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## **Parent and Student Handbook 2025-2026**

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\*As used in this handbook, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parents also include a surrogate parent, an adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-2000.

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 Material contained herein may therefore be superseded by such Board policy, administrative regulation or collective bargaining agreement.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

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

Douglas County School District #15 - Days Creek prohibits discrimination and harassment on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's perceived or actual race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, mental or physical disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation<sup>1</sup>, age, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veterans' status or genetic information in providing education or access to benefits of education services, activities and programs in accordance with Title VI, Title VII, Title IX and other civil rights or discrimination issues; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination act of 2008.

The following have been designated to coordinate compliance with these legal requirements and may be contacted at the district office for additional information and/or compliance issues:

Mr. Joe LaFontaine, Superintendent

Mr. James Ellis Admin/AD/Title IX Coordinator

Ms. Cathy Knapp, Student Success Coordinator, Special Education Director

Mr. James Ellis/Ms. Cathy Knapp/Mr. Joe LaFontaine , Title IX Coordinators

<sup>1</sup>"Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behavior differs from that traditionally associated with the individual's sex at birth.

## **EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

The Douglas County School District #15 Board believes:

1. The cornerstone of a free society is the education of its people;
2. We must live with and respect different cultures of the world;
3. Each person is unique and should be treated with respect and dignity;
4. The community and the family must share the responsibility of education with the schools;
5. The schools should be a safe, warm learning environment;
6. All students can learn if given the opportunity and have the desire to learn;
7. We must promote in our students that:
  - a. We have responsibilities for the global environment;
  - b. Learning is a lifelong process;
  - c. We must develop health and safety habits;
  - d. We must be responsible for our decisions and actions;
  - e. We need to develop an aesthetic appreciation of the world;
  - f. We have citizenship responsibilities in our society.

## **MISSION and VISION**

**Mission: Inspire and develop LEARNERS, THINKERS, and LEADERS**

**Vision: To challenge every student to pursue excellence every day**

## **STRATEGIC GOALS**

- Focus on student reading and knowledge acquisition through the written word.
- Focus on math skills that are required for the modern workforce.
- Make instructional programming and school climate such that students attend school enthusiastically.



# SCHOOL BOARDS

## DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Valerie Anderson, Chair  
Laura Stufflebeam, Vice Chairman  
Charlie Pritchard  
Todd Vaughn

Charlie Sawyer  
Rebekah Sawyer  
Clint Thompson

## DAYS CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Mariah Zimmerman

Kat Bierkins

### STAFF MEMBERS

Cathy Knapp  
Erin Payne

Anna Rickards

### DISTRICT BOARD REPS (non-voting)

Rebekah Sawyer

Laura Stufflebeam

### STUDENT REPS (non-voting)

Senior Class Representative  
Junior Class Representative

Drew Sawyer and Ruby Geiger

## BOARD MEETING DATES

The District Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm. in Room 215.

The Charter Board meets on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Room 215.

At least 24 hours prior to each meeting, the meeting agenda is posted on the district website. Following approval of minutes by each board, minutes are posted on the district website.

## **ADMINISTRATION - LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Joe LaFountaine, Superintendent/Administrator (K-12)  
Cathy Knapp, K-5 Vice-Principal & / SPED Director (K-12)  
James Ellis, Athletic Director / Administrator (K-12)  
Leah Giles, Asst. Business Manager  
Dawna Connor, Accounts Payable/Board Secretary  
Cheryl Arp, Office Manager/Registrar  
Holly Hill, Human Resources

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## **SCHOOL SPECIFICS (Alphabetical Order)**

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

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

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

### **ADMISSION**

A student seeking their initial enrollment in the district must meet all academic, age, attendance, immunization, tuition and other eligibility prerequisites for admission as set forth in state law, Board policy and administrative regulations. Students and their parents should contact the office for admission requirements.

The district may deny regular school admission to a student who is expelled from another school district and who subsequently becomes a resident of the district or who

applies for admission to the district as a nonresident student. No non-resident students will be enrolled after the start of the third quarter.

While parents have the option of placing their students in a private school or obtaining additional services, {such as tutoring}, from a private individual or organization, the district is not obligated to cover resulting tuition or costs. If a parent wishes the district to consider a publicly-funded private placement or private services, the parent must give the district notice and opportunity to propose other options available within the public school system before the private placement or services are obtained.

A parent(s) of any student receiving regular education, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) services must provide notice to the district at the last individualized education program (IEP) meeting prior to obtaining private services or in writing at least 10 business days prior to obtaining such services. The notice must include the parent's intent to obtain private services, the parent's rejection of the educational program offered by the district and the parent's request that the private services be funded by the district. Failure to meet these notice requirements may result in a denial of any subsequent reimbursement request.

## **ANIMAL DISSECTION**

In courses including animal dissection, a student may request alternative coursework rather than participate in dissection activities on any animal. The district will provide alternative materials and methods of learning the course curriculum. A student will not be penalized for exercising this option for alternative instruction opposed to animal dissection.

## **ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL**

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

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

## **ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

The district's assessment program shall be designed for the purpose of determining district and school program improvement and individual student needs including the requirements of the Oregon Administrative Rules. Assessments shall be used to measure the academic content standards and Essential Skills and to identify students who meet or exceed the performance standards and Essential Skills adopted by the State Board of Education.

Students may opt-out of the statewide summative assessments for ELA and Math, as provided by state law. The district shall provide the required notice and necessary forms for opting-out of the statewide assessments to the student. The district shall provide

supervised study time for students who are excused from participating in the assessment.

## **ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES**

Students are assigned to classes based on the individual needs of the student, staffing and scheduling considerations. Parent requests to place a student in a particular class may be submitted to the superintendent prior to June 1 of the school year in question, or no later than six weeks prior to a semester break during a school year. Final decisions are the responsibility of the superintendent or designee.

## **ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES**

All students between the ages of 6 and 18, who have not completed grade 12, are required to regularly attend a public full-time school, unless otherwise exempted by law (ORS 339.010). Staff will monitor and report violations of the state compulsory attendance law. All students five years of age who have been enrolled in a public school are required to attend regularly (ORS 339.065).

The district will notify the parent in writing and in the native language of the parent, that, in accordance with law, a school administrator will schedule a conference with the non attending student and his/her parent(s) to discuss attendance requirements.

Any person having legal control of a student between the ages of 6 and 18, who has not completed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and who fails to send a student to school within three days of notification by the district that their student is not complying with compulsory attendance requirements (ORS 163.577(1)(c))[may] be issued a citation by the district for the student's failure to attend school. Failure to send a student to school is a Class A violation of law and is punishable by a court imposed fine.

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

## **Absences and Excuses**

When returning to school after an absence, the parent should communicate the reason for the absence. Absence from school or class will be excused under the following circumstances:

1. Illness of the student;
2. Illness of an immediate family member when the student's presence at home is necessary;
3. Emergency situations that require the student's absence;
4. Field trips and school-approved activities;
5. Medical or dental appointments. Confirmation of appointments may be required;

6. Other reasons deemed appropriate by the school administrator when satisfactory arrangements have been made in advance of the absence.

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

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

A student who must leave school during the day must bring a note from his/her parent. A student who becomes ill during the school day should, with the teacher's permission, report to the school office. An administrator or designee will decide whether or not the student should be sent home and will notify the student's parent, as appropriate.

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

Absenteeism will not be used as a sole criterion for the reduction of grades. **A student who is absent from school will not be allowed to participate in school-related activities on that day or evening.**

## **Exemptions from Compulsory Attendance**

The school may grant an exemption from compulsory attendance to the parent of a student who is 16 or 17 years of age or an emancipated minor provided the student is:

1. Employed full-time;
2. Employed part-time and enrolled in school part-time;
3. Enrolled in a community college or other state-registered alternative education program.

All such requests must be submitted in writing to a school administrator and include documentation of the student's employment by the employer, or enrollment status by the school. The school requires notification should the student's employment or enrollment status be terminated.

Requests will be considered only following a conference with the student and parent or emancipated student and a review of credits earned for graduation, grades, disability, if applicable, standardized assessment results, teacher evaluations, counselor appraisal, immediate plans, short-range and career goals and any other pertinent information.

Approved exemptions will be in writing and include information on alternative education programs of instruction or instruction combined with counseling that may be available.

Exemptions will be granted for a limited time only, must be renewed on a semi-annual basis and will be reviewed by the school no later than the second week of each semester.

Parents will be notified of the need to reapply for an exemption no later than the second week of each semester or return the student to school until a high school diploma or GED is earned or until the student reaches age 18.

## **Suspension of Driving Privileges**

Students who fail to maintain regular enrollment in school may have either their driving privileges suspended or the right to apply for driving privileges suspended. The superintendent or designee may, under ORS 339.257, notify the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) of the withdrawal of a student who is at least 15 years of age and under 18 years of age. Upon notice by the district that a student has withdrawn from school, ODOT shall notify the student that driving privileges will be suspended on the 30th day following the date of the notice unless the student presents documentation that complies with ORS 807.066.

A student shall be considered to have withdrawn from school if the student has:

1. More than 10 consecutive days of unexcused absence; or
2. Fifteen school days total of unexcused absences during a single semester.

The student has a right to appeal the superintendent/designee or Board's decision through district suspension/expulsion due process procedures.

## **Truancy**

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

## **Tardies**

The School District provides transportation to and from school for all students and expects students to arrive on time. The majority of tardies are preventable and will be given an unexcused tardy. Students are expected to be to school on time and in class ready to work before the final bell rings. It is our goal to provide the best setting for the education excellence of our students. Disrupting teachers and students when entering late is not acceptable. Students receiving three tardies in any class will be assigned a lunch detention. Teacher will be responsible for the delivery of Tardy detention notices. Teachers will notify the Principal of the detention notices so that detention can be scheduled. Students must check in at the office for an admit slip when absent or tardy. Teachers will deal with tardies as they would any disruption. If tardies continue to be a problem for an individual the office and teacher may implement other options that may

include additional detentions, in-school suspension, out of school suspension or Friday school.

## **CLASS RANKING**

The district's valedictorian and salutatorian may be permitted to speak as a part of the district's planned graduation program at the discretion of the superintendent or designee. Titles and/or privileges available to or granted to students designated as valedictorian or salutatorian may be denied or revoked for violation of Board policy, administrative regulation or school rule.

## **CLOSED CAMPUS**

Days Creek Charter School is a closed campus. Students may not leave district property during school hours unless signed out by a parent/guardian. Students who ride the bus are under the care and supervision of the school. Therefore, closed campus applies when the bus arrives at school. Students who drive to school, may not leave school after they arrive on school property in the morning. Time off campus will be considered an absence.

## **COMPUTER USE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Students who violate Board policy, administrative regulations, including general system user prohibitions, shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or revocation of district system access up to and including permanent loss of privileges. Violations of law will be reported to law enforcement officials.

See the [Acceptable Use Policy](#) for details regarding the use of school equipment.

## **CONDUCT**

Students are responsible for conducting themselves properly, in accordance with the policies and administrative regulations of the district, school rules and the lawful direction of staff. The district has the responsibility to afford students certain rights as guaranteed under federal and state constitutions and statutes.

### **Student Code of Conduct**

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

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

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

1. Assault;
2. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, cyberbullying or teen dating violence;
3. Coercion;



4. Violent behavior or threats of violence or harm;
5. Disorderly conduct, false threats and other activity causing disruption of the school environment.
6. Bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon\*;
7. Vandalism, malicious mischief and theft, including willful damage or destruction to district property; or to private property on district premises or at district-sponsored activities;
8. Sexual harassment;
9. Possession, distribution, or use of tobacco products\*\*, inhalant delivery systems, alcohol\*\* or drugs\*\* or other controlled substances, including drug paraphernalia [as prohibited by Board policy(ies)]
10. Use or display of profane or obscene language;
11. Disruption of the school environment;
12. Open defiance of a teacher's authority, including persistent failure to comply with the lawful directions of teachers or school officials;
13. Violation of district transportation rules;
14. Violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules.

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

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

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

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

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

## **Students Rights and Responsibilities**

Among these student rights and responsibilities are the following:

1. Civil rights – including the right to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination, the responsibility not to discriminate against others;
2. The right to attend free public schools, the responsibility to attend school regularly and to observe school rules essential for permitting others to learn at school;

3. The right to due process of law with respect to suspension, expulsion and decisions which the student believes injure his/her rights;
4. The right to free inquiry and expression, the responsibility to observe reasonable rules regarding these rights;
5. The right to assemble informally, the responsibility to not disrupt the orderly operation of the educational process, nor infringe upon the rights of others;
6. The right to privacy, which includes privacy in respect to the student's education records;
7. The right to know the behavior standards expected, the responsibility to know the consequences of misbehavior.

## **CONFERENCES**

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

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

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

## **COUNSELING**

### **Academic Counseling**

Students are encouraged to talk with teachers and building administrators in order to learn about the curriculum, course offerings and graduation requirements. All students in grades 9-12 and their parents shall be notified annually about the recommended courses for students. Students who are interested in attending a college, university or training school, or pursuing some other advanced education, should work closely with school staff so that they may take the courses that will best prepare them for further work.

### **CREDIT BY EXAMINATION**

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

## **CREDIT FOR PROFICIENCY**

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

1. Classroom or equivalent work that meets Common Curriculum Goals and academic content standard required by OAR 581-022-2030;
2. Classroom or equivalent work;
3. Passing an appropriate exam;
4. Providing a collection of work or other assessment evidence; and/or
5. Providing documentation of prior learning experiences.

## **DAMAGE TO DISTRICT PROPERTY**

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

## **DANCES/SOCIAL EVENTS**

The rules of good conduct and grooming shall be observed for school dances and social events. Guests will be expected to observe the same rules as students attending the events.

The person inviting the guest will share responsibility for the conduct of the guest and must fill out a guest pass, and have it approved by administration 3 days prior to the dance. Guests must be in good standing with their school or with Days Creek Charter School to attend.

All guests will be no younger than a high school freshman and no older than 18 years of age. Middle school students are not permitted to attend high school dances / social events. In addition, former students who have had significant discipline for attendance issues while attending DCCS are likely to be excluded from dances.

A student attending a dance or social event may be asked to sign out when leaving before the end of the activity. Anyone leaving before the official end of the activity will not be readmitted.

## **DISCIPLINE/DUE PROCESS**

A student who violates the Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action. Any student who consistently violates policy that interferes with the safety of the school environment, causes continual class/school disruptions, or is negative to the culture of DCCS, may be removed and assigned distance learning.

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

## **Detention**

If a student is assigned a detention, the detention may be served as 3 lunch detentions or one hour after school. A student may be detained outside of school hours for not more than two hours on one or more days if the student violates the Student Code of Conduct. The detention shall not begin, however, until the student's parents have been notified of the reasons for the detention and can make arrangements for the student's transportation on the day(s) of the detention. With the cooperation of the parent, a student may be assigned to serve their time on a Friday.

## **Discipline of Students with Disabilities**

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

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

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

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

## **Expulsion**

Students may be expelled for any of the following circumstances: a) when a student's conduct poses a threat to the health or safety of students or employees; b) when other strategies to change the student's behavior have been ineffective, except that expulsion may not be used to address truancy; or c) when required by law.

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

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

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

An expulsion shall not extend beyond one calendar year.

The district will provide appropriate expulsion notification including expulsion hearing procedures, student and parent rights and alternative education provisions as required by law.

## **Suspension**

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

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

While under suspension, a student may not attend after-school activities and athletic events, be present on district property nor participate in activities directed or sponsored by the district unless cleared by the administration.

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

## **DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS**

All aspects of K-8 school-sponsored publications, including web pages, newspapers and/or yearbooks, are completely under the supervision of the teacher and principal. Students may be required to submit such publications to the administration for approval. Generally, high school student journalists have the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press in school-sponsored media. School sponsored media prepared

by student journalists are subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions pursuant to state and federal law.

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

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

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

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

Disapprovals may be appealed by submitting the disapproved materials to the superintendent; material not approved by the superintendent within three days is considered disapproved. This disapproval may be appealed to the Board at its next regular meeting when the individual shall have a reasonable period of time to present his/her viewpoint.

## **DRESS AND GROOMING**

The district's dress code is established to promote appropriate grooming and hygiene, prevent disruptions and avoid safety hazards. The dress code is in effect any time a student is on campus or when participating in a school-sponsored event off-campus. Students who represent the school in a voluntary activity may be required to meet additional dress and grooming standards approved by the superintendent and may be denied the opportunity to participate if those standards are not met. Parents are encouraged to judge with a conservative eye. If you think the school is not likely to allow certain clothing, the school most likely will not.

1. Students should dress and groom in a modest way that focuses on learning and being a student.
2. Students should not try to focus attention on themselves by their dress or grooming, nor should students dress or groom in a manner that would be a hindrance to their work or hinder other students from doing their work.
3. Clothing must be neat, clean, in good repair, and appropriately sized. Jeans with tears should not be worn to school. Pajamas and/or slippers will not be worn at school.

4. Footwear must be worn at all times.
5. Hats may be worn in the classroom; hoods and sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
6. Blankets and pillows should not be brought to school.
7. Emblems or jewelry with offensive subjects (such as lewd, vulgar, inappropriately suggestive or obscene), that promote inappropriate subjects such as racism, gang topics, violence, the occult, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, any kind of drugs or drug use and/or the promotion of the legalization of illegal substances or name groups that are known for promoting any of these things are not allowed.
8. Emblems, jewelry, or accessories that are potentially dangerous (such as spikes and/or certain chains) are not allowed.
9. There are to be no undergarment-type clothing showing, such as bras, sports bras, boxers, or long underwear.
10. There may not be any skin showing between pants and the top.
11. Clothing should not be able to be seen through, necklines must be modest, armholes must be modest, straps must be at least 1-inch-wide, hem lines must be no shorter than mid-thigh (as measured from inseam to knee). No tops should be strapless.

## **DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO PREVENTION PROGRAM**

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

Since drug, alcohol and tobacco use is illegal for students and interferes with both effective learning and the healthy development of students, the district has a fundamental and ethical obligation to prevent drug, alcohol and tobacco use and to maintain a drug-free educational environment. Clothing, artwork, or pictures depicting drugs, alcohol, or tobacco may be subject to disciplinary action.

Parents are encouraged to contact the office for information on district and community resources available to assist students in need.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Personal electronic devices may not be used during instructional time (8:00 - 3:46). Personal electronic devices is defined as any electronically powered device that is

capable of making and receiving call and text messages and accessing the internet independently from the school's network infrastructure.

Any personal electronic devices brought into school during instructional hours may be confiscated and stored in the front office until it can be returned to the owner at the end of the instructional day. Students who have repeated offenses of having a personal electronic device at school may suffer disciplinary consequences.

## **EMERGENCY DRILLS**

Instruction on fire, earthquake, safety threats, dangers and drills for students shall be conducted each school month.

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

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

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

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING**

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

Alterations to the normal school schedule will be made using the automated phone notification system and via the district website [www.dayscreekschools.com](http://www.dayscreekschools.com) and on the district Facebook page [www.facebook.com/DC.Charter](https://www.facebook.com/DC.Charter). Attempts will be made to notify local media (television and radio stations), but the district cannot guarantee these sources as timely or reliable in posting updates.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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



for following the school district's guidelines for compulsory attendance, behavior code of conduct, and dress code.

PE credit can be earned via participation in high school team sports after completing [this form](#). Science credit can be earned by students who participate in 4 years of AG and by earning a state degree. Students earning credit towards graduation credit must gain approval by submitting the proper form to the Superintendent for approval and following approved school protocols. Interested students should contact the office for additional information. [See Athletic Handbook](#)

## **FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES**

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

1. Club dues;
2. Security deposits;
3. Materials for a class project the student will keep in excess of minimum course requirements and at the option of the student;
4. Voluntary purchases of pictures, publications, class rings, graduation announcements, etc.;
5. Student accident insurance;
6. Fees for damaged library books and school-owned equipment;
7. Field trips considered optional to the district's regular school program;
8. Admission fees for certain extracurricular activities;

A written notice will be provided to the student and his/her parent(s) of the district's intent to collect fees, fines and damages owed. Notice will include the reason the student owes money to the district, and itemization of the fees, fines or damages owed and the right of the parent to request a hearing.

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

A request to waive the student's debt must be submitted in writing to the principal or designee. Fees, fines and charges owed to the district may be waived at the discretion of the principal or designee if:

1. The district determines that the parent of the student is unable to pay the debt;
2. The payment of the debt could impact the health or safety of the student;
3. The creation of the notice of the debt owned would cost more than the potential total debt collected relating to the notice;

4. There are mitigating circumstances as determined by the principal or designee that preclude the collection of the debt.

Such requests must be received no later than 10 calendar days following the district's notice.

All such restrictions and/or penalties shall end upon payment of the amount owed.

## FIELD TRIPS

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

## FLAG SALUTE

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

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

## FOOD AND DRINK

No food or drink other than water is allowed in classrooms unless granted by the teacher for special events.

## FUND RAISING

Student organizations, clubs or classes, athletic teams, outside organizations and/or parent groups may occasionally be permitted to conduct fundraising drives. An application for permission must be made to the superintendent **at least ten days before the event**.

All funds raised or collected by or for school-approved student groups will be receipted, deposited and accounted for in accordance with Oregon law and applicable district policy and procedures. All such funds will be expended for the purpose of supporting the school's extracurricular activities program. The superintendent is responsible for administering student activity funds.

## GANGS

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

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

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

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

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

# **GRADE CLASSIFICATION**

After the ninth grade, students are classified by grade level according to the number of units of credit earned toward graduation.

<b><u>Units of Credit Earned</u></b>	<b><u>Grade Placement</u></b>
6	10 (sophomore)
12	11 (junior)
18	12 (senior)

# **GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) CALCULATIONS**

Semester and cumulative grade point averages are derived by multiplying each numeric grade value by the number of credits the course is worth. Approved dual credit or college level courses use a 5.0 scale whereas regular high school courses use a 4.0 scale. The 5.0 weighted scale was first initiated at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

# **GRADUATION**

## **Graduation Exercises**

Students in good standing who have successfully completed the requirements for a high school diploma, qualifies to receive a modified diploma, an extended diploma or a certificate of attendance may participate in graduation exercises. Students who have not met the district’s diploma or certificate requirements **will not** be permitted to take part in the district’s graduation exercises. Additionally, students may be denied participation in graduation exercises for violation of Board policies, administrative regulations or school rules.

The valedictorian(s), salutatorian(s) or others may be permitted to speak as part of the graduation exercise program at the discretion of the building principal or designee. All speeches will be reviewed and approved in advance by the building principal or designee.

## **Graduation Diploma Requirements**

The Board establishes graduation requirements for the awarding of a high school diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma and a certificate of attendance, which meet or exceed state requirements.

Students will have onsite access to the appropriate resources to achieve a diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or a certificate of attendance at each high school. The district provides age appropriate and developmentally appropriate literacy instruction to all students until graduation.

The district may not deny a student, who has a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers, or of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievements, the opportunity to pursue a diploma with more stringent requirements than a modified diploma or an extended diploma for the sole reason the student has a documented history.

The district may award a modified diploma or an extended diploma to a student only upon the written consent of the student's parent or guardian. The district shall receive the written consent during the school year in which the modified diploma or the extended diploma is awarded. A student who is emancipated or has reached the age of 18 at the time the modified diploma or extended diploma is awarded may sign the consent.

A student shall have the opportunity to satisfy the requirements for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or a certificate of attendance in either 4 years after starting the ninth grade, or until the student reaches the age of 21, if the student is entitled to a public education until the age of 21 under state or federal law.

A student may satisfy the requirements for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or a certificate of attendance in less than four years but not less than three years. In order to satisfy the requirements for a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate in less than four years, the student's parent or guardian or a student who is emancipated or has reached the age of 18, must provide written consent which clearly states the parent, guardian or student is waiving the fourth year and/or years until the student reaches the age of 21. A copy of the consent will be forwarded to the district superintendent who will annually report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the number of such consents.

Beginning in grade five when a student is taking an alternative assessment or after a documented history to qualify for a modified diploma, and extended diploma or a certificate of attendance has been established, the district will annually provide to the parents or guardians of the student, information about the availability and requirements of a modified diploma, an extended diploma and a certificate of attendance.

A student who qualifies to receive or receives a modified diploma, an extended diploma or a certificate of attendance will have the option of participating in a high school graduation ceremony with the student's class.

A student who received an extended diploma or a certificate of attendance shall have access to individually designed instructional hours, hours of transition services and hours of other services that equals at least the total number of instructional hours that is required to be provided to students who are attending a public high school as determined by the individualized education program (IEP) team.

A student who has received a modified diploma shall continue to have access to individually designed instructional hours, hours of transition services and hour of other services that are designed to meet the unique needs of the student. (A student who received a modified diploma prior to July 1, 2018, shall continue to have access to instructional hours, hours of transition services and hours of other services that are designed to meet the unique needs of the student.)

The district will award to students with disabilities a document certifying the successful completion of program requirements. No document issued to students with disabilities educated in full or in part in a special education program shall indicate that the document is issued by such a program. When a student who has an IEP completes high school, the district will give the student an individualized summary of performance.

Eligible students with disabilities are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) until the age of 21, even if they have earned a modified diploma, an extended diploma, a certificate of attendance or completion of a General Education Development document. The continuance of services for students with disabilities for a modified diploma, and extended diploma or an alternative certificate is contingent on the IEP team determining the student's continued eligibility and special education services are needed.

The district may not deny a diploma to a student who has opted out of the statewide assessment if the student is able to satisfy all other requirements for the diploma. Students who opt-out will need to meet the Essential Skills graduation requirement using another approved assessment option.

Students and their parents will be notified of graduation and diploma requirements through the high school curriculum guide.

## **HAZING/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING/MENACING/CYBERBULLYING/TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

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

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion. The district may also file a request with the Oregon Department of Transportation to suspend the driving privileges or the right to apply for driving privileges of a student 15 years of age or older who has been suspended or expelled at least twice for menacing another student or employee, willful damage or injury to district property or for the use of threats, bullying, intimidation, harassment or coercion.

Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

“Hazing” includes, but is not limited to, any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any district-sponsored or grade level attainment, i.e., forced consumption of any drink, alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance, forced exposure to the elements, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact, sleep deprivation or any other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental or physical health or safety of a student; requires, encourages, authorizes or permits another to be subject to wearing or carrying any obscene or physically burdensome article, assignment of pranks to be performed or other such activities intended to degrade or humiliate. It is not a defense against hazing that the student subjected to hazing consented to or appeared to consent to the hazing.

Oregon law defines “harassment, intimidation, or bullying” as any act that:

- Substantially interferes with a student’s educational benefits, opportunities, or performance;
- Takes place on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation or at any official school bus stop; and has the effect of:
  - Physically harming a student or damaging a student’s property;
  - Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student’s property; or
  - Creating a hostile educational environment, including interfering with the psychological well-being of a student.

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

“Teen dating violence” means:

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

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

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

“Cyberbullying” is the use of any electronic communication device to harass, intimidate or bully. Students and staff will refrain from using personal electronic devices or district equipment to violate this policy.

“Menacing” includes, but is not limited to, any act intended to place a student in fear of imminent serious physical injury.

“Retaliation” means hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying toward a person in response to a student for actually or apparently reporting or participating in the investigation of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying or retaliation.

The designated school administrator will take reports and conduct a prompt investigation of any report of an act of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying. Any employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy shall immediately report his/her concerns to a school administrator who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Any student who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy or feels he/she has been hazed, harassed, intimidated or bullied, menaced, a victim of teen dating violence and acts of being cyberbullied in violation of this policy is encouraged to immediately report his/her concerns to the Student Success Coordinator who has overall responsibility for all investigations. This report may be made anonymously. A student may also report concerns to a teacher who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate district official.

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

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

- Step 1 Any hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, acts of cyberbullying and incidents of teen dating violence information (complaints, rumors, etc.) shall be presented to the designated school administrator. Complaints against the principal shall be filed with the superintendent. Complaints against the superintendent shall be filed with the Board chair. Information may be presented anonymously. All such information will be reduced to writing and will include the specific nature of the offense and corresponding dates.
- Step 2 The district official receiving the complaint shall promptly investigate. Parents will be notified of the nature of any complaint involving their student. The district official will arrange such meetings as may be necessary with all concerned parties within five working days after receipt of the information or complaint. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses. All findings related to the complaint will be reduced to writing. The district official(s) conducting the investigation shall notify the complainant and parents as appropriate, in writing, when the investigation is concluded and a decision regarding disciplinary action, as warranted, is determined.
- A copy of the notification letter or the date and details of notification to the complainant, together with any other documentation related to the incident, including disciplinary action taken or recommended, shall be forwarded to the superintendent.
- Step 3 If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the complainant and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the complainant's appeal within 10 working days.
- Step 4 If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, a written appeal may be filed with the Board. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 3 decision. The Board shall, within 20 working days, conduct a hearing at which time the complainant shall be given an opportunity to present the complaint. The Board shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days following completion of the hearing.

Direct complaints related to educational programs and services may be made to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

Documentation related to the incident may be maintained as a part of the student's education records.

## **HOMELESS STUDENTS**

The district provides full and equal opportunity to students in homeless situations as required by law, including immediate enrollment. School records, medical records, proof of residence or other documents will not be required as a condition for admission.



Transportation to the student's school of origin will be provided in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. For additional information concerning the rights of students and parents of students in homeless situations or assistance in accessing transportation services, contact Cathy Knapp, the district's liaison for homeless students.

## **HOMEWORK**

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

## **ILLNESS**

Please keep ill students home from school. Students with diarrhea, vomiting, fever (over 100.4) or unexplained skin rash or sores shall be kept home until they are symptom free for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of medications.

## **IMMUNIZATION, VISION SCREENING, DENTAL SCREENING**

### **Immunizations**

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

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

### **Vision Screening**

The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time shall, within 120 days of beginning the education program, submit a certification that the student has received:

1. A vision screening or eye examination; and
2. Any further examination, treatments or assistance necessary.

The certification is not required if the parent or guardian provides a statement to the district that:

1. The student submitted a certification to a prior education provider; or
2. The vision screening or eye examination is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parent or guardian of the student.

## **Dental Screening**

The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time shall, within 120 days of beginning the education program, submit a certification that the student has received a dental screening within the previous 12 months.

## **INFECTION CONTROL**

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

### **HIV, HBV, AIDS—Students**

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

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

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

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

## **INSURANCE**

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

## **LOCKERS**

Lockers and other district storage areas provided for student use remain under the jurisdiction of the district even when assigned to an individual student. Lockers may be routinely inspected without prior notice to ensure no item which is prohibited on district premises is present; maintenance of proper sanitation, mechanical condition and safety; and to reclaim district property including instructional materials.

A student has full responsibility for the security of the locker and is responsible for making certain it is locked and that the combination is not available to others. Valuables should never be stored in the student's locker. The district will not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, personal property.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

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

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

The district will not be responsible for the loss of, damage to, personal property.

## **MEAL PROGRAM**

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

Additional information can be obtained in the office.

## **MEDIA ACCESS TO STUDENTS**

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

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

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

## **MEDICATIONS**

Students may be permitted to access medication, and/or self-medicate at school, at school-sponsored activities, under the supervision of school personnel, and in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities in accordance with Board policy, administrative regulations and the following.

### **District-Administered Medication**

Requests and parental permission for the district to administer prescription or nonprescription medication shall be made in writing by the parent or student, if the

student is allowed to seek medical care without parental consent pursuant to ORS 109.610, 109.640 or 109.675

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

Written instructions, which include the information above and the reason that the medication is necessary for the student to remain in school, are required for all requests to administer non-prescription medication.

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

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

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

## **Pre Measured Doses of Epinephrine**

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

## **Self-Medication**

Students in grades K-12, who are able to demonstrate the ability, developmentally and behaviorally, to self-medicate, are permitted to self-medicate prescription and nonprescription medication upon

1. Written request and permission of the parent or student, if the student is allowed to seek medical care without parental consent pursuant to ORS 109.610, 109.640 or 109.675;
2. Permission from a building administrator, prescriber or registered nurse practicing in a school setting; and
3. Compliance with age-appropriate guidelines

In the case of prescription medication, permission from the prescriber is also required. Such permission may be indicated on the prescription label. The instruction for a student

to self-medicate will include an assurance that the student has been instructed in the correct and responsible use of the medication from the prescriber.

A student permitted to self-administer medication may be monitored by designated personnel to monitor the student's response to the medication.

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

Students may have in their possession only the amount of medication needed for that school day. Sharing or borrowing nonprescription or prescription medication of any kind is strictly prohibited.

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

Contact the school office for additional information and forms.

## **ONLINE LEARNING**

The district may grant credit for approved online courses offered by district-approved institutions, or for online courses offered by the Oregon Virtual School District. Students may apply to take an online course and may receive credit for completion of approved online courses that meet district or state requirements and academic content standards.

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

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

1. Ensure their student has transportation to and from school every day.
2. Encourage their students to put a high priority on their education and to commit themselves to making the most of the educational opportunities the district provides;
3. Keep informed on district activities and issues. The district website and Facebook page as well as parent/booster club meetings provide opportunities for learning more about the district;
4. Become a district volunteer. For further information, contact the principal;
5. Participate in district parent organizations. The activities are varied, ranging from graduation activities to the building's site council, with its emphasis on instructional improvement.

## **PARENTAL RIGHTS**

Parents of students may inspect any survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by the school to students. Parents may also inspect any

survey administered or distributed by the district or school containing one or more of the following items:

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

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

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

Requests to review materials or to excuse students from participation in these activities, including any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screenings administered by the school and not otherwise permitted or required by state law should be directed to the office during regular school hours.

## **PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)**

A student with a suspected case of lice shall be referred to the school nurse or secretary for an assessment. A student found with live lice or nits (lice eggs) will be excluded from school attendance. A student excluded from school will be readmitted after an assessment by designated personnel to confirm no live lice or nits are present, and may be subject to periodic checks.

## **PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

**PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES/CELL PHONES** - Students may possess their personal electronic devices in district facilities during the school day as long as it is not used during class time. A "personal electronic device" is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording and/or displaying information and data.

Any electronic device capable of taking pictures, recording video, electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording and/or displaying information and data, are strictly prohibited in school locker rooms, and/or bathroom facilities at all times. Students may not access social media websites using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the access is approved by a district representative. Students may not take photographs of anyone without their permission.

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

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

## **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS (Athletics)**

Students in grades 6 through 12 must have a physical examination performed by a physician prior to practice and competition in athletics and shall additionally have a physical examination once every two years and after either a significant illness or a major surgery prior to further participation.

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

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

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

## **POSTERS**

Signs, banners or posters that a student wishes to display must first be approved by the principal. Signs, banners or posters displayed without authorization will be removed. Any student who posts printed material without prior approval shall be subject to disciplinary action. Any student displaying artwork depicting drugs, alcohol, or tobacco may be subject to disciplinary action.

## **PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS**

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

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

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

## **PROMOTION, RETENTION, AND GRADE LEVEL PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS**

A student shall be promoted from one grade to the next on the basis of academic, social and emotional development.

Exceptions may be made when, in the judgment of the professional staff, such exceptions are in the best educational interest of the student involved.

A decision to retain a student will be made only after prior notification and explanation to the student's parents. The final decision will rest with school authorities.] [Parental decisions will be final.

Students in grades 9-12 will be promoted or retained in accordance with state and district graduation requirements.

Students will be placed in the grade level or course best suited to meet their needs, based on the district's evaluation of the student's transcript and/or other documentation, assessment, portfolio/work sample evidence, etc.as may be required by the district.

If the student is unable to provide appropriate documentation, the building principal or designee will make the grade level or course determination placement based on district-administered assessment(s) as deemed appropriate.

## **RELEASE OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL**

A student shall not be released from school at times other than regular dismissal hours except with the principal's permission or according to school sign-out procedures. The teacher will determine that permission has been granted before allowing the student to leave. Students are to stay in class until they are requested by the office. A student will not be released to any person without the approval of his/her parents or as otherwise provided by law.



## REPORTS TO STUDENT AND PARENTS

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

At the end of each quarter, the district will report the student's progress to the student and parent.

## STUDENT SEARCHES

### Searches

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Questioning of Students**

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

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

### **SENIOR TRIPS**

The district does not authorize or endorse senior trips taken for any purpose other than a special part of the Board-approved district curriculum. In-state senior trips require approval by the building principal. Requests for out-of-state or foreign travel shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

#### **English Language Learners**

The school provides special programs for English language learning students. A student or parent with questions about these programs should contact the Student Success Coordinator.

#### **Students with Disabilities**

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

#### **Title IA Services**

The school provides special services for disadvantaged learners. Parents of eligible students are encouraged to become involved in the organized, ongoing planning, review and improvement of the school's Title IA program efforts. Notification will be provided of meetings held to inform parents of participating students of the school's participation in and requirements of Title IA. Students or parents with questions should contact a building administrator.

## **STUDENT/PARENT COMPLAINTS**

### **Discrimination Complaints**

A student and/or parent with a complaint regarding possible discrimination of a student on any basis protected by law should contact the Title IX compliance officer, or the superintendent.

### **Education Standards Complaints**

Any resident of the district, parent of a student attending district schools or a student attending a school in the district may make an appeal or complaint alleging violation of the district's compliance with an educational standard as provided by the State Board of Education. The complainant should first discuss the nature of the alleged violation with the individual involved.

If the complainant wishes to pursue the matter further, the complainant will follow the complaint process outlined in Board policy KL – Public Complaints and any accompanying administrative regulations.

After exhausting local procedures or if the district has not resolved the complaint within 90 days of the initial filing of a written complaint with the district (whichever occurs first), any complainant may make a direct appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

### **Students with Disabilities Complaints**

A complaint or concern regarding the identification, evaluation or placement of a student with disabilities or the accessibility of the district's services, activities or programs to a student, should be directed to the special education director.

### **Students with Sexual Harassment Complaints**

Sexual harassment of or by staff, students, Board members, volunteers, parents, visitors, service contractors or others engaged in district business is strictly prohibited in the district. District includes district facilities, district premises and non district property if the student or employee is at any district-sponsored, district-approved or district-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the jurisdiction of the district or where the employee is engaged in district business.

“Sexual harassment of students” means unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. The conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of demanding sexual favors in exchange for benefits;
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct or communication is used as the basis for educational decisions affecting a student
3. The conduct or communication is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational

performance; or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile educational environment. Relevant factors to be considered will include, but not be limited to, did the individual view the environment as hostile; was it reasonable to view the environment as hostile; the nature of the conduct; how often the conduct occurred and how long it continued; age and sex of the complainant; whether the alleged harasser was in a position of power over the student subject to the harassment; number of individuals involved; age of the alleged harasser; where the harassment occurred; and other incidents of sexual harassment at the school involving the same or other students or staff.

Principals, the compliance officer and the superintendent have responsibility for investigations concerning sexual harassment. All complaints and other reported incidents shall be investigated. The investigator shall be a neutral party having had no involvement in the complaint presented.

- Step 1 Any sexual harassment information (complaints, rumors, etc.) shall be presented to the principal, compliance officer or superintendent. All such information shall be reduced to writing and will include the specific nature of the sexual harassment and corresponding dates.
- Step 2 The district official receiving the information or complaint shall promptly initiate an investigation. The district official will arrange such meetings as may be necessary to discuss the issue with all concerned parties within five working days after receipt of the information or complaint. All findings of the investigation, including the response of the alleged harasser, shall be reduced to writing. The district official(s) conducting the investigation shall notify the complainant [in writing] when the investigation is concluded. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses.

The date and details of notification to the complainant, together with any other documentation related to the sexual harassment incident, including disciplinary action taken or recommended, shall be forwarded to the superintendent.

- Step 3 If a complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the complainant and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days.
- Step 4 If a complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the Board. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 3 decision. The Board shall, within 20 working days, conduct a hearing at which time the complainant shall be given an opportunity to present the appeal. The Board shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days following completion of the hearing.

Direct complaints related to educational programs and services may be made to the Regional Civil Rights Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Region X, 915 2nd Ave., Room 3310, Seattle, WA 98174-1099. Additional information regarding the filing of a complaint may be obtained through the principal, compliance officer or superintendent.

Confidentiality will be maintained. The educational assignments or study environment of the student shall not be adversely affected as a result of the good faith reporting of sexual harassment.

## **STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS**

The information contained below shall serve as the district's annual notice to parents of minors and eligible students (if 18 years of age or older) of their rights, the location and district officials responsible for education records.

"Education records" are those records related to a student maintained by the district. A student's education records are confidential and protected from unauthorized inspection or use. All access and release of education records with and without parent and eligible student notice and consent will comply with all state and federal laws.

Personally identifiable information shall not be disclosed without a parent or eligible student authorization or as otherwise provided by Board policy and law.

Permanent records shall include:

1. Full legal name of student;
2. Name and address of educational agency or institution;
3. Student's birth date and place of birth;
4. Name of parent/guardian;
5. Date of entry into school;
6. Name of school previously attended;
7. Course of study and marks received;
8. Data documenting a student's progress toward the achievement of state standards and must include a student's Oregon State Assessment results;
9. Credits earned;
10. Attendance;
11. Date of withdrawal from school;
12. Other information, i.e., psychological test information, anecdotal records, records of conversations, discipline records, IEP's, etc.

The provision of the student's social security number is voluntary and will be included as part of the student's permanent record only as provided by the eligible student or parent. The district will notify the eligible student or parent as to the purposes a social security number will be used. At no point will a student's social security number or student identification number be considered directory information.

Memory aids and personal working notes of individual staff members are considered personal property and are not to be interpreted as part of the student's education records, provided they are in the sole possession of the maker.

## **TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAM**

### **Identification of Talented and Gifted Students**

The district serves academically talented and gifted students in grades K-12, including talented and gifted (TAG) students from such special populations as ethnic minorities, the economically disadvantaged, the culturally different, the underachieving gifted and students with disabilities. Students will be identified based on:

1. Use of research based best practices to identify talented and gifted students from underrepresented populations such as ethnic minorities, students with disabilities, students who are culturally and/or linguistically diverse or economically disadvantaged;
2. Behavioral, learning and/or performance information;
3. A nationally standardized mental ability test for assistance in the identification of intellectually gifted students;
4. A test of total English Language Arts/Literacy or total mathematics on the Smarter Balanced Assessment for assistance in identifying academically talented students.

Identified students shall score at or above the 97th percentile on one of these tests.

Only students who demonstrate the potential to perform at the eligibility criteria, as well as additional students who are talented and gifted, may be identified.

### **Appeals**

A parent may appeal the identification process and/or placement of his/her student in the district's TAG program as follows:

#### **Informal Process**

1. The parent will contact the Student Success Coordinator to request reconsideration;
2. The Student Success Coordinator will confer with the parent and may include any additional appropriate persons, e.g., principal, counselor, teacher, etc. At this time, information pertinent to the selection or placement or services will be shared;

If an agreement cannot be reached, the parent may initiate the Formal Process.

#### **Formal Process**

1. The parent shall submit a written request for reconsideration of the identification/placement to the Student Success Coordinator;
2. The Student Success Coordinator shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of the request within five working days;
3. The Student Success Coordinator and other appropriate administrators shall review the student's file and earlier decisions within 10 working days of the original request. Additional data may be gathered to support or change the earlier decision;

4. The parent may be provided an opportunity to review school/district data and present additional evidence;
5. If deemed necessary, a formal hearing will be conducted by the district hearings officer utilizing the appropriate procedures;
6. A decision will be made within 20 working days after receipt of the written request for reconsideration. The parent shall be notified of the decision in writing and the decision shall be forwarded to the superintendent;
7. The decision may be appealed to the Board;
8. If the parent is still dissatisfied, he/she has access to appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction following the procedures outlined in the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). The district shall provide a copy of the appropriate OAR upon request.

## **Programs and Services**

The district's TAG program and service options will be developed and based on the individual needs of the student.

## **Programs and Services Complaints**

Individuals with complaints regarding the appropriateness of programs or services provided for TAG students should complete the TAG Standards Complaint form available through the school office. All complaints will be reported to the [superintendent] who will arrange for a review committee to meet within [two school] days of receiving the written complaint to review all pertinent information.

A recommendation will be submitted to the [superintendent] within [10 school] days of receiving the original complaint. The [superintendent] will report the recommendation to the Board whose decision will be final.

The complainant may file an appeal with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction if dissatisfied with the decision of the Board or 90 or more days have elapsed since the original filing of a written complaint alleging a violation of standards with the district. An appropriate copy of the OAR will be provided upon request.

## **TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS**

**Riding the bus is a privilege and must be regarded as such. Students being transported on district provided transportation are required to comply with the Student Code of Conduct, state regulation [OAR 581-053-0010](#) and district policy [EEACC-AR](#). Students not following these rules may be suspended or banned from using this form of transportation.**

## **Transportation Rules**

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

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

## **Disciplinary Procedures for Violations of Transportation Rules**

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

1. First Citation - Warning: The driver verbally restates behavior expectations and issues a warning citation.
2. Second Citation: The student is suspended from the bus until a conference, arranged by the assigned school administrator, has been held with the student, the parent, and the bus driver. Student may be assigned permanent seat and may be put on a behavior contract at this time.
3. Third Citation of the Year: The student receives a 5- to 10-day suspension and will not be able to ride the bus until a conference, arranged by the Student Success Coordinator, has been held with the student, the parent, the bus driver, and the principal. At this time a behavior contract may be made with the student and a bus seat may be assigned. Further violations of bus regulations will be considered a severe violation.
4. Severe Violations: Any severe violation will result in the immediate suspension of the student for a minimum of 10 days and up to a 1-year expulsion. There will be a hearing at this time, arranged by the Student Success Coordinator, involving the student, the bus driver, the parent and the principal.
5. In all instances, the appeal process may be used if the student and/or parent desires.



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

## **VEHICLES ON CAMPUS**

Vehicles parked on district property are under the jurisdiction of the district. The district requires that before parking privileges are granted the student must show that he/she holds a valid driver's license, the vehicle is currently registered and that the student driving the vehicle is insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy.

In applying for a parking permit students will be notified that parking on district property is a privilege and not a right. Students will be notified that as a condition of parking on district property, district officials may conduct searches of vehicles upon reasonable suspicion of a policy, rule and/or procedure violation.

Parking privileges, including driving on district property, may be revoked by the building principal or designee for violations of Board policies, administrative regulations or school rules.

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

Due to the inherent dangers both to participant and nonparticipant, combined with the potential liability assumption, the use of skateboards, rollerblades, scooters or similar devices on district grounds is prohibited. Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters or similar devices will be confiscated by school authorities and placed in the office for parents to retrieve. Use of skateboards, rollerblades, scooters or similar devices on district property during nonschool hours is at the user's risk. Skateboards/Rollerblades/Scooters or similar devices are prohibited on district property during school hours unless special permission is given by the administrator for a specific activity.

The district assumes no liability for loss or damage of personal property, including vehicles, bicycles or skateboards, or to injuries caused in the use of them.

## **VISITORS**

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

