knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm.
18. Knowingly and intentionally possessing, using, or transmitting a firearm on school grounds, in a school-owned or utilized vehicle, or during an educational function or event off school grounds, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event. This conduct shall result in an expulsion for one calendar year. "Firearm" means a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, as that statute existed on January 1, 1995. That statute includes the following statement: "The term 'firearm' means (a) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (b) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (c) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (d) any destructive device." The Superintendent may modify such one year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis, provided that such modification is in writing.

Bringing a firearm or other dangerous weapon to school for any reason is discouraged; however, a student will not be subject to disciplinary action if the item is brought or possessed under the following conditions:

- a. Prior written permission to bring the firearm or other dangerous weapon to school is obtained from the student's teacher, building administrator and parent.
- b. The purpose of having the firearm or other dangerous weapon in school is for a legitimate educational function.
- c. A plan for its transportation into and from the school, its storage while in the school building and how it will be displayed must be developed with the prior written approval by the teacher and building administrator. Such plan shall require that such item will be in the possession of an adult staff member at all times except for such limited time as is necessary to fulfill the educational function.
- d. The firearm or other dangerous weapon shall be in an inoperable condition while it is on school grounds.

For purposes of this policy, the term "dangerous weapon" includes any personal safety or security device (such as tasers, mace and pepper spray). If a student desires to carry or possess a personal safety or security device, the student must obtain prior approval from the building principal before bringing such device on school grounds. If a student obtains prior approval from the building principal, the student must store the device during the school day in the student's locker, in the main office or in another secure location designated by the building principal. A student shall not carry a personal safety or security device during the school day.

- D. Additional Student Conduct Expectations and Grounds for Discipline. The following additional student conduct expectations are established. Failure to comply with such rules is grounds for disciplinary action. When such conduct 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, the conduct is grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment.

1. Student Appearance: Students are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school setting. Students should not dress in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of anyone or interferes with the learning environment or teaching process in our school. Following is a list of examples of attire that will not be considered appropriate, such list is not exclusive and other forms of attire deemed inappropriate by the administration may be deemed inappropriate for the school setting:
 - a. Clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin or underwear (midriffs, spaghetti straps, sagging pants) or clothing that is too tight, revealing or baggy, or tops and bottoms that do not overlap or any material that is sheer or lightweight enough to be seen through, or otherwise of an appropriate size and fit so as to be revealing or drag on the ground.
 - b. Shorts, skirts, or skorts that do not reach mid-thigh or longer.
 - c. Clothing or jewelry that advertises or promotes beer, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.
 - d. Clothing or jewelry that could be used as a weapon (chains, spiked apparel) or that would encourage "horse-play" or that would damage property (e.g. cleats).
 - e. Head wear including hats, caps, bandannas, and scarves.
 - f. Clothing or jewelry which exhibits nudity, makes sexual references or carries lewd, indecent, or vulgar double meaning.
 - g. Clothing or jewelry that is gang related.
 - h. Visible body piercing (other than ears).

Consideration will be made for students who wear special clothing as required by religious beliefs, disability, or to convey a particularized message protected by law. The final decision regarding attire and grooming will be made by the Principal or Superintendent. In the event a student is uncertain as to whether a particular item or method of grooming is consistent with the school's guidelines, the student should contact the Principal for approval, and may also review such additional posting of prohibited items or grooming which may be available in the Principal's office.

Coaches, sponsors or teachers may have additional requirements for students who are in special lab classes, students who are participants in performing groups or students who are representing the school as part of an extracurricular activity program.

On a first offense of the dress code, the student may call home for proper apparel. If clothes cannot be brought to school, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Students will not be allowed to leave campus to change clothes. Continual violations of the dress code will result in more stringent disciplinary actions, up to expulsion. Further, in the event the dress code violation is determined to also violate other student conduct rules (e.g., public

indecenty, insubordination, expression of profanity, and the like), a first offense of the dress code may result in more stringent discipline, up to expulsion.

2. Academic Integrity.

- a. Policy Statement: Students are expected to abide by the standards of academic integrity established by their teachers and school administration. Standards of academic integrity are established in order for students to learn as much as possible from instruction, for students to be given grades which accurately reflect the student's level of learning and progress, to provide a level playing field for all students, and to develop appropriate values.

Cheating and plagiarism violate the standards of academic integrity. Sanctions will be imposed against students who engage in such conduct.

- b. Definitions: The following definitions provide a guide to the standards of academic integrity:

(1) "Cheating" means intentionally misrepresenting the source, nature, or other conditions of academic work so as to accrue undeserved credit, or to cooperate with someone else in such misrepresentation. Such misrepresentations may, but need not necessarily, involve the work of others. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Tests (includes tests, quizzes and other examinations or academic performances):

(i) Advance Information: Obtaining, reviewing or sharing copies of tests or information about a test before these are distributed for student use by the instructor. For example, a student engages in cheating if, after having taken a test, the student informs other students in a later section of the questions that appear on the test.

(ii) Use of Unauthorized Materials: Using notes, textbooks, pre-programmed formulae in calculators, or other unauthorized material, devices or information while taking a test except as expressly permitted. For example, except for "open book" tests, a student engages in cheating if the student looks at personal notes or the textbook during the test.

(iii) Use of Other Student Answers: Copying or looking at another student's answers or work, or sharing answers or work with another student, when taking a test, except as expressly permitted. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student looks at another student's paper during a test. A student also engages in cheating if the student tells another student answers during a test or while exiting the

testing room, or knowingly allows another student to look at the student's answers on the test paper.

- (iv) Use of Other Student to Take Test. Having another person take one's place for a test, or taking a test for another student, without the specific knowledge and permission of the instructor.
 - (v) Misrepresenting Need to Delay Test. Presenting false or incomplete information in order to postpone or avoid the taking of a test. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student misses class on the day of a test, claiming to be sick, when the student's real reason for missing class was because the student was not prepared for the test.
- (b) Papers (includes papers, essays, lab projects, and other similar academic work):
- i) Use of Another's Paper: Copying another student's paper, using a paper from an essay writing service, or allowing another student to copy a paper, without the specific knowledge and permission of the instructor.
 - (ii) Re-use of One's Own Papers: Using a substantial portion of a piece of work previously submitted for another course or program to meet the requirements of the present course or program without notifying the instructor to whom the work is presented.
 - (iii) Assistance from Others: Having another person assist with the paper to such an extent that the work does not truly reflect the student's work. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student has a draft essay reviewed by the student's parent or sibling, and the essay is substantially re-written by the student's parent or sibling. Assistance from home is encouraged, but the work must remain the student's.
 - (iv) Failure to Contribute to Group Projects. Accepting credit for a group project in which the student failed to contribute a fair share of the work.
 - (v) Misrepresenting Need to Delay Paper. Presenting false or incomplete information in order to postpone or avoid turning in a paper when due. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student misses class on the day a paper is due, claiming to be sick, when the student's real reason for missing class was because the student had not finished the paper.

- (c) Alteration of Assigned Grades. Any unauthorized alteration of assigned grades by a student in the teacher's grade book or the school records is a serious form of cheating.
- (2) "Plagiarism" means to take and present as one's own a material portion of the ideas or words of another or to present as one's own an idea or work derived from an existing source without full and proper credit to the source of the ideas, words, or works. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:
- (a) Failure to Credit Sources: Copying work (words, sentences, and paragraphs or illustrations or models) directly from the work of another without proper credit. Academic work frequently involves use of outside sources. To avoid plagiarism, the student must either place the work in quotations or give a citation to the outside source.
- (b) Falsely Presenting Work as One's Own: Presenting work prepared by another in final or draft form as one's own without citing the source, such as the use of purchased research papers or use of another student's paper.
- (3) "Contributing" to academic integrity violations means to participate in or assist another in cheating or plagiarism. It includes but is not limited to allowing another student to look at your test answers, to copy your papers or lab projects, and to fail to report a known act of cheating or plagiarism to the instructor or administration.
- c. Sanctions: The following sanctions will occur when a student engages in cheating, plagiarism, or contributing to an academic integrity offense:
- (1) Academic Sanction. The instructor will refuse to accept the student's work in which the academic integrity offense took place, assign a grade of "F" or zero for the work, and require the student to complete a test or project in place of the work within such time and under such conditions as the instructor may determine appropriate. In the event the student completes the replacement test or project at a level meeting minimum performance standards, the instructor will assign a grade which the instructor determines to be appropriate for the work.
- (2) Report to Parents and Administration. The instructor will notify the Principal of the offense and the instructor or Principal will notify the student's parents or guardian.
- (3) Student Discipline Sanctions. Academic integrity offenses are a violation of school rules. The Principal may recommend sanctions in addition to those assigned by the instructor, up to and including suspension or expulsion. Such additional sanctions will be given strong consideration where a student has engaged in serious or repeated academic integrity offense or other rule violations, and where the academic sanction is otherwise not a sufficient remedy,

such as for offenses involving altering assigned grades or contributing to academic integrity violations.

3. Electronic Devices

- a. Philosophy and Purpose. The District strongly discourages students from bringing and/or using electronic devices at school. The use of electronic devices can be disruptive to the educational process and are items that are frequently lost or stolen. 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.
- b. Definitions.
- (1) “Electronic devices” include, but are not limited to, cell phones, Mp3 players, iPods, personal digital assistants (PDAs), compact disc players, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, lap top 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:
 - (i) Displays sexual content, including erotic nudity, any display of genitalia, unclothed female breasts, or unclothed buttocks, or any sexually explicit conduct as defined at Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-1463.02; or
 - (ii) Sexually exploits a person, whether or not such person has given consent to creation or distribution of the message, photograph or video by permitting, allowing, encouraging, disseminating, distributing, or forcing such student or other person to engage in sexually explicit, obscene or pornographic photography, films, or depictions; or
 - (iii) Displays a sexually explicit message for sexual gratification, flirtation or provocation, or to request or arrange a sexual encounter.
- c. Possession and Use of Electronic Devices.
- (1) Students are not permitted to possess or use any electronic devices during class time or during passing time except as otherwise provided by this policy. Cell phone usage is strictly prohibited during any class period; including voice usage, digital imaging, or text messaging.
 - (2) Students are permitted to possess and use electronic devices before school hours, at lunch time, and after school hours, provided that the student not commit any abusive use of the device (see paragraph (d)(1)). Administrators have the discretion to prohibit

student possession or use of electronic devices on school grounds during these times in the event the administration determines such further restrictions are appropriate; an announcement will be given in the event of such a change in permitted use.

(3) Electronic devices may be used during class time when specifically approved by the teacher or a school administrator in conjunction with appropriate and authorized class or school activities or events (i.e., student use of a camera during a photography class; student use of a lap top computer for a class presentation).

(4) Students may use electronic devices during class time when authorized pursuant to an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Accommodation Plan, or a Health Care Plan, or pursuant to a plan developed with the student's parent when the student has a compelling need to have the device (e.g., a student whose parent is in the hospital could be allowed limited use of the cell phone for family contacts, so the family can give the student updates on the parent's condition).

d. Violations

(1) Prohibited Use of Electronic Devices: Students shall not use electronic devices for: (a) activities which disrupt the educational environment; (b) illegal activities in violation of state or federal laws or regulations; (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 others (photographs, videotaping, sound recording, etc.) or otherwise transmitting images and/or sounds of another person or persons without direct administrative approval and consent of the person(s) being recorded, other than recording of persons participating in school activities that are open to the public; (g) "sexting;" or (h) activities which invade the privacy of others. Such student misuses will be dealt with as serious school violations, and immediate and appropriate disciplinary action will be imposed, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion from school.

(2) Disposition of Confiscated Electronic Devices: Electronic devices possessed or used in violation of this policy may be confiscated by school personnel and returned to the student or parent/guardian at an appropriate time. If an electronic device is confiscated, the electronic device shall be taken to the school's main office to be identified, placed in a secure area, and returned to the student and/or the student's parent/guardian in a consistent and orderly way.

(i) First Violation: Depending upon the nature of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences at a minimum may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school

administration and a conference between the student and school principal or assistant principal. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device.

(ii) Second Violation: Depending upon the nature of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences at a minimum may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration and a conference between the student and his/her parent/guardian and the school principal or assistant principal. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student's parent/guardian personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device.

(iii) Third Violation: Depending upon the nature of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences at a minimum may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration, a conference between the student and his/her parent/guardian and the school principal or assistant principal, and suspension of the student from school. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student's parent/guardian personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device.

(3) Penalties for Prohibited Use of Electronic Devices: Students who receive a "sexting" message are to report the matter to a school administrator and then delete such message from their electronic device. Students shall not participate in sexting or have any "sexting" message on their electronic devices regardless of when the message was received while on school grounds or at a school activity. Students who violate the prohibitions of this policy shall be subject to the imposition of appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion, provided that at a minimum the following penalties shall be imposed:

(i) Students found in possession of a "sexting" message shall be subject to a one (1) day suspension from school.

(ii) Students who send or encourage another to send a "sexting" message shall be subject to a five (5) day suspension from school.

(4) Reporting to Law Enforcement: Violations of this policy regarding the prohibited use of electronic devices that may constitute a violation 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.

- e. Responsibility for Electronic Devices. Students or their parents/guardians are expected to claim a confiscated electronic device within ten (10) days of the date it was relinquished. The school shall not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for any unclaimed electronic devices. By bringing such devices to school, students and parents authorize the school to dispose of unclaimed devices at the end of each semester. 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.
- E. Inappropriate Public Displays of Affection (IPDA): Students are not to engage in inappropriate public displays of affection on school property or at school activities. Such conduct includes kissing, touching, fondling or other displays of affection that would be reasonably considered to be embarrassing or a distraction to others. Students will face the following consequences for IPDA:
1. 1st Offense: Student will be confronted and directed to cease.
 2. 2nd Offense: Student will be confronted, directed to cease, and parents will be notified.
 3. 3rd Offense: Student will be suspended from school for a minimum of 1 day, and parents and student will need to meet with Administrator(s) and/or counselor.
- If this type of behavior continues, or if the IPDA is lewd or constitutes sexual conduct, the student could face long-term suspension or expulsion.
- F. Specific Rule Items: The following conduct may result in disciplinary action which, in the repeated violations, may result in discipline up to expulsion:
1. Students are not given locker passes, restroom passes or telephone passes to leave a classroom or study hall unless special circumstances arise.
 2. Students in the hallway during class time must have a pass with them.
 3. Gum, candy, seeds, etc. are not allowed in the school building or classrooms. The pop machine is closed until after school and pop is to be drunk outside.
 4. Students are expected to bring all books and necessary materials to class. This includes study halls.
 5. Assignments for all classes are due as assigned by the teacher.
 6. Students are not to operate the mini-blinds or the windows.
 7. Classes are ended by the teacher. Students are not to begin to pack up or leave the class until the dismissal bell has rung or the teacher has dismissed the class.
 8. Students are to be in their seats and ready for class on the tardy bell.
 9. Special classes such as Industrial Technology, Art, P.E., and computer courses will have other safety or clean-up rules that will be explained to students by that teacher which must be followed.
 10. Students are not to bring "nuisance items" to school. A nuisance item is something that is not required for educational purposes and which would cause a distraction to the student or others.
 11. Students are to stand back from the entry steps and doors in the mornings before school and at noon before the bell so that others may pass in and out of the entry doors.

12. Snow handling is prohibited.

G. Law Violations

1. Any act of a student which is a basis for expulsion and which the principal or designee knows or suspects is a violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code will be reported to law enforcement as soon as possible. Conduct to be reported for law enforcement referral includes conduct that may constitute a felony, conduct which may constitute a threat to the safety or well-being of students or others in school programs and activities, and conduct that the legal system is better equipped to address than school officials. Conduct that does not need to be reported for law enforcement referral includes typical adolescent behavior that can be addressed by school administrators without the involvement of law enforcement. In making the decision of whether to report, consideration should be given to the student's maturity, mental capacity, and behavioral disorders, where applicable. When appropriate, it shall be the responsibility of the referring administrator to contact the student's parent of the fact that the referral to legal authorities has been or will be made.

The foregoing reporting standards shall be reviewed annually by the school board on or before August 1 of each year, be annually reviewed in collaboration with the County Attorney each year, be distributed to each student and his or her parent or guardian at the beginning of each school year, or at the time of enrollment if during the school year, and shall be posted in conspicuous places in each school during the school year.

2. When a principal or other school official releases a minor student to a peace officer (e.g., police officer, sheriff, and all other persons with similar authority to make arrests) for the purpose of removing the minor from the school premises, the principal or other school official shall take immediate steps to notify the parent, guardian, or responsible relative of the minor regarding the release of the minor to the officer and regarding the place to which the minor is reportedly being taken, except when a minor has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse, in which case the principal or other school official shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the minor's parents or guardian.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-254 to 79-296

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]

StudentsAlternative Education Programs or Plans For Expelled Students

In the event action is being taken to expel a student from this school district, the Administration may offer the student an alternative school, class, or educational program (hereinafter referred to as an "alternative program"); or (2) the development of a plan of behavior modification, educational objects, and financial resources and community programs available to meet the behavioral and educational objects, and monthly reviews to assess the student's progress toward meeting the specified goals and objects. An expelled student may not be required to attend the alternative program.

A. ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM:

The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee is hereby granted the authority to arrange and plan for a student's alternative educational program, based on the available resources and student's individual circumstances.

B. EDUCATION PLAN PROGRAM:

If the administration elects not to provide an alternative education program, or if a student declines to participate in the alternative education program, the following procedures shall be followed:

(1) A conference shall be called by a school administrator and held to assist the district in the development of a plan with the participation of a parent or a legal guardian, the student, a school representative, and a representative of either a community organization with a mission of assisting young people or a representative of an agency involved with juvenile justice.

(2) The plan shall be in writing and adopted by a school administrator and presented to the student and the parent or legal guardian.

(3) The plan shall:

(a) Specify guidelines and consequences for behaviors which have been identified as preventing the student from achieving the desired benefits from the educational opportunities provided,

(b) Identify educational objectives that must be achieved in order to receive credits toward graduation,

(c) Specify the financial resources of the community programs available to meet both the educational and behavioral objects identified, and

d) Require the student to attend monthly reviews in order to assess the student's progress toward meeting the specified goals and objectives.

The school district shall submit such plan on the form "Section 79-266(2) Plan" attached to this policy as Appendix "1".

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-266
 NDE Rule 17

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SECTION 79-266(2) PLAN

Student: _____

Date and Participants: _____

(List parent or legal guardian, school representative, and community or agency representative)

(a) Guidelines and Consequences for Behaviors

The student has been recommended for expulsion for conduct as specified in correspondence and memoranda recently provided to the student and the student's parents or guardian. This conduct has had the effect of preventing the student from achieving the desired benefits from the educational opportunities provided. The student is expected to conform his conduct to the school rules for which he has been recommended for expulsion and all other established school rules. Further disciplinary measures, including possible future expulsions, can result from future violations of such behavioral guidelines and expectations.

(b) Educational Objectives

In order to graduate, the student needs to receive the credits listed in Attachment "A", subject to future modifications in graduation requirements.

(c) Financial Resources and Community Programs Available

The financial resources and community programs available to meet the educational and behavioral objectives identified in this plan include school resources (e.g., upon return from the recommended expulsion, counseling with the school counselor, and meetings with the school administration and teachers) and community organizations which assist young people (e.g., civic organizations, local college and university programs, and community college programs).

(d) Monthly Reviews & Other

During the period of the expulsion, the student shall be required to attend monthly reviews with the Principal or designee to assess the student's progress toward meeting the specified goals and objectives. The student shall be responsible for contacting the named school official to schedule the monthly meetings. (Attach separate sheet for any additional information or terms of plan).

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____, adopted by the school administrator after a conference held to assist the district in the development of the plan with the participation of a parent or legal guardian, the student, a school representative, and a representative of either a community organization with a mission of assisting young people or a representative of an agency involved in juvenile justice, and presented to the student and parent or legal guardian at the conference prior to the student being expelled in accordance with law.

Adopted by _____

[Administrator]

Attachments: Attachment "A" (academic credits needed to graduate or other, if applicable)

StudentsExtracurricular Activity**Section 1 Extracurricular Activity Philosophy**

Extracurricular activity programs enrich the curriculum of the school by making available a wide variety of activities in which a student can participate. Extracurricular activity programs are considered an integral part of the school's program of education that provide experiences that will help students physically, mentally and emotionally.

The element of competition and winning, though it exists, is controlled to the point it does not determine the nature or success of the program. This is considered to be educationally and psychologically sound because of the training it offers for living in a competitive society. Students are stimulated to want to win and excel, but the principles of good sportsmanship prevail at all times to enhance the educational values of contests. Participation in activities, both as a competitor and as a student spectator, is an integral part of the students' educational experiences. Such participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, team, student body, community and the students themselves. In their play and their conduct, students are representing all of these groups. Such experiences contribute to the knowledge, skill and emotional patterns that they possess, thereby making them better individuals and citizens.

Safety

The District's philosophy is to maintain an activities program which recognizes the importance of the safety of the participants. To ensure safety, participants are required to become fully familiar with the dangers and safety measures established for the activity in which they participate, to adhere to all safety instructions for the activity in which they participate, to inform their coach or sponsor when they are injured or have health problems that require their activities be restricted, and to exercise common-sense.

Warning for Participants and Parents

The purpose of this warning is to bring your attention to the existence of potential dangers associated with athletic injuries. Participation in any intramural or athletic activity may involve injury of some type. The severity of such injury can range from minor cuts, bruises, sprains and muscle strains to more serious injuries to the body's bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, or muscles, to catastrophic injuries to the head, neck and spinal cord. On rare occasions, injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis or death. Even with appropriate coaching, appropriate safety instruction, appropriate protective equipment and strict observance of the rules, injuries are still a possibility.

Section 2 Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct

Purpose of the Code of Conduct. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. The privilege carries with it responsibilities to the school, team, student body, and the community. Participants are not only representing themselves, but also their school and community in all of

their actions. Others judge our school on the student participants' conduct and attitudes, and how they contribute to our school spirit and community image.

The student participants' performance and devotion to high ideals and values make their school and community proud. Consequently, participation is dependent upon adherence to this Code of Conduct and the school district's policies, procedures and rules.

Scope of the Code of Conduct.

Activities Subject to the Code of Conduct: The Code of Conduct applies to all extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities means, student activities or organizations which are supervised or administered by the school district which do not count toward graduation or grade advancement and in which participation is not otherwise required by the school.

Extracurricular activities include but are not limited to: all sports, cheerleading, dance team, vocal, band, speech and drama, One-Act, FFA, Student Council, National Honor Society, and other school sponsored organizations and activities. The Code of Conduct also applies to participation in school sponsored activities such as school dances and royalty for such activities.

A participant means a student who participates in, has participated in, or will participate in an extracurricular activity.

When: The Code of Conduct rules apply to conduct which occurs at any time during the school year, and also includes the time frame which begins with the official starting day of the fall sport season established by the NSAA and extends to the last day of the spring sport season established by the NSAA, whether or not the student is a participant in an activity at the time of such conduct.

The rules also apply when a student is participating or scheduled to participate in an extracurricular activity that is held outside the school year or the NSAA season. For example, if a participant FFA student plans to participate in a conference in July and commits a Code of Conduct infraction in June, the student may be suspended from participating in the conference. Conduct during the summer months may also affect a student's participation under the team selection and playing time guidelines.

Where: The Code of Conduct rules apply regardless of whether the conduct occurs on or off school grounds. If the conduct occurs on school grounds, at a school function or event, or in a school vehicle, the student may also be subject to further discipline under the general student code of conduct. A student who is suspended or expelled from school shall not be permitted to participate in activities during the period of the suspension or expulsion, and may also receive an extended activity suspension.

Grounds for Extracurricular Activity Discipline. Students who participate in extracurricular activities are expected to demonstrate cooperation, patience, pride, character, self respect, self-

discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect for authority. The following conduct rules have been determined by the Board of Education to be reasonably necessary to aid students, further school purposes, and prevent interference with the educational process. Such conduct constitutes grounds for suspension from participation in extracurricular activities and grounds for other restrictions or disciplinary measures related to extracurricular activity participation:

1. Willfully disobeying any reasonable written or oral request of a school staff member, or the voicing of disrespect to those in authority.
2. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, bullying, harassment or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school or extracurricular activity purposes or making any communication that a reasonable person would interpret as a serious expression of an intent to harm or cause injury to another.
3. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property, repeated damage or theft involving property or setting or attempting to set a fire of any magnitude.
4. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to any person, including a school employee, school volunteer, or student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect another person shall not constitute a violation.
5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of, or with the intent of, obtaining money or anything of value from a student or making a threat which causes or may be expected to cause a disruption to school operations.
6. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon or that has the appearance of a weapon, or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks, on school grounds or at a school function or event, or in a manner that is unlawful or contrary to school activity rules.
7. Engaging in selling, using, possessing or dispensing of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, drugs, controlled substance, or an inhalant; being under the influence of any of the above; possession of drug paraphernalia, or the selling, using, possessing, or dispensing of an imitation controlled substance as defined in section 28-401 of the Nebraska statutes, or material represented to be alcohol, narcotics, drugs, a controlled substance or inhalant. Tobacco means any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), electronic nicotine delivery systems, alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation. The term "under the influence" 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 or illegal substances 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.
8. Public indecency.

9. Sexual assault or attempting to sexually assault any person. Engaging in sexual conduct, even if consensual, on school grounds or at a school function or event.
10. Engaging in any activity forbidden by law which constitutes a danger to other students, interferes with school purposes or an extracurricular activity, or reflects a lack of high ideals.
11. Repeated violation of any of the school rules.
12. Truancy or failure to attend assigned classes or assigned activities; or tardiness to school, assigned classes or assigned activities.
13. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to a school employee, school volunteer, or student. 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, gender, national origin, or religion.
14. Dressing or grooming in a manner which is dangerous to the student's health and safety or a danger to the health and safety of others or repeated violations of dress and grooming standards; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that is lewd or indecent, vulgar or plainly offensive; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that school officials reasonably conclude will materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school or of an extracurricular activity; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that a reasonable observer would interpret as advocating illegal drug use.
15. Willfully violating the behavioral expectations for those students riding Alma Public Schools buses or vehicles used for activity purposes.
16. Failure to report for the activity at the beginning of the season. Reporting for one activity may count as reporting on time if there is a change in activity within the season approved by the coach or the supervisor.
17. Failure to participate in regularly scheduled classes on the day of an extracurricular activity or event.
18. Failure to attend scheduled practices and meetings. If circumstances arise to prevent the participant's attendance, the validity of the reason will be determined by the coach or sponsor. Every reasonable effort should be made to notify the coach or sponsor prior to any missed practice or meeting.
19. All other reasonable rules or regulations adopted by the coach or sponsor of an extracurricular activity shall be followed, provided that participants shall be advised by the coach or sponsor of such rules and regulations in writing.
20. Failure to comply with any rule established by the Nebraska School Activities Association, including, but not limited to, the rules relating to eligibility.

All terms used in the Code of Conduct have a less strict meaning than under criminal law and are subject to reasonable interpretation by school officials.

Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Violations.

Meaning of Terms.

Use or consume includes any level of consumption or use. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation.

Under the influence means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student, or the odor of an illicit drug on the student. Also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant.

Possession includes having control of the substance and also includes being in the same area where the substance is present and no responsible adult present and responsible for the substance. Possession includes situations where for example:

- (1) Alcohol is in a vehicle in which the student is present. The student is considered to be in possession if the student is aware that the alcohol is in the vehicle, even though the student has not touched or consumed the alcohol; and
- (2) Alcohol is present at a party attended by the student. The student is considered to be in possession if the student is aware that alcohol is at the party and fails to immediately leave the party, even though the student has not touched or consumed the alcohol.

In these situations, a violation would not exist if the alcohol is in the control of a parent or guardian or other responsible adult (age 21 or older) such that students are not allowed to access the alcohol. A violation would also not exist if the student did not know or have a reasonable basis to know that alcohol would be present, and the student leaves the location where the alcohol is present as soon the student could safely do so. (Students are expected to leave immediately, but are not to do so in a manner that would endanger them. For example, you are not to leave in a car being driven by a person who has been drinking just to get away from the alcohol party immediately when there is no other way to get home. Instead, you should call for a safe ride home and, while waiting, clearly distance yourself from the alcohol).

Consequences.

Students may be suspended from practices or participation in interscholastic competition or participation in co-curricular activities for violations of the Code of Conduct. The period of suspension or other discipline for such offenses shall be determined by the school administration.

The disciplinary consequence will be determined based on consideration of the seriousness of the offense, any prior violations, the student's compliance with the self-reporting obligations, the student's level of cooperation and willingness to resolve the matter, and the student's demonstration of a commitment to not commit future violations.

Because of the significance of drug (including steroids and/or tobacco products) and alcohol violations on the student participants, other students and the school, the following consequences are established for such violations:

Drugs, Tobacco, and Alcohol.

An activity participant who violates the drug or alcohol rules or tests positive for drug or alcohol through the school's random drug test program shall be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activity for the following minimum periods:

- 1. First Violation:** the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities for twenty (20) school/activity days. A student who test positive or self-reports a violation of this policy to a school administrator by 8:30 AM the next school day after a violation has occurred will not be allowed to participate in any activity for a period of two weeks (10 school days and/or days with school activities in which the student is a participant. and if the parent/guardians and the student meets with the administration and shows proof that the student is receiving substance abuse counseling with a qualified professional in person or online for no less than four (hours) and submits to a second drug test within two (2) weeks.
- 2. Second Violation:** the student is suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity for forty-five (45) school/activity days. To return to participation, the student must complete substance abuse counseling as and to the extent determined appropriate by a qualified professional, and in any event for no less than four (4) hours; must submit to two (2) follow up drug tests with a negative result; and be subject during the next twelve (12) month period to follow up drug tests. In addition to the requirements mentioned above, the student can reduce the number of suspended days if they continue to attend and participate in their current activity's practices. For each day the student attends their current activity's practices, one day will be deducted from the total number of suspended days. While a student is suspended, they are not allowed to represent Alma Public Schools in any competition.
- 3. Third Violation:** the student is suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity for ninety (90) school/activity days. To return to participation, the student must complete substance abuse counseling as and to the extent determined appropriate by a qualified professional, and in any event for no less than four (4) hours, and must submit two (2) follow up drug tests with a negative result; and be subject during the next twelve (12) month period to follow up drug tests. In addition to the requirements mentioned above, the student can reduce the number of suspended days if they continue to attend and participate in their current activity's practices. For each day the student attends their current activity's practices, one-half (1/2) day will be deducted from the total number of suspended days. While a student is suspended, they are not allowed to represent Alma Public Schools in any competition.
- 4. For any subsequent Violation:** For any subsequent violation or positive test during the current school year, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for ninety (90) school/activity days. To return to participation, the student must complete substance abuse counseling as and to the extent determined appropriate by a qualified professional, and in any event for no less than four (4) hours, and must submit two (2) follow up drug tests with a negative result; and be subject during the next twelve (12) month period to follow up drug tests.

5. More Serious Violations: In the event of more serious drug or alcohol violations, such as students engaging in use of especially serious drug offenses (cocaine, meth, etc.) or procuring alcohol for minors, the consequence of the violation is not limited by the foregoing, and may be established in the good discretion of the administration.

When Suspensions Begin. All suspensions begin with the next scheduled activity in which the student is a participant, after the determination by school officials of the sanction to be imposed; provided that the school officials shall have the discretion to establish a time period for the suspension that makes the suspension have a real consequence for the student. During a suspension, participants may be required or permitted to practice at the sole discretion of the coach or activity sponsor. Suspensions in the Spring will be carried over to the Fall when the suspension has not been fully served or when determined appropriate for the suspension to have a real consequence for the student.

Letters and Post-Season Honors. A student who commits a Code of Conduct violation is:

1. Eligible to letter, provided the student meets the criteria of the coach or sponsor.
2. Not eligible to receive honors during the sport or activity in which they are participating at the time of the offense and/or in sports or activities in which they have been suspended due to a code violation. The coach/sponsor, with the Administration approval, may make an exception where the student has self-reported or otherwise demonstrated excellence in character allowing for such honors.

Self-Reporting. A student who violates the Code of Conduct must self-report. The self-report must be made to: the principal, athletic director, or the head coach or sponsor of an activity in which the student participates. The student's parent or guardian may initiate the self-reporting process, but the student will be later required to give a written statement of the self-report. The self-report must be made the earlier of: (1) before the end of the next school day after the conduct occurred and (2) before participation in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity.

In making a self-report, the student must identify the events that took place, what conduct the student engaged in, and any witnesses to the student's conduct, and will be required to put this information in a written statement. In the event the student has received a criminal citation, charge, or ticket, and proclaims innocence of a violation, the student will be required to self-report such offense and provide information as to why they should be found innocent, not as it relates to the criminal offense, but as it relates to the Code of Conduct.

All students are expected to be honest and forthright with school officials. In the event the coach or activity sponsor or any school administrator asks a student participant for information pertaining to compliance (or lack of compliance) by the student or other student participants with the Code of Conduct or eligibility conditions for participation in activities, the student is expected to fully, completely, and honestly provide the information. Students may be disciplined for a failure to be honest and forthright.

Determining a Violation Has Occurred. A violation of the Code of Conduct will be determined to have occurred based on any of the following criteria:

1. When a student is cited by law enforcement and school officials have a reasonable basis for determining that grounds for the issuance of the citation exist.
2. When a student is convicted of a criminal offense. Conviction includes, without limitation, a plea of no contest and an adjudication of delinquency by the juvenile court.
3. When a student admits to violating one of the standards of the Code of Conduct.
4. When a student is accused by another person of violating one of the standards of the Code of Conduct and school officials determine that such information is reliable.
5. When school officials otherwise find sufficient evidence to support a determination that a violation has occurred.

Procedures for Extracurricular Discipline. The following procedures are established for suspensions from participation in extracurricular activities:

1. Investigation. The school official(s) considering the suspension will conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances and determine whether the suspension will help the student or other students, further school purposes, or prevent an interference with a school purpose.
2. Meeting. Prior to commencement of the suspension, the school official considering the suspension or their designee will provide the student an opportunity to give the student's side of the story. The meeting for this purpose may be held in person or via a telephone conference.
 - a. The student will be given oral or written notice of what the student is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the school has, and the opportunity to explain the student's version. Detail is not required where the activity participant has made a self-report or otherwise admits the conduct. Names of informants may be kept confidential where determined to be appropriate.
 - b. The suspension may be imposed prior to the meeting if the meeting can not reasonably be held before the suspension is to begin. In that case the meeting will occur as soon as reasonably practicable. The student is responsible for cooperating in the scheduling of the meeting.
3. Notice Letter. Within three school days (three business days if school is not in session), or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the school administrator or the school administrator's designee will send a written statement to the student and the student's parents or guardian. The statement will describe the student's conduct violation and the discipline imposed. The student and parents or guardian will be informed of the opportunity to request a hearing.
4. Informal Hearing Before Superintendent. The student or student's parent/guardian may request an informal hearing before the Superintendent. The Superintendent may designate the Athletic Director or another administrator not responsible for

the suspension decision as the Superintendent's designee to conduct the hearing and make a decision.

- a. A form to request such a hearing must be signed by the parent or guardian. A form will be provided with the notice letter or otherwise be made available by request from the Administrators.
- b. The request for a hearing must be received by the Superintendent's office within five days of receipt of the notice letter.
- c. If a hearing is requested:
 - i. The hearing will be held within ten calendar days of receipt of the request; subject to extension for good cause as determined by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.
 - ii. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will notify the participants of the time and place of the hearing a reasonable time in advance to allow preparation for the hearing.
 - iii. Upon conclusion of the hearing, a written decision will be rendered within five school days (ten calendar days if school is not in session). The written decision will be mailed or otherwise delivered to the participant, parents or guardian.
 - iv. A record of the hearing (copies of documents provided at the hearing.) will be kept by the school if requested sufficiently in advance of the hearing by the parent/guardian.
 - v. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee decision is final.
5. No Stay of Penalty. There will be no stay of the penalty imposed pending completion of the due process procedures
6. Opportunity for Informal Resolution. These due process procedures do not prevent the student or parent/guardian from discussing and settling the matter with the appropriate school officials at any stage.

Section 3 Attendance

Student participants are expected to meet the following attendance expectations:

1. Attend school regularly. Students who have "excessive absences" as determined under the school's attendance policy are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activity contests or performances. Students who have four or more unexcused absences in the semester of participation will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activity contests or performances.
2. Be on time for all scheduled practices, contests and departure for contests. In the event a participant is unable to attend a practice or contests the participant should contact the coach or sponsor in advance.
3. On the day of a contest, performance or other activity, be in attendance for the full day. A student who is not in attendance the full day is ineligible for the contest, performance, or activity.

Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances, such as doctor/dentist appointments or family emergencies. The exception must be approved by the Administration.

Every attempt should be made to be in attendance the day of a contest. Sleeping in to rest up for the game will not be considered an extenuating circumstance, nor will going home ill and then returning to play in the contest later that day.

Section 4 Academic Standards

Participation in extracurricular school activities is encouraged and desirable for all students. At the same time, the primary mission and responsibility for each student is to establish a firm academic foundation. A student participating in extracurricular school activities must show evidence of sincere effort towards scholastic achievement. To be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities, students must:

1. Be enrolled in at least 25 credit hours in the semester of participation.
2. Maintain passing grades in all courses. A student who is not passing one or more classes at progress reporting times will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activity contests or performances if the grade remains below passing one week after progress reporting time. The student will remain ineligible until the student is passing all classes.
3. Maintain an overall “passing average” average to participate in extracurricular activities, except school dances including Homecoming and Prom.
4. Academic requirements do not apply to:
 - (A) Instructional field trips which are a part of the scheduled course learning experience; or
 - (B) Activities or events which are a part of the student’s grade requirements.

Eligibility criteria for part-time students is governed by Policy 5004, NSAA bylaws, and state law.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-254 to 79-296

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Students

Naloxone in School

The Board hereby permits the storage, administration, and implementation of naloxone (also known as Narcan) in school, so long as such storage, administration, and implementation complies with all legal requirements and the best interests of student health.

The Superintendent is hereby delegated the authority to develop rules and regulations to handle and administer naloxone in the event of a suspect opioid overdose, or in other emergency situations that require prompt attention.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-470

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InstructionAssessments—Academic Content Standards

The Board of Education adopts the academic content standards of the State Board of Education (“State Board”). The adoption of the academic content standards includes the:

Language Arts standards that were adopted by the State Board in September, 2021;
Mathematics standards that were approved by the State Board in September, 2022;
Science standards that were adopted by the State Board in September, 2017; and
Social Studies standards that were adopted by the State Board in November, 2019.

Unless other action is taken, the Board of Education adopts the standards of the State Board as such standards are subsequently adopted or amended by the State Board.

The administration shall be responsible for implementing assessments on the state standards in accordance with the procedures established by the State Board and the Department of Education, including conducting assessments in the same subject areas and the same grade levels as established in the state standards, and the reporting of scores and sub-scores.

This policy does not supersede the existing standards adopted by the Board of Education except as set forth herein.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-760 to 79-760.05

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StudentsCollection of Information Relating to Dyslexia

The District will collect and maintain the following information relating to dyslexia during each school year:

- (1) Testing for a specific learning disability in the area of reading, including tests that identify characteristics of dyslexia and the results of such tests;
- (2) The number of students identified as having a reading issue, including dyslexia, pursuant to the assessment administered under the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act and Policy 6213;
- (3) The number of students identified in Paragraph (2) that have shown growth on the measure used to identify the reading issue; and
- (4) All other data required by law and/or the District's special education obligations.

By July 1st of each year, the District will provide the Nebraska State Department of Education with information collected about dyslexia, as requested by the Department.

Any student or parent/guardian with questions or concerns about dyslexia are encouraged to contact the District's Director of Special Education.

Legal Reference: LB 298 (2023)

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InstructionInitiations, Hazing, Secret Clubs and Outside Organizations

Initiations. Initiations by classes, clubs or athletic teams are prohibited except with the approval of the administration. Any student who engages in or encourages initiations that have not been approved by the administration is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including denial of any or all school privileges and expulsion.

The administration may only give consent to initiation activities that are consistent with student conduct expectations and that do not present a risk of physical or mental injury or belittlement.

Hazing. Hazing by classes, clubs, athletic teams or other student organizations are prohibited. Hazing means 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 with any school organization. Such prohibited hazing activity includes whipping, beating, branding, an act of sexual penetration, an exposure of the genitals of the body done with 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, sexual conduct, nudity, or any brutal treatment or the performance of any act which endangers the physical or mental health or safety of any person or the coercing of any such activity. Hazing is prohibited even though the person who has been the subject of the hazing consents to the activity. Any student who engages in or encourages hazing is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including denial of any or all school privileges and expulsion.

Secret Organizations. It is unlawful for students to participate in or be members of any secret fraternity or secret organization that is in any degree a school organization. Any student who violates this restriction is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including denial of any or all school privileges and expulsion.

Outside Organizations. It is unlawful for any person, whether a student of the District or not, to enter upon the school grounds or any school building for the purpose of rushing or soliciting, while there, any student to join any fraternity, society, or association organized outside of the schools. Any person who violates this restriction is subject to criminal prosecution and removal and exclusion from school grounds.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-2,101 to 79-2,102
Student Discipline Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-254 to
79-296
Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 28-311.06 to 28-311.07

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InstructionArtificial IntelligenceIntroduction

Alma Public Schools acknowledges that artificial intelligence continues to emerge as a resource that may assist students with future technology and different wants of learning. However, artificial intelligence also poses a challenge to delineate the responsible use of artificial intelligence with student plagiarism. As a result, the Board of Education adopts this Policy to specifically address how the District will address academic honesty and integrity regarding a student's use of artificial intelligence/

Permissible Uses of Artificial Intelligence in School Assignments

Students may use artificial intelligence or related platforms when any of the following occurs:

1. The student receives advance permission from the teacher for the given assignment or project; or
2. The teacher's classroom rules or expectations established artificial intelligence as a permissible resource for students to access.

Any student with questions about the use of artificial intelligence should contact their teacher in advance of using artificial intelligence to assist with any assignment. It is the responsibility of each student to understand the permissible use (if any) of artificial intelligence in a given class or a particular assignment. Students must be fully forthright and honest about their use of artificial intelligence to assist with any school assignment.

Impermissible Uses of Artificial Intelligence in School Assignments

Unless otherwise permitted by this Policy, students may not use artificial intelligence or related platforms to assist or complete any assignment, project, test, or other school-related task. The impermissible use of artificial intelligence may subject the student to discipline in accordance with the District's plagiarism policy and academic dishonesty rules.

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InstructionSpecial Education

Alma Public Schools adopts this special education policy with the intent that the policy maintains the District's compliance with all applicable laws affecting special education services and programs. The Superintendent or designees shall develop regulations or procedures to implement these policies. Employees and contractors of the District are expected to comply with these policies and all regulations, guidelines and procedures related to this policy in all respects.

The District will abide by all state and federal laws relating to special education. The District's special education policy and regulations, guidelines and procedures related to this policy are to be interpreted so as to be in compliance with such laws. In the event of changes in law, the school administration shall be authorized to implement modifications of practice to comply with such changes (whether the changes impose more or less stringent procedural or substantive requirements) until such time as amended policies are adopted by the Board of Education. References herein to 92 NAC 51 citations are made to Rule 51 as in effect on the date of the adoption of these policies. In the event of renumbering or other revisions to Rule 51, the policy shall be interpreted and implemented consistent with such renumbering or revisions.

1. Free Appropriate Public Education

A free appropriate public education shall be made available to all children with disabilities residing in the District, including children with disabilities who have been suspended or expelled, from date of verification through the school year in which the child is no longer eligible or the student reaches twenty-one (21) years of age, whichever occurs earlier. An Individualized Education Plan ("IEP") will be created for each such child that will enable the student to make progress appropriate in light of the student's unique circumstances.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-004.01 through 004.03A and 007.07C2 through 007.07C6

2. Full Educational Opportunity Goal

The District shall take steps to ensure that its children with verified disabilities, through the age of twenty-one, have available to them the variety of educational programs and services available to children without disabilities in the areas served by the District, including art, music, industrial arts, family consumer science education, and vocational education.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-004.11A

3. Child Find

All children from birth to age twenty-one (21) with disabilities residing in the District, including children with disabilities who are homeless or are wards of the state or attending nonpublic schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, who are in need of special education and related services, will be identified, located and evaluated. A practical method shall be developed and implemented by the administration to determine which children with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services. The District will implement multiple methods to provide parents, guardians, and community members with information regarding how to refer a child for an evaluation and the identification process and will publish an annual notice of any significant activity that is designed to identify, locate, or evaluate children to

publicly notify parents, guardians, or appointed surrogates. The District's child find process will be consistent with Federal and Nebraska regulations. Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-006.01 through 006.01A2

4. Pre-Referral Interventions

For a school age student, a general education student assistance team (SAT) or a comparable problem solving team shall be used prior to referral for multidisciplinary team evaluation. The SAT or comparable problem solving team shall utilize and document problem solving and intervention strategies to assist the teacher in the provision of general education. If the student assistance team or comparable problem solving team feels that all viable alternatives have been explored, a referral for multidisciplinary evaluation shall be completed. A referral shall include information from the SAT or comparable problem solving team, meeting the requirements of 92 NAC 51-006.01B and a listing of the members of the SAT or comparable problem solving team.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-006.01B

5. Disability Verification and Eligibility

Eligibility for services will be determined by a multidisciplinary team based on the results of a comprehensive evaluation. The multidisciplinary team will identify whether a child is eligible for special education services based on the disability categories identified by Nebraska and Federal regulations. The multidisciplinary team will rule out the determinant factor is due to a lack of appropriate instruction in reading or math or due to lack of English proficiency. The team will prepare a written report documenting all evaluation findings in accordance with Federal and Nebraska requirements that will be provided to the parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate. When a child is not eligible for services, the multidisciplinary team will determine if general education interventions or strategies are needed.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-006.03; 92 NAC 51-006.04B through 006.04N;

6. Individualized Education Program (IEP)

An individualized education program, or an individualized family service plan, is to be developed, reviewed, and revised for each child with a disability in accordance with 92 NAC 51-007 by teams that will include all roles identified within Federal and Nebraska rules. Any draft of an IEP that is developed will not be considered final until it is reviewed and revised based on the team, including the parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate, input, and consensus. The district will make reasonable efforts to obtain informed consent from the parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate for special education placement on the IEP form before services are initiated. Revocation of consent for services must be documented by the parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate in writing.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-007

7. Least Restrictive Environment

To the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, through the age of twenty-one, including children in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are to be educated with children who are not disabled. Placement for a student with a disability will be based upon a completed IEP developed by a group of persons, including the parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate, knowledgeable about the child, the meaning of the evaluation data, and the placement options. Special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment will occur only when the nature or severity of the disability of a child is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services

cannot be achieved satisfactorily (the “Least Restrictive Environment Rules”). The District will ensure that a continuum of alternative placements is available to meet the needs of children with disabilities, particularly those in disproportionate groups, for special education and related services.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-008.01

8. Procedural Safeguards

Children with disabilities and their parents, guardians, or appointed surrogates shall be afforded the required procedural safeguards. Parents, guardians, and appointed surrogates will be given a copy of their procedural safeguards annually or upon initial referral or parental (parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate) request for evaluation; upon request by a parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate; upon receipt by the school district or approved cooperative of the first occurrence of the filing of a complaint under 92 NAC 51-009.11 and the first occurrence of filing a special education due process case under 92 NAC 55; and in accordance with the discipline procedures in 92 NAC 51-016.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-009.01 through 009.07; 009.10 through 009.12; 009.14, 006.07

9. Disciplinary Removal of Children with Disabilities

School personnel may remove a child with a disability who violates a code of student conduct from his or her current placement to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting, another setting, or suspension as long as those removals do not constitute a change of placement. The District defines a change of placement as it is defined under 92 NAC 51-016. The school district will ensure that school personnel appropriately consider unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis when determining whether a change in placement has occurred. Within 10 school days of any decision to change the placement of a child with a disability because of a violation of a code of student conduct, the school district, the parent, and relevant members of the student’s IEP shall conduct a manifestation determination pursuant to 92 NAC 51-016. If the conduct which gave rise to the violation of the school code is determined to be a manifestation of the student’s disability, any change of placement for the student will only be made by a student’s IEP team. For disciplinary changes in placement that would exceed ten (10) consecutive school days, if the behavior that gave rise to the violation of the school code is determined not to be a manifestation of the child’s disability, school personnel may apply the relevant disciplinary procedures to children with disabilities in the same manner and for the same duration as the procedures that would be applied to children without disabilities.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-016

10. Evaluation, Identification, and Reevaluation Procedures

Children with disabilities shall be evaluated, identified, and reevaluated by a team of multidisciplinary qualified professionals in accordance with 92 NAC 51-006. The MDT of a child suspected of having a specific learning disability shall include the additional requirements in accordance with 92 NAC 51-006.04K. The District will make reasonable efforts to obtain written permission for evaluation in accordance with Federal and Nebraska rules. Revocation for consent for evaluation must be documented by the parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate in writing.

The documented results of the evaluation will be provided to parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate and included in student files. All evaluation components will be at district expense. The

District will utilize a variety of assessment instruments to ensure district teams have access to appropriate measures to complete evaluations. The district will follow any publisher guidelines for assessments and will not use outdated or culturally inappropriate tools.

The District will respond to a request for an Independent Educational Evaluation without unnecessary delay. The parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate will be given written notice of the District's decision to either move forward with the Independent Educational Evaluation or to initiate a hearing to determine the appropriateness of the evaluation. If the District agrees to move forward with the evaluation, locations of any evaluator shall be within a reasonable distance of the District. A reasonable distance means within 100 miles of the school building the child attends and within Nebraska. In the event this geographic area restriction would prevent a parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate from obtaining an Independent Educational Evaluation, the location of the evaluator may be outside the specified geographic area but must be within Nebraska. The District will provide the parent, guardian, or appointed surrogate with a list of qualified agencies/evaluators within the geographic area. The evaluators are to have their rates approved by the Nebraska Department of Education to be authorized to conduct the evaluation.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-006

11. Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information

A system of safeguards will be implemented to protect the confidentiality of student records and information in accordance with law.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-003.16, 003.20, 009.03 through 009.03M3

12. Transition of Children from Part C to Preschool Programs

Children participating in early intervention programs under Part C of the IDEA (early intervention services) will be appropriately evaluated, identified, and have services under Part B of the IDEA by age 3 in a manner consistent with 92 NAC 52-008. Children receiving early intervention services under Part C of the IDEA may continue to receive Part C services, upon parental consent, until the August 31st following the child's third birthday. The District will participate in transition planning conferences arranged by the designated lead agency.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 52-008

13. Children in Nonpublic Schools

To the extent consistent with the number and location of children with disabilities in the District who are enrolled by their parents, guardians, or appointed surrogates in nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in the District, provision will be made for the participation of those children in the programs assisted or carried out under Part B of the IDEA (services for school-aged children) by providing them with special education and related services.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-012.08 and 015

14. Personnel Standards and Personnel Development

Personnel providing special education or related services to children with disabilities shall be appropriately and adequately prepared and trained in accordance with IDEA requirements and the District will take measurable steps to recruit, hire, train and retain personnel meeting the requirements of IDEA to provide such services.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-010

15. Accessibility of IEP and Responsibility to Implement

A child's IEP shall be accessible to each regular education teacher, special education teacher, related service provider, and other service provider who is responsible for the IEP's implementation. Each of the aforementioned providers shall be informed of his or her specific responsibilities related to implementing the child's IEP, and the specific accommodations, modifications, and supports that must be provided for the child in accordance with the IEP. All providers who are responsible for the implementation of a child's IEP are expected to implement the child's IEP according to its terms.

16. Participation in and Reporting of State and District Wide Assessments

All children with disabilities shall be included in all general state and district wide assessment programs, including assessments described under section 612(a)(16)(A) of the IDEA with appropriate accommodations and alternate assessments where necessary and as indicated in their respective individualized education programs. The District will make available to the Nebraska Department of Education the information necessary to carry out its duties relating to the reporting of children with disabilities participation in assessments.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-004.05

17. Suspension and Expulsion Rates

The District will examine data, including data disaggregated by race/ethnicity, gender, LEP status, and disability category, to determine if significant discrepancies are occurring in the rate of long-term suspensions and expulsions of children with disabilities.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-004.06E

18. Access to Instructional Materials

As part of any printed instructional materials adoption process, procurement contract, or other practice or instrument used for purchase of printed instructional materials, the District will enter into a written contract with the publisher of the printed instructional materials to:

- A. Require the publisher to prepare and, on or before delivery of the print instructional materials, provide to the National Instructional Material Access Center, electronic files containing the contents of the printed instructional materials using the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard, or
- B. Purchase instructional materials from the publisher that are produced in, or may be rendered in specialized formats.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-004.15

19. Over-Identification and Disproportionality

Procedures shall be in place to ensure that testing and evaluation materials and procedures utilized for the evaluation and placement of children with disabilities will be selected and administered so as not to be racially or culturally discriminatory. Such materials or procedures shall be provided and administered in the child's native language or mode of communication, unless it is clearly not feasible to do so, and no single procedure shall be the sole criterion for determining an appropriate educational program for a child. All District special education provisions will be equitably available to all children regardless of race, ethnicity, language, location, transience, income level, and access to medical care.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-006.02C

20. Prohibition on Mandatory Medication

Children shall not be required to obtain a prescription for a controlled substance as a condition of attending school, receiving an evaluation to determine whether a child has a disability or the nature and extent of special education and related services the child needs, or receiving special education services.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-004.11D; 21 U.S.C. §812(c)

21. Transportation

Transportation will be provided for children with disabilities who are eligible for transportation and residents of the school district as required by law to access academic, related services, and nonacademic services and activities as determined by the child's IEP. Except when a parent is transporting only his or her child, the District shall require that the driver and vehicle meet the standards required by 92 NAC 91 and 92.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-014.01 through 014.02

22. Surrogates

A surrogate will be appointed, and other action taken to ensure the rights of children with a disability as required by law. The surrogate may represent the child in all matters related to the identification, evaluation, and educational placement of a child and the provision of a free appropriate public education to the child.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 51-009.10

23. Early Intervention Services – Consent

When a parent refuses to provide consent under 92 NAC 52, a meeting will be held or offered to explain to the parents how their failure to consent affects the ability of their child to receive services under 92 NAC 52.

Legal Reference: 92 NAC 52

Legal Reference: 34 CFR Parts 300, 303 and 304
Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-1110 to 79-1167
92 NAC 51, 52 and 55

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]

InstructionFirearm Policy

It shall be the policy of the [Name] Public School District to undertake all reasonable efforts to prohibit the unlawful possession, the knowingly and intentionally selling, attempting to sell, providing, loaning, delivering, or in any other way transferring the possession of a firearm to a juvenile, and to prevent the unlawful possession of a firearm, including concealed firearms, in a school, on school grounds, in a school owned vehicle, or at a school sponsored activity or athletic event. This policy shall not apply to the issuance of firearms to or possession by members of the Armed Services of the United States, active or reserve, National Guard of the State, or reserve officers training corp, peace officers, off duty cops, or other duly authorized law enforcement officers when on duty or training or when contracted by a school to provide school security or school event contract services. Further, nothing in this policy shall be construed to require school action when a firearm is lawfully possessed by a person receiving instruction, or instruction under the immediate supervision of an adult instructor, or as to firearms contained within a private vehicle operated by a non-student adult when the firearm is not loaded, is encased, and is either in a locked firearm rack that is on a motor vehicle or is in a case that is expressly made for the purpose of containing a firearm and that is completely zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened with no part of a firearm exposed.

Any unlawful use or possession of a firearm, including concealed firearms, as described in this policy and as described by statute shall as soon as is reasonably possible be reported to an appropriate peace officer. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prevent the district from carrying out regular disciplinary procedures as have been adopted by the Board of Education or as otherwise authorized by law.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 28-1204.04

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]

InstructionSeizure Safe Schools

Each school building will have a “seizure action plan” if the following criteria are met: (1) at least one student in that building has been identified as having a seizure disorder; and (2) that student’s parent or guardian and health care provider have worked with the school to develop a seizure action plan.

Every building with a seizure action plan will have at least one employee who has met the training requirements necessary to administer or assist with the self-administration of a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms.

In accordance with state law, except in the case of an emergency, prior to the administration of a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms by a school employee, a student's parent or guardian must:

1. Provide the school with a written authorization to administer the medication at school;
2. Provide a written statement from the student's health care practitioner containing the following information:
 - a. The student's name;
 - b. The name and purpose of the medication;
 - c. The prescribed dosage;
 - d. The route of administration;
 - e. The frequency that the medication may be administered; and
 - f. The circumstances under which the medication may be administered.
3. Provide the medication to the school in its unopened, sealed package with the intact label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy; and
4. Collaborate with school employees to create a seizure action plan.

If permitted by the student's seizure action plan, a student shall be allowed to possess the supplies, equipment, and medication necessary to treat a seizure disorder in accordance with such seizure action plan.

Any authorization provided by a parent or guardian shall be effective only for the school year in which it is provided and shall be renewed each following school year.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-3201 to 3207

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]

InstructionBehavioral Points of Contact

The Superintendent is delegated the authority to designate one or more behavioral awareness and health points of contact for each school building in the District. The behavioral awareness and health point of contact may be an administrator, nurse, psychologist, or another appropriate staff member. Each behavioral awareness and health point of contact will be trained in behavioral awareness and health and have knowledge of community service providers and other resources that are available for the students and families in the District. The District will maintain or have access to a registry of local mental health and counseling resources for students and parents.

The points of contact will be listed on the District's website and in the student handbook.

The Superintendent shall report the designated behavioral awareness and health points of contact to the Nebraska State Department of Education each year when requested by the Department.

In addition, all District employees who interact with students, as determined by the Superintendent, shall receive at least one hour of behavioral and mental health training with a focus on suicide awareness and prevention training each year. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for coordinating this training.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-11,159
LB 705, § 4 (2023)

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]

Internal Board Policies - OrganizationAnnual Organizational Meeting

- A. An organizational meeting of the Alma School District Board of Education shall be held on or before the third Monday of January of each year for the purposes of seating any new members and electing officers.

The following are procedures for election of officers and other business to take place at the annual organizational meeting of the Board:

1. After new Board members are sworn in, the Board will elect from its members a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and if it is determined by the Board of Education to be needed an ex officio secretary and treasurer and those elected will assume office at the organizational meeting.

Upon call for nominations for each office by the Chair, nominations shall be made by written or oral ballot. Voting will be by oral or written ballot on all members nominated and repeated until a majority is achieved for a nominee. If no member receives a majority of votes after _____ ballots or _____ hours, the Board member who was the President of the Board during the immediately preceding term shall continue as President. In the event that the previous Board President is no longer a Board member, then the Vice President from the immediately preceding term shall become the President. In the event that both the prior President and Vice President are no longer members of the Board, then the longest tenured Board member shall serve as President. The vote may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

2. The President shall assume the chair immediately upon the President's election.
3. The motions for the officer elections should read: Move that _____ be elected as _____ (name of office) to serve a term of one year, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified.

- B. The order of business for meeting should be as follows:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Oath of office for most recently elected
3. Elections
 - a. President

- b. Vice President
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Secretary
4. Approval of committees, positions, and designations
 - a. Consider, discuss and take action to elect Recording Secretary of the BOE
 - b. Consider, discuss and take action to select Legal counsel
 - c. Consider, discuss and take action to elect Committees as determined by the BOE
 - d. Consider, discuss and take action to select Depository bank(s)
 - e. Consider, discuss and take action to select District newspaper(s) of record
 5. Approval of current Board policies and regulations
 6. Designate date for the annual review of BOE policies
 7. Dissemination to each Board member of conflict of interest statutes
 8. Adjournment

Date of Adoption: [July 10, 2023]



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June 27, 2023

Mr. Jon Davis
Alma Public Schools
515 Jewell Ave.
Alma, NE 68920

Dear Mr. Davis,

Congratulations on making successful application for an Early Childhood Education Program grant. We look forward to working with you over the coming months and years to bring the highest quality early childhood experiences to the children of your community.

Grant Award Notification (GAN)

Enclosed please find your Early Childhood Education Grant Award Notification (GAN) for the grant term July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Please read the following instructions closely and share the copy of this memo with the fiscal person responsible for requesting funds and the data person responsible for the Student Information System.

Disbursement of Grant Funds

School districts and ESUs may request grant funds on a reimbursement basis only. Documentation of expenditures must accompany each request. Early Childhood Education Grant funds should be coded to 3540 and matching local district funds coded to 1190. Each grantee must request funds each time for grant payments to be disbursed. Form NDE 28-003 (to be used to request funds) is available online at <https://www.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/NDE28003.pdf>. If you have questions, please contact Ron Theasmeyer; ron.theasmeyer@nebraska.gov. Reimbursement requests can be submitted throughout the grant period via email to the person listed under the “Ongoing Information.” At the end of the grant period, the final report of expenditures for the grant period must be submitted no later than August 15, 2024 to ensure that the final grant payment is made. Upon review and acceptance of the final budget report, the final grant amount (based on actual expenditures) will be disbursed. The final report of expenditures must also include documentation of the additional funding sources which were utilized to meet the requirement for matching funds. The continuation application for 2024-25 will serve as the year-end program report of 2023-24 accomplishments of the program.

Data for ADVISER

Each child enrolled in a school district or ESU program must be assigned an NDE Individual Student Identifier through the Nebraska UniqID System. The information that the district reports in their SIS populates ADVISER templates. On the Early Childhood Programs Fact Template, all children enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program grant classroom should be identified using Participation Info Code 01.

Continuation of Grant Funding

Continuation of the Early Childhood Education Grant will be contingent upon ongoing compliance with Rule 11 for a total of three years. You will be notified of the continuation applications in the spring of 2024 through the Grants Management System (GMS). Further details will be made available later. Following three years of the Early Childhood Education Grant, continuation will be dependent upon early childhood membership as part of the state aid formula.

Reminders of Grant Expectations

We realize that the development of strong partnerships within your communities takes considerable time. We expect partnership development to continue through the fall with the expectation of formalizing agreements within the first year of the grant. And, beyond the first year, we further expect partnerships to strengthen and to expand to include new partners over time. We also want to remind you to review Rule 11, paying particular attention to the regulations requiring the employment of certificated teachers holding the appropriate endorsements. If you find that you are having difficulty meeting any of the requirements for staffing, please contact our office so that a plan can be negotiated to meet these requirements over time. As part of the Early Childhood grant this year, your early childhood program must participate in Nebraska Quality and Improvement System, Step Up to Quality. Additional information for this can be found at:

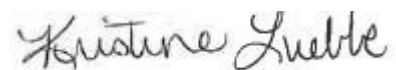
<https://www.education.ne.gov/stepuptoquality/>

Ongoing Information

Ongoing information will be sent (usually via email) to the person listed as the contact person on the grant application. Please let us know if the contact changes. Requests for technical assistance or additional grant information should be directed to Emly Daberkow (531) 207-9789; emly.daberkow@nebraska.gov.

Thank you for your commitment to high quality early childhood experiences for your school and community!

Sincerely,



Kristine Luebke
Director of Programs and Partnerships
Office of Early Childhood

Enclosure: Grant Award Notification

RPAC SURVEY OF LUNCH PRICES / SUB PAY/ ACTIVITY TICKET PRICES

000007/7/2023

Schools	Breakfast Prices			Lunch Prices			Updated Info.	Substitute Pay		Activity Tickets		
	K-6	7-12	Adult	K-6	7-12	Adult	NOT UPDATED			Student	Adult	Family
ALMA	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$2.70	\$3.10	\$3.85	7/7/23	\$140/\$85	Breakfast & Lunch prices inc. 15¢ for 23-24	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
ARAPAHOE	\$1.90	\$2.10	\$2.60	\$3.05	\$3.30	\$4.25	8/7/22	130/155/180	Tiered -moves at 30 and 60 days	none	none	none
BERTRAND	\$2.45	\$2.60	\$2.90	\$3.15	\$3.55	\$4.25	5/8/23	\$130/\$70	After 10 days of subbing, goes up to \$145	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$110.00
CAMBRIDGE	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$2.75	\$3.10	\$4.00	LP 6-22	\$125/day		\$30.00	\$65.00	\$125.00
DUNDY COUNTY	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$3.10	\$3.25	\$3.50	\$4.25	8/10/22	\$150 LT/\$125		\$20.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
ELWOOD								\$130/day				
EUSTIS-FARNAM												
HAYES CENTER	\$1.65	\$1.65	\$2.50	\$2.85	\$3.10	\$4.00	8/10/22	\$125.00/day		Free	None	None
HITCHCOCK COUNTY	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$3.90	\$3.20	\$3.70	\$3.90	5.10.23	\$150		\$20.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
MAXWELL	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.40	\$2.80	\$3.00	\$4.10	4/13/22	\$130/day		none	none	none
MAYWOOD	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$3.05	\$3.30	\$4.25	6/15/23	\$135/day		Free	\$50.00	None
MEDICINE VALLEY	\$1.70	\$1.95	\$2.75	\$2.85	\$3.10	\$3.75	6/14/22	\$130 Full/\$70 Half		\$25.00	\$45.00	\$110.00
PAXTON	\$2.10	\$2.10	\$2.45	\$2.80	\$3.30	\$4.00	7/18/22	\$135/day		\$25.00	\$80.00	None
SOUTHERN VALLEY	\$2.25	\$2.35	\$2.50	\$2.90	\$3.15	\$3.85	5-12-23	\$135		\$20.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
SUTHERLAND	\$1.60	\$1.60	\$2.60	\$3.00	\$3.40	4.25	5/11/23	\$140/day free lunch		Free/in school	\$50.00	\$100.00
SOUTHWEST	\$2.00	\$2.00		\$2.90	\$3.50	\$4.00	4/13/22	\$135/day		\$20.00	\$45.00	\$85.00
WALLACE	\$2.10	\$2.10	\$2.95	\$3.05	\$3.30	\$4.30	5/11/23	\$140/day	For 2023/24 school year	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
WAUNETA-PALISADE	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.75	\$2.85	\$3.20	\$3.95	7/7/22	\$140/day		\$15.00	\$40.00	\$75.00
AVERAGE	\$2.01	\$2.05	\$2.48	\$2.94	\$3.28	\$4.05						

- Adams Central - 169.76
- Aurora - 140
- Blue Hill - 155
- DT - 132.50
- Hampton - 135
- Harvard - 140
- Hastings - 160
- Silver Lake - 160
- Lawrence Nelson - 145
- Superior - 125
- Sutton - 146
- Wilcox - Hildreth - 135

HARLAN COUNTY FAIR HAMBURGER STAND		
2023 Schedule		
<u>10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.</u>		<u>4:30 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.</u>
	Wednesday	
	July 19, 2023	
Orleans Library Board		Sappa Valley Farm & Auto
American Legion		White's Auto Glass
Chapter BW PEO		White's Auto Sales
Presbyterian Church		24/7 CCR – Robert Christian
Leader : Carol Bose/Leanna Henry		Leader : Emily White
	Thursday	
	July 20, 2023	
Orleans Vintage Store Owners		
Orleans Hotel		SV School Board/Staff
American Legion		Alma School Board/Staff
Alma Berean Church		
Leader : Billy Schoneberg		Leader : Bryce Jorgensen
	Friday	
	July 21, 2023	
Alter Society		Alma Rotary
St. Mary's Catholic Church		Tripe Motor
Legion Auxillary		Ag Valley Coop
Mod Mates		Twin Valley PPD
Two P Turf/ Peterson Livestock		
Leader : Carol Bose/Leanna Henry		Leader : Patrick Calkins/ Craig Tripe
	Saturday	
	July 22, 2023	
Community Bank Alma/Stamford		
Broken Bar C Electric		
Christiansen Construction		
Orleans Lions Club		
Leader : Casey Bantam		

Harlan County Fair – Hamburger Stand

Orleans, Nebraska

July 4, 2023

Dear Supporters of the Harlan County Fair and Hamburger Stand,

We are asking all our dedicated businesses, organizations and individuals to help with the smooth operation of the beloved hamburger stand this year during the Harlan County Fair. This year, the stand will be closed from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, so the schedule looks different from past years. As you will see by the schedule, each shift has a "Leader." If you have been picked as a "Leader" it is because you are familiar with how the stand runs or you have great organizational skills, and we feel you are a good fit to go the extra mile during your shift.

The duties of the Leader will be:

- Get ice at the start of your shift at Paddington's if they are out please call Jordann.
- Stocking of the hamburger patties, the refrigerator inside the stand will be full before each shift and if additional patties are needed, they will be stored on the Ag Center refrigerator.
- Buns, cheese, onions, pickles, chips, ketchup, mustard, water and pop on stock will be in the trailer sitting on the west side of the stand.
- Keep pop and water coolers **always stocked and full**. Please put hot pop in the back!!
- Morning shift only, please start with 20 hot dogs. We do not want to heat up and waste too many of them.
- Ensure all people in the hamburger stand are wearing a ball cap or hair net for food safety purposes.

Leaders: Help with any questions from workers and keep the hamburger stand picked up and running smoothly.

- Check money for sufficient change. If change is needed contact Cassie at Heritage Bank, 308-473-3294 and she will get the change.
- Jordann will deliver and pick up the money each morning and Jordann or Emily White will pick up the money at the end of the day.

If you are the Leader; you will want to check with the groups who are assigned to your shift to ensure you have at least 7 people working. If you would like to split your shift and have two groups of workers that is very much acceptable.

Thank you in advance for all your help and willingness to make the 2023 Hamburger Stand and the Harlan County Fair a great success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jordann Dunlay at 308-920-0817 or Emily White at 308-991-3696 by call or text.

Much Appreciated,

Orleans Chamber of Commerce