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Equal Educational Opportunities

Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to color, race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, gender identity, status of being homeless, immigration status, order of protection status, military status, unfavorable military discharge, reproductive health decisions, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy. Further, the District will not knowingly enter into agreements with any entity or any individual that discriminates against students on the basis of sex or any other protected status, except that the District remains viewpoint neutral when granting access to school facilities under Board policy 8:20, *Community Use of School Facilities*. Any student may file a discrimination complaint by using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, or in the case of discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin, Board policy 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*.

Sex Equity

No student shall, based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or denied equal access to educational and extracurricular programs and activities.

Any student may file a sex equity complaint by using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. A student may appeal the Board's resolution of the complaint to the Regional Superintendent (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/3-10) and, thereafter, to the State Superintendent of Education (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.8).

Any student may file a sex discrimination complaint by using Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*.

Administrative Implementation

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator, who also serves as the District's Title IX Coordinator. The Superintendent and Building Principal shall use reasonable measures to inform staff members and students of this policy and related grievance procedures.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106.
29 U.S.C. §791 et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 34 C.F.R. Part 104.
42 U.S.C. §2000d, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 34 C.F.R. Part 100.
42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
Good News Club v. Milford Central Sch., 533 U.S. 98 (2001).
Ill. Constitution, Art. I, §18.
105 ILCS 5/3.25b, 5/3.25d(b), 5/10-20.12, 5/10-20.60, 5/10-20.63, 5/10-22.5, and 5/27-1.
775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq., Illinois Human Rights Act.
775 ILCS 35/5, Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240 and Part 200.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:165 (School Uniforms), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:330 (Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access), 7:340 (Student Records), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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7:15-Students

Student and Family Privacy Rights

Surveys

All surveys requesting personal information from students, as well as any other instrument used to collect personal information from students, must advance or relate to the District's educational objectives as identified in policy 6:10, *Educational Philosophy and Objectives*, or assist students' career choices. This applies to all surveys, regardless of whether the student answering the questions can be identified or who created the survey.

Surveys Created by a Third Party

Before a school official or staff member administers or distributes a survey or evaluation created by a third party to a student, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may inspect the survey or evaluation, upon their request and within a reasonable time of their request.

This section applies to every survey: (1) that is created by a person or entity other than a District official, staff member, or student, (2) regardless of whether the student answering the questions can be identified, and (3) regardless of the subject matter of the questions.

Surveys Requesting Personal Information

School officials and staff members shall not request, nor disclose, the identity of any student who completes any survey or evaluation (created by any person or entity, including the District) containing one or more of the following items:

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

The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may:

1. Inspect the survey or evaluation upon, and within a reasonable time of, their request, and/or
2. Refuse to allow their child to participate in the activity described above. The school shall not penalize any student whose parent(s)/guardian(s) exercised this option.

Instructional Material

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may inspect, upon their request, any instructional material used as part of their child's educational curriculum within a reasonable time of their request.

The term "instructional material" means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, printed or representational materials, audio-visual materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). The term does not include academic tests or academic assessments.

Physical Exams or Screenings

No school official or staff member shall subject a student to a non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as a condition of school attendance. The term *invasive physical examination* means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening.

The above paragraph does not apply to any physical examination or screening that:

1. Is permitted or required by an applicable State law, including physical examinations or screenings that are permitted without parental notification.
2. Is administered to a student in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. §1400 *et seq.*).
3. Is administered pursuant to the District's extracurricular drug and alcohol testing program (see policy 7:240, *Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities*).
4. Is otherwise authorized by Board policy.

Prohibition on Selling or Marketing Students' Personal Information

No school official or staff member shall market or sell personal information concerning students (or otherwise provide that information to others for that purpose). The term *personal information* means individually identifiable information including: (1) a student or parent's first and last name, (2) a home or other physical address (including street name and the name of the city or town), (3) a telephone number, (4) a Social Security identification number or (5) driver's license number or State identification card.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the above paragraph does not apply: (1) if the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) have consented; or (2) to the collection, disclosure or, use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions, such as the following:

1. College or other postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment.
2. Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products.
3. Curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary schools and secondary schools.
4. Tests and assessments to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students (or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments) and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments.
5. The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities.
6. Student recognition programs.

Under no circumstances may a school official or staff member provide a student's *personal information* to a business organization or financial institution that issues credit or debit cards.

Notification of Rights and Procedures

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students' parents/guardians of:

1. This policy as well as its availability upon request from the general administration office.
2. How to opt their child out of participation in activities as provided in this policy.
3. The approximate dates during the school year when a survey requesting personal information, as described above, is scheduled or expected to be scheduled.
4. How to request access to any survey or other material described in this policy.

This notification shall be given to parents/guardians at least annually, at the beginning of the school year, and within a reasonable period after any substantive change in this policy.

Transfer of Rights

The rights provided to parents/guardians in this policy transfer to the student when the student turns 18 years old, or is an emancipated minor.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1232h, Protection of Pupil Rights Act.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.38.
325 ILCS 17/, Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

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7:20-Students

Harassment of Students Prohibited

No person, including a School District employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate, or bully a student on the basis of actual or perceived: race; color; national origin; military status; unfavorable discharge status from military service; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; gender-related identity or expression; ancestry; age; religion; physical or mental disability; order of protection status; status of being homeless; actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy; association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics; or any other distinguishing characteristic. The District will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying whether verbal, physical, sexual, or visual, that affects the tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, stalking, sexual violence, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, threatened or actual destruction of property, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

Sexual Harassment Prohibited

The District shall provide an educational environment free of verbal, physical, or other conduct or communications constituting harassment on the basis of sex as defined and otherwise prohibited by State and federal law. See policies 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*, and 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Making a Report or Complaint

Students are encouraged to promptly report claims or incidences of bullying, intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment, or any other prohibited conduct to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, a Complaint Manager, or any employee with whom the student is comfortable speaking. A student may choose to report to an employee of the student's same gender.

Reports under this policy will be considered a report under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, and/or Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator and/or Complaint Manager shall process and review the report according to the appropriate grievance procedure. The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, office addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator also serves as the District's Title IX Coordinator.

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The Superintendent shall use reasonable measures to inform staff members and students of this policy by including:

1. For students, age-appropriate information about the contents of this policy in the District's student handbook(s), on the District's website, and, if applicable, in any other areas where policies, rules, and standards of conduct are otherwise posted in each school.
2. For staff members, this policy in the appropriate employee handbook(s), if applicable, and/or in any other areas where policies, rules, and standards of conduct are otherwise made available to staff.

Investigation Process

Any District employee who receives a report or complaint of harassment must promptly forward the report or complaint to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager. Any employee who fails to promptly comply may be disciplined, up to and including discharge.

Reports and complaints of harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain an educational environment that is productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment.

For any report or complaint alleging sexual harassment that, if true, would implicate Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.), the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or designee shall consider whether action under policy 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*, should be initiated.

For any other alleged student harassment that does not require action under policy 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager or designee shall consider whether an investigation under policies 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, and/or 7:190, *Student Behavior*, should be initiated, regardless of whether a written report or complaint is filed.

Reports That Involve Alleged Incidents of Sexual Abuse of a Child by School Personnel

An *alleged incident of sexual abuse* is an incident of sexual abuse of a child, as defined in 720 ILCS 5/11-9.1A(b), that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred: on school grounds during a school activity; or outside of school grounds or not during a school activity.

Any complaint alleging an incident of sexual abuse shall be processed and reviewed according to policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*. In addition to reporting the suspected abuse, the complaint shall also be processed under policy 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*, or policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Enforcement

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Any third party who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, e.g., vendor, parent, invitee, etc. Any District student who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension and expulsion consistent with the behavior policy. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding prohibited conduct will likewise be subject to disciplinary action.

Retaliation Prohibited

Retaliation against any person for bringing complaints or providing information about harassment is prohibited (see policies 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, and 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*).

Students should report allegations of retaliation to the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.12, 5/10-22.5, 5/10-23.13, 5/27-1, and 5/27-23.7.
775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq., Illinois Human Rights Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240 and Part 200.
Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ., 526 U.S. 629 (1999).
Franklin v. Gwinnett Co. Public Schs., 503 U.S. 60 (1992).
Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent Sch. Dist., 524 U.S. 274 (1998).
West v. Derby Unified Sch. Dist. No. 260, 206 F.3d 1358 (10th Cir. 2000).

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure), 4:165 (Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities)

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7:30-Students

Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer

Attendance Areas

The School District is divided into school attendance areas. The Superintendent will:

1. Review the boundary lines annually and recommend to the School Board any changes or revisions for existing units; or
2. Create new units using a lens that considers preventing segregation and the elimination of separating students in the District's schools because of color, race, or nationality.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a map of the District showing current school attendance areas. All records pertaining to the creation, alteration, or revision of attendance units are open to the public. Students living in a given school attendance area will be assigned to that school. Homeless children shall be assigned according to policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*.

Transfers Within the District

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may request a transfer for their child to a District school other than the one assigned. A request should be directed to the Superintendent, who, at his or her sole discretion, may grant the request when the parent(s)/guardian(s) demonstrate that the student could be better accommodated at another school, provided space is available. If a request is granted, the parent/guardian shall be responsible for transportation. The provisions in this section have no applicability to transfers pursuant to the Unsafe School Choice Option covered in Board policy 4:170, *Safety*.

Class Assignments

The Superintendent or designee shall assign students to classes.LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-21.3, 5/10-21.3a, and 5/10-22.5.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

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7:40-Students

Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students

Part-Time Attendance

The District accepts nonpublic school students, including parochial and home-schooled students, who live within the District for part-time attendance in the District's regular education program on a space-available basis. Requests for part-time attendance must be submitted to the Building Principal of the school in the school attendance area where the student resides. All requests for attendance in the following school year must be submitted before May 1.

A student accepted for partial enrollment must comply with all discipline and attendance requirements established by the school. He or she may participate in any co-curricular activity associated with a District class in which he or she is enrolled. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student accepted for partial enrollment must pay all fees, pro-rated on the basis of a percentage of full-time fees. Transportation to and/or from school is provided on regular bus routes to or from a point on the route nearest or most easily accessible to the nonpublic school or student's home. This transportation shall be on the same basis as the District provides transportation for its full-time students. Transportation on other than established bus routes is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Students with a Disability

The District accepts for part-time attendance those children for whom it has been determined that special education services are needed, are enrolled in nonpublic schools, and otherwise qualify for enrollment in the District. Requests must be submitted by the student's parent/guardian. Special educational services shall be provided to such students as soon as possible after identification, evaluation, and placement procedures provided by State law, but no later than the beginning of the next school semester following the completion of such procedures. Transportation for such students shall be provided only if required in the child's Individualized Educational Program on the basis of the child's disabling condition or as the special education program location may require.

Extracurricular Activities, Including Interscholastic Competition

Only full-time students of Flora CUSD #35 will be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities and/or commencement exercises.

Assignment When Enrolling Full-Time in a District School

Grade placement by, and academic credits earned at, a nonpublic school will be accepted if the school has a Certificate of Nonpublic School Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education, or, if outside Illinois, if the school is accredited by the state agency governing education.

A student who, after receiving instruction in a non-recognized or non-accredited school, enrolls in the District will: (1) be assigned to a grade level according to academic proficiency, and/or (2) have academic credits recognized by the District if the student demonstrates appropriate academic proficiency to the school administration. Any portion of a student's transcript relating to such instruction will not be considered for placement on the honor roll or computation in class rank.

Notwithstanding the above, recognition of grade placement and academic credits awarded by a nonpublic school is at the sole discretion of the District. All school and class assignments will be made according to

School Board policy 7:30, *Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer*, as well as administrative procedures implementing this policy.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.24 and 5/14-6.01.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:190 (Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:30 (Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

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7:50-Students

School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

Age [Elementary or Unit Districts only]

To be eligible for admission, a child must be five years old on or before September 1 of that school term. A child entering first grade must be six years of age on or before September 1 of that school term. Based upon an assessment of a child's readiness to attend school, the District may permit him or her to attend school prior to these dates. A child will also be allowed to attend first grade based upon an assessment of his or her readiness if he or she attended a non-public preschool, continued his or her education at that school through kindergarten, was taught in kindergarten by an appropriately licensed teacher, and will be six years old on or before December 31. A child with exceptional needs who qualifies for special education services is eligible for admission at three years of age. Early entrance to kindergarten or first grade may also be available through Board policy 6:135, *Accelerated Placement Program*.

Admission Procedure

All students must register for school each year on the dates and at the place designated by the Superintendent. Parents/guardians of students enrolling in the District for the first time must present:

1. A certified copy of the student's birth certificate. If a birth certificate is not presented, the Superintendent or designee shall notify in writing the person enrolling the student that within 30 days he or she must provide a certified copy of the student's birth certificate. A student will be enrolled without a birth certificate. When a certified copy of the birth certificate is presented, the school shall promptly make a copy for its records, place the copy in the student's permanent record, and return the certified copy to the person enrolling the child. If a person enrolling a student fails to provide a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency, and shall also notify the person enrolling the student in writing that, unless he or she complies within ten days, the case will be referred to the local law enforcement authority for investigation. If compliance is not obtained within that ten-day period, the Superintendent or designee shall so refer the case. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report to the local law enforcement authority any material received pursuant to this paragraph that appears inaccurate or suspicious in form or content.
2. Proof of residence, as required by Board policy 7:60, *Residence*.
3. Proof of disease immunization or detection and the required physical examination, as required by State law and Board policy 7:100, *Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students*.

The individual enrolling a student shall be given the opportunity to voluntarily state whether the student has a parent or guardian who is a member of a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and who is either deployed to active duty or expects to be deployed to active duty during the school year. Students who are children of active duty military personnel transferring will be allowed to enter: (a) the same grade level in which they studied at the school from which they transferred, if the transfer occurs during the District's school year, or (b) the grade level following the last grade completed.

Homeless Children

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment. Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, and its implementing administrative procedure, govern the enrollment of homeless children.

Foster Care Students

The Superintendent will appoint at least one employee to act as a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) when enrolling in or changing schools. The District's liaison ensures that DCFS' Office of Education and Transition Services receives all written notices and records pertaining to students in the legal custody of DCFS as required by State law.

Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

A student may transfer into or out of the District according to State law and procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee. A student seeking to transfer into the District must serve the entire term of any suspension or expulsion, imposed for any reason by any public or private school, in this or any other state, before being admitted into the School District.

Foreign Students [*High School or Unit Districts only*]

The District accepts foreign exchange students with a J-1 visa and who reside within the District as participants in an exchange program sponsored by organizations screened by administration. Exchange students on a J-1 visa are not required to pay tuition.

Privately sponsored exchange students on an F-1 visa may be enrolled if an adult resident of the District has temporary guardianship, and the student lives in the home of that guardian. Exchange students on an F-1 visa are required to pay tuition at the established District rate. F-1 visa student admission is limited to high schools, and attendance may not exceed 12 months.

The Board may limit the number of exchange students admitted in any given year. The maximum number of foreign exchange students the district will accept each year is five students. Exchange students must comply with District immunization requirements. Once admitted, exchange students become subject to all District policies and regulations governing students.

Re-enrollment [*High School or Unit Districts only*]

Re-enrollment shall be denied to any individual 19 years of age or above who has dropped out of school and who could not earn sufficient credits during the normal school year(s) to graduate before his or her 21st birthday. However, at the Superintendent's or designee's discretion and depending on program availability, the individual may be enrolled in a graduation incentives program established under 105 ILCS 5/26-16 or an alternative learning opportunities program established under 105 ILCS 5/13B-1 (see 6:110, *Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program*). Before being denied re-enrollment, the District will offer the individual due process as required in cases of expulsion under policy 7:210, *Expulsion Procedures*. A person denied re-enrollment will be offered counseling and be directed to alternative educational programs, including adult education programs that lead to graduation or receipt of a GED diploma. This section does not apply to students eligible for special education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act or accommodation plans under the Rehabilitation Act, Section 504.

LEGAL REF.: 8 U.S.C. §1101, Illegal Immigrant and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.
20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq., Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act.
29 U.S.C. §794, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504.
42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.13a, 5/10-20.12, 5/10-20.59, 5/10-22.5a, 5/14-1.02, 5/14-1.03a, 5/26-1, 5/26-2, 5/27-8.1.
105 ILCS 10/8.1, Ill. School Student Records Act.
105 ILCS 45/, Education for Homeless Children Act.
105 ILCS 70/, Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act.
325 ILCS 50/, Missing Children Records Act.
325 ILCS 55/, Missing Children Registration Law.
410 ILCS 315/2, Communicable Disease Prevention Act.
20 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1290, Missing Person Birth Records and School Registration.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 226, Special Education.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 375, Student Records.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:135 (Accelerated Placement Program), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students), 7:60 (Residence), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 7:340 (Student Records)

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7:60-Students

Residence

Resident Students

Only students who are residents of the District may attend a District school without a tuition charge, except as otherwise provided below or in State law. A student's residence is the same as the person who has legal custody of the student.

A person asserting legal custody over a student, who is not the child's natural or adoptive parent, shall complete a signed statement, stating: (a) that he or she has assumed and exercises legal responsibility for the child, (b) the reason the child lives with him or her, other than to receive an education in the District, and (c) that he or she exercises full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency. If the District knows the current address of the child's natural or adoptive parent, the District shall request in writing that the person complete a signed statement or affidavit stating: (a) the role and responsibility of the person with whom their child is living, and (b) that the person with whom the child is living has full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency.

A student whose family moves out of the District during the school year will be permitted to attend school for the remainder of the year without payment of tuition.

When a student's change of residence is due to the military service obligation of the student's legal custodian, the student's residence is deemed to be unchanged for the duration of the custodian's military service obligation if the student's custodian made a written request. The District, however, is not responsible for the student's transportation to or from school.

If, at the time of enrollment, a dependent child of military personnel is housed in temporary housing located outside of the District, but will be living within the District within six months after the time of initial enrollment, the child is allowed to enroll, subject to the requirements of State law, and must not be charged tuition.

Residence of Students with Disabilities

The residence of a child with a disability is determined in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/14-1.11, 5/14-1.11a, and 5/14-1.11b.

Requests for Nonresident Student Admission

Nonresident students may attend District schools upon the approval of a request submitted by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) for nonresident admission. The Superintendent may approve the request subject to the following:

1. The student will attend on a year-to-year basis. Approval for any one year is not authorization to attend a following year.
2. The student will be accepted only if there is sufficient room.
3. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be charged the maximum amount of tuition as allowed by State law.
4. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for transporting the student to and from school.

Admission of Nonresident Students Pursuant to an Agreement or Order

Nonresident students may attend District schools pursuant to:

1. A written agreement with an adjacent school district to provide for tuition-free attendance by a student of that district, provided both the Superintendent or designee and the

adjacent district determine that the student's health and safety will be served by such attendance.

2. A written agreement with cultural exchange organizations and institutions supported by charity to provide for tuition-free attendance by foreign exchange students and nonresident pupils of charitable institutions.
3. According to an intergovernmental agreement.
4. Whenever any State or federal law or a court order mandates the acceptance of a nonresident student.

Homeless Children

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce records normally required to establish residency. School Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, and its implementing administrative procedure, govern the enrollment of homeless children.

Challenging a Student's Residence Status

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a student attending school on a tuition-free basis is a nonresident of the District for whom tuition is required to be charged, he or she on behalf of the School Board shall notify the person who enrolled the student of the tuition amount that is due. The notice shall detail the specific reasons why the Board believes that the student is a nonresident of the District and shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested. The person who enrolled the student may challenge this determination and request a hearing as provided by the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a, 5/10-20.12b, 5/10-22.5, 5/10-22.5a, 5/14-1.11, 5/14-1.11a, and 5/14-1.11b.
105 ILCS 45/, Education for Homeless Children Act.
105 ILCS 70/, Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240.
Israel S. by Owens v. Bd. of Educ. of Oak Park and River Forest High Sch.
Dist. 200, 235 Ill.App.3d 652 (5th Dist. 1992).
Joel R. v. Board of Education of Manheim School District 83, 292 Ill.App.3d 607 (1st Dist. 1997).
Kraut v. Rachford, 51 Ill.App.3d 206 (1st Dist. 1977).

CROSS REF.: 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy)

Revised: January 17, 2024

7:70-Students

Attendance and Truancy

Compulsory School Attendance

This policy applies to individuals who have custody or control of a child: (a) between the ages of six (on or before September 1) and 17 years (unless the child has graduated from high school), or (b) who is enrolled in any of grades kindergarten through 12 in the public school regardless of age.

Subject to specific requirements in State law, the following children are not required to attend public school: (1) any child attending a private school (including a home school) or parochial school, (2) any child who is physically or mentally unable to attend school (including a pregnant student suffering medical complications as certified by her physician), (3) any child lawfully and necessarily employed, (4) any child over 12 and under 14 years of age while in confirmation classes, (5) any child absent because of religious reasons, including to observe a religious holiday, for religious instruction, or because his or her religion forbids secular activity on a particular day(s) or time of day, and (6) any child 16 years of age or older who is employed and is enrolled in a graduation incentives program.

The parent/guardian of a student who is enrolled must authorize all absences from school and notify the school in advance or at the time of the student's absence. A valid cause for absence includes illness (including mental or behavioral health of the student), observance of a religious holiday, death in the immediate family, attendance at a civic event, family emergency, other situations beyond the control of the student as determined by the Board, voting pursuant to policy 7:90, *Release During School Hours* (10 ILCS 5/7-42 and 5/17-15), other circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent/guardian for the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or safety, or other reason as approved by the Superintendent or designee. Students absent for a valid cause may make up missed homework and classwork assignments in a reasonable timeframe.

Absenteeism and Truancy Program

The Superintendent or designee shall manage an absenteeism and truancy program in accordance with the School Code and School Board policy. The program shall include but not be limited to:

1. A protocol for excusing a student from attendance who is necessarily and lawfully employed. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to determine when the student's absence is justified.
2. A protocol for excusing a student in grades 6 through 12 from attendance to sound *Taps* at a military honors funeral held in Illinois for a deceased veteran.
3. A protocol for excusing a student from attendance on a particular day(s) or at a particular time of day when his/her parent/guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat-support postings.
4. A process to telephone, within two hours after the first class, the parents/guardians of students in grade 8 or below who are absent without prior parent/guardian notification.
5. A process to identify and track students who are truants, chronic or habitual truants, or truant minors as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26-2a.
6. A description of diagnostic procedures for identifying the cause(s) of a student's unexcused absenteeism, including interviews with the student, his or her parent(s)/guardian(s), and staff members or other people who may have information about the reasons for the student's attendance problem.
7. The identification of supportive services that may be offered to truant, chronically truant, or chronically absent students, including parent-teacher conferences, student and/or

family counseling, or information about community agency services. See Board policy 6:110, *Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program*.

8. A process for the collection and review of chronic absence data and to:
 - a. Determine what systems of support and resources are needed to engage chronically absent students and their families, and
 - b. Encourage the habit of daily attendance and promote success.
 9. Reasonable efforts to provide ongoing professional development to teachers, administrators, Board members, school resource officers, and staff on the appropriate and available supportive services for the promotion of student attendance and engagement.
 10. A process to request the assistance and resources of outside agencies, such as, the juvenile officer of the local police department or the truant office of the appropriate Regional Office of Education, if truancy continues after supportive services have been offered.
 11. A protocol for cooperating with non-District agencies including County or municipal authorities, the Regional Superintendent, truant officers, the Community Truancy Review Board, and a comprehensive community based youth service agency. Any disclosure of school student records must be consistent with Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*, as well as State and federal law concerning school student records.
 12. An acknowledgement that no punitive action, including out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, or court action, shall be taken against a truant minor for his or her truancy unless available supportive services and other school resources have been provided to the student.
 13. The criteria to determine whether a student's non-attendance is due to extraordinary circumstances shall include economic or medical necessity or family hardship and such other criteria that the Superintendent believes qualifies.
- [For high school and unit districts only]
14. A process for a 17-year-old resident to participate in the District's various programs and resources for truants. The student must provide documentation of his/her dropout status for the previous six months. A request from an individual 19 years of age or older to re-enroll after having dropped out of school is handled according to provisions in 7:50, *School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools*.
 15. A process for the temporary exclusion of a student 17 years of age or older for failing to meet minimum attendance standards according to provisions in State law. A parent/guardian has the right to appeal a decision to exclude a student.

Monitoring

Pursuant to State law and policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, the Board updates this policy at least once every two years. The Superintendent or designee shall assist the Board with its update.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/22-92 and 5/26-1 through 5/26-3, 5/26-5 through 5/26-16, and 5/26-18.
705 ILCS 405/3-33.5, Juvenile Court Act of 1987.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.242 and Part 207.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:150 (Home and Hospital Instruction), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:80 (Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance), 7:90 (Release During School Hours), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:340 (Student Records)

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7:80-Students

Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance

A student shall be released from school, as an excused absence, because of religious reasons, including to observe a religious holiday, for religious instruction, or because the student's religion forbids secular activity on a particular day(s) or time of day. The student's parent/guardian must give written notice to the Building Principal at least five calendar days before the student's anticipated absence(s).

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and distribute to teachers appropriate procedures regarding student absences for religious reasons, including how teachers are notified of a student's impending absence, and the State law requirement that teachers provide the student with an equivalent opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirement.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/26-1 and 5/26-2b.
775 ILCS 35/, Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

CROSS REF.: 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy)

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7:90-Students

Release During School Hours

For safety and security reasons, a prior written or oral consent of a student's custodial parent/guardian is required before a student is released during school hours: (1) at any time before the regular dismissal time or at any time before school is otherwise officially closed, and/or (2) to any person other than a custodial parent/guardian.

Early Dismissal Announcement

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to issue an announcement whenever it is necessary to close school early due to inclement weather or other reason.

[For high school and unit districts only]

Voting

The Superintendent or designee shall specify the hours during which students who are entitled to vote at a primary, general, or special election, or any election at which propositions are submitted to a popular vote in Illinois, may be absent from school for a period of two hours to vote. Students are entitled to be absent from school to vote beginning the 15th day before the primary, general, or special election, or any election at which propositions are submitted to a popular vote in Illinois, or on the day of such election.

LEGAL REF.: 10 ILCS 5/7-42(b) and 5/17-15(b), Election Code.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety)

Revised: May 18, 2020

7:100-Students

Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students

Required Health Examinations and Immunizations

A student's parents/guardians shall present proof that the student received a health examination, with proof of the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), within one year prior to:

16. Entering kindergarten or the first grade;
17. Entering the sixth and ninth grades; and
18. Enrolling in an Illinois school, regardless of the student's grade (including nursery school, special education, Head Start programs operated by elementary or secondary schools, and students transferring into Illinois from out-of-state or out-of-country).

Proof of immunization against meningococcal disease is required for students in grades 6 and 12.

As required by State law:

19. Health examinations must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician assistant who has been delegated the performance of health examinations by a supervising physician.
20. A diabetes screening is a required part of each health examination; diabetes testing is not required.
21. An age-appropriate developmental screening and an age-appropriate social and emotional screening are required parts of each health examination. A student will not be excluded from school due to his or her parent/guardian's failure to obtain a developmental screening or a social and emotional screening.
22. Before admission and in conjunction with required physical examinations, parents/guardians of children between the ages of one and seven years must provide a statement from a physician that their child was *risk-assessed* or screened for lead poisoning.
23. The IDPH will provide all students entering sixth grade and their parents/guardians information about the link between human papillomavirus (HPV) and HPV-related cancers and the availability of the HPV vaccine.
24. The District will provide informational materials regarding influenza and influenza vaccinations developed, provided, or approved by the IDPH when it provides information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school health issues to students' parents/guardians.

Unless an exemption or extension applies, the failure to comply with the above requirements by October 15 of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District. New students who register after October 15 of the current school year shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations. If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by October 15, the student must present, by October 15, an immunization schedule and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay. The schedule and statement of medical reasons must be signed by the physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or local health department responsible for administering the immunizations.

A student transferring from out-of-state who does not have the required proof of immunizations by October 15 may attend classes only if he or she has proof that an appointment for the required vaccinations is scheduled with a party authorized to submit proof of the required vaccinations. If

the required proof of vaccination is not submitted within 30 days after the student is permitted to attend classes, the student may no longer attend classes until proof of the vaccinations is properly submitted.

Eye Examination

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have their children undergo an eye examination whenever health examinations are required.

Parents/guardians of students entering kindergarten or an Illinois school for the first time shall present proof before October 15 of the current school year that the student received an eye examination within one year prior to entry of kindergarten or the school. A physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, or a licensed optometrist, must perform the required eye examination.

If a student fails to present proof by October 15, the school may hold the student's report card until the student presents proof: (1) of a completed eye examination, or (2) that an eye examination will take place within 60 days after October 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this eye examination requirement in compliance with the rules of the IDPH. Schools shall not exclude a student from attending school due to failure to obtain an eye examination.

Dental Examination

All children in kindergarten and the second, sixth, and ninth grades must present proof of having been examined by a licensed dentist before May 15 of the current school year in accordance with rules adopted by the IDPH.

If a child in the second, sixth, or ninth grade fails to present proof by May 15, the school may hold the child's report card until the child presents proof: (1) of a completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this dental examination requirement at least 60 days before May 15 of each school year.

Exemptions

In accordance with rules adopted by the IDPH, a student will be exempted from this policy's requirements for:

25. Religious grounds, if the student's parents/guardians present the IDPH's Certificate of Religious Exemption form to the Superintendent or designee. When a Certificate of Religious Exemption form is presented, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately inform the parents/guardians of exclusion procedures pursuant to Board policy 7:280, *Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease*, and State rules if there is an outbreak of one or more diseases from which the student is not protected.
26. Health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds, if the examining physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant provides written verification.
27. Eye examination requirement, if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or lack of access to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who provides eye examinations or a licensed optometrist.
28. Dental examination requirement, if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.

Homeless Child

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce immunization and health records normally required for enrollment. Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, governs the enrollment of homeless children.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
105 ILCS 5/27-8.1 and 45/1-20.
410 ILCS 45/7.1, Lead Poisoning Prevention Act.
410 ILCS 315/2e, Communicable Disease Prevention Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.530.
77 Ill. Admin.Code Part 664, Socio-Emotional and Developmental Screening.
77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 665, Child and Student Health Examination and Immunization.
77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 690, Control of Notifiable Diseases and Conditions Code.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease)

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7:130-Students

Student Rights and Responsibilities

All students are entitled to enjoy the rights protected by the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions and laws for persons of their age and maturity in a school setting. Students should exercise these rights reasonably and avoid violating the rights of others. Students who violate the rights of others or violate District policies or rules will be subject to disciplinary measures.

Students may, during the school day, during noninstructional time, voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings that, consistent with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, are not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any manner by the school or any school employee. *Noninstructional time* means time set aside by a school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7904.
105 ILCS 20/5.
Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District, 89 S.Ct. 733 (1969).

CROSS REF.: 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:190 (Student Discipline)

Revised: May 18, 2020

7:140-Students

Search and Seizure

In order to maintain order and security in the schools, school authorities are authorized to conduct reasonable searches of school property and equipment, as well as of students and their personal effects. "School authorities" includes school liaison police officers.

School Property and Equipment as well as Personal Effects Left There by Students

School authorities may inspect and search school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school (such as, lockers, desks, and parking lots), as well as personal effects left there by a student, without notice to or the consent of the student. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these places or areas or in their personal effects left there.

The Superintendent may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to conduct inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs.

Students

School authorities may search a student and/or the student's personal effects in the student's possession (such as, purses, wallets, knapsacks, book bags, lunch boxes, etc.) when there is a reasonable ground for suspecting that the search will produce evidence the particular student has violated or is violating either the law or the District's student conduct rules. The search itself must be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to its objective and not excessively intrusive in light of the student's age and sex, and the nature of the infraction.

When feasible, the search should be conducted as follows: Outside the view of others, including students,

1. In the presence of a school administrator or adult witness, and
2. By a certificated employee or liaison police officer of the same sex as the student.

Immediately following a search, a written report shall be made by the school authority who conducted the search, and given to the Superintendent.

Seizure of Property

If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the District's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by school authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. When appropriate, such evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

Notification Regarding Student Accounts or Profiles on Social Networking Websites

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and their parents/guardians of each of the following in accordance with the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act, 105 ILCS 75/:

1. School officials may not request or require a student or his or her parent/guardian to provide a password or other related account information to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social networking website.
2. School officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy. In the course of an investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order to allow school officials to make a factual determination.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6, and 5/10-22.10a.
Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act, 105 ILCS 75/.
Cornfield v. Consolidated High School Dist. No. 230, 991 F.2d 1316 (7th Cir. 1993).
People v. Dilworth, 169 Ill.2d 195 (1996), *cert. denied*, 116 S.Ct. 1692 (1996).
People v. Pruitt, 278 Ill.App.3d 194 (1st Dist. 1996), *app. denied*, 667 N.E. 2d 1061 (Ill.App.1, 1996).
T.L.O. v. New Jersey, 469 U.S. 325 (1985).
Vernonia School Dist. 47J v. Acton, 515 U.S. 646 (1995).
Safford Unified School Dist. No. 1 v. Redding, 557 U.S. 364 (2009).

CROSS REF.: 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

Revised: January 20, 2021

7.140E-Students

Exhibit - Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act

Re: Access to Student Social Networking Passwords and Websites for Violations of School Rules or Procedures

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

If your child has an account on a *social networking website*, e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, ask.fm, etc., please be aware that State law requires school authorities to notify you that your child may be asked to provide his or her password for these accounts to school officials in certain circumstances. *Social networking website* means an Internet-based service that allows students to: (1) construct a public or semi-public profile within a bounded system created by the service; (2) create a list of other users with whom they share a connection within the system; and (3) view and navigate their list of connections and those made by others within the system.

School authorities may require a student or his or her parent/guardian to provide a password or other related account information in order to gain access to his/her account or profile on a social networking website if school authorities have reasonable cause to believe that a student's account on a social networking website contains evidence that a student has violated a school disciplinary rule or procedure.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Building Principal

7:150-Students

Agency and Police Interviews

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to manage requests by agency officials or police officers to interview students at school. Procedures will:

1. Recognize individual student rights and privacy,
2. Recognize the potential impact an interview may have on an individual student,
3. Minimize potential disruption,
4. Foster a cooperative relationship with public agencies and law enforcement, and
5. Comply with State law including, but not limited to, ensuring that before a law enforcement officer, school resource officer, or other school security person detains and questions on school grounds a student under 18 years of age who is suspected of committing a criminal act, the Superintendent or designee will:
 - a. Notify or attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian and document the time and manner in writing;
 - b. Make reasonable efforts to ensure the student's parent/guardian is present during questioning or, if they are not present, ensure that school employees (including, but not limited to, a school social worker, psychologist, nurse, guidance counselor, or any other mental health professional) are present during the questioning; and
 - c. If practicable, make reasonable efforts to ensure a trained law enforcement officer to promote safe interactions and communications with the student is present during questioning.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.64, 5/22-85 (final citation pending)
55 ILCS 80/, Children's Advocacy Center Act.
325 ILCS 5/, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.
720 ILCS 5/31-1 et seq., Interference with Public Officers Act.
725 ILCS 120/, Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

CROSS REF.: 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

Revised: November 17, 2021

7:160-Students

Student Appearance

A student's appearance, including dress and hygiene, must not disrupt the educational process or compromise standards of health and safety. The District does not prohibit hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists. The District also does not prohibit the right of a student to wear or accessorize the student's graduation attire with items associated with the student's cultural, ethnic, or religious identity or other characteristic or category protected under the Ill. Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/1-103(Q). Students who disrupt the educational process or compromise standards of health and safety must modify their appearance. Procedures for guiding student appearance will be developed by the Superintendent or designee and included in the *Student Handbook(s)*.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25 and 5/10-22.25b.
Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).

CROSS REF.: 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:165 (School Uniforms), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

Revised: December 18, 2024

7:170-Students

Vandalism

The School Board will seek restitution from students and their parents/guardians for vandalism or other student acts that cause damage to school property.

LEGAL REF.: 740 ILCS 115/, Parental Responsibility Law.

CROSS REF.: 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

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7:180-Students

Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

1. Bullying, intimidation, and harassment diminish a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors and providing all students equal access to a safe, non-hostile learning environment are important District goals.

Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, military status, unfavorable discharge status from the military service, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender-related identity or expression, ancestry, age, religion, physical or mental disability, order of protection status, status of being homeless, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic **is prohibited** in each of the following situations:

1. During any school-sponsored education program or activity.
2. While in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.
3. Through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment.
4. Through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a nonschool-related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by the School District or school if the bullying causes a substantial disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of a school. This paragraph (item #4) applies only when a school administrator or teacher receives a report that bullying through this means has occurred; it does not require staff members to monitor any nonschool-related activity, function, or program.

Definitions from 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7

Bullying includes *cyberbullying* and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

1. Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
2. Causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
3. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or
4. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Bullying may take various forms, including without limitation one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. This list is meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive.

Cyberbullying means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, including without limitation any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, photo-electronic system, or photo-optical system, including without limitation electronic mail, Internet communications, instant messages, or facsimile communications. *Cyberbullying* includes the creation of a webpage or weblog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages if the creation or impersonation creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of *bullying*. *Cyberbullying* also includes the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be

accessed by one or more persons if the distribution or posting creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of *bullying*.

Restorative measures means a continuum of school-based alternatives to exclusionary discipline, such as suspensions and expulsions, that: (i) are adapted to the particular needs of the school and community, (ii) contribute to maintaining school safety, (iii) protect the integrity of a positive and productive learning climate, (iv) teach students the personal and interpersonal skills they will need to be successful in school and society, (v) serve to build and restore relationships among students, families, schools, and communities, (vi) reduce the likelihood of future disruption by balancing accountability with an understanding of students' behavioral health needs in order to keep students in school, and (vii) increase student accountability if the incident of bullying is based on religion, race, ethnicity, or any other category that is identified in the Ill. Human Rights Act.

School personnel means persons employed by, on contract with, or who volunteer in a school district, including without limitation school and school district administrators, teachers, school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, school resource officers, and security guards.

Bullying Prevention and Response Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a bullying prevention and response plan that advances the District's goal of providing all students with a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassment. This plan must be consistent with the requirements listed below; each numbered requirement, 1-12, corresponds with the same number in the list of required policy components in 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7(b) 1-12.

1. The District uses the definition of *bullying* as provided in this policy.
2. Bullying is contrary to State law and the policy of this District. However, nothing in the District's bullying prevention and response plan is intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views protected under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution or under Section 3 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution.
3. Students are encouraged to immediately report bullying. A report may be made orally or in writing to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, a Complaint Manager, or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking. Anyone, including staff members and parents/guardians, who has information about actual or threatened bullying is encouraged to report it to the District named officials or any staff member. The District named officials and all staff members are available for help with a bully or to make a report about bullying. Anonymous reports are also accepted; however, this shall not be construed to permit formal disciplinary action solely on the basis of an anonymous report.

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4. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, the Superintendent or designee shall promptly inform the parent(s)/guardian(s) of every student involved in an alleged incident of bullying and discuss, as appropriate, the availability of social work services, counseling, school psychological services, other interventions, and restorative measures.
5. The Superintendent or designee shall promptly investigate and address reports of bullying, by, among other things:
 - a. Making all reasonable efforts to complete the investigation within 10 school days after the date the report of a bullying incident was received and taking into consideration additional relevant information received during the course of the investigation about the reported bullying incident.
 - b. Involving appropriate school support personnel and other staff persons with knowledge, experience, and training on bullying prevention, as deemed appropriate, in the investigation process.
 - c. Notifying the Building Principal or school administrator or designee of the reported incident of bullying as soon as possible after the report is received.
 - d. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, providing parents/guardians of the students who are parties to the investigation information about the investigation and an opportunity to meet with the Building Principal or school administrator or his or her designee to discuss the investigation, the findings of the investigation, and the actions taken to address the reported incident of bullying.
 - e. The Superintendent or designee shall investigate whether a reported incident of bullying is within the permissible scope of the District's jurisdiction and shall require that the District provide the victim with information regarding services that are available within the District and community, such as counseling, support services, and other programs.
6. The Superintendent or designee shall use interventions to address bullying, that may include, but are not limited to, school social work services, restorative measures, social-emotional skill building, counseling, school psychological services, and community-based services.
7. A reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying **is prohibited**. Any person's act of reprisal or retaliation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge with regard to employees, or suspension and/or expulsion with regard to students.
8. A student will not be punished for reporting bullying or supplying information, even if the District's investigation concludes that no bullying occurred. However, a person who is found to have falsely accused another of bullying, as a means of retaliation, as a means of bullying, or provided false information will be treated as either: (a) *bullying*, (b)

student discipline up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, and/or (c) both (a) and (b) for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.

9. The District's bullying prevention and response plan is based on the engagement of a range of school stakeholders, including students and parents/guardians.
10. The Superintendent or designee shall post this policy on the District's website, if any, and include it in the student handbook, and, where applicable, post it where other policies, rules, and standards of conduct are currently posted. The policy must be distributed annually to parents/guardians, students, and school personnel (including new employees when hired), and must also be provided periodically throughout the school year to students and faculty.
11. Pursuant to State law and policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, the Board monitors this policy every two years by conducting a review and re-evaluation of this policy to make any necessary and appropriate revisions. The Superintendent or designee shall assist the Board with its re-evaluation and assessment of this policy's outcomes and effectiveness. Updates to this policy will reflect any necessary and appropriate revisions. This process shall include, without limitation:
 - a. The frequency of victimization;
 - b. Student, staff, and family observations of safety at a school;
 - c. Identification of areas of a school where bullying occurs;
 - d. The types of bullying utilized; and
 - e. Bystander intervention or participation.

The evaluation process may use relevant data and information that the District already collects for other purposes. Acceptable documentation to satisfy the re-evaluated policy submission include one of the following:

- 1) An updated version of the policy with the amendment/modification date included in the reference portion of the policy;
- 2) If no revisions are deemed necessary, a copy of board minutes indicating that the policy was re-evaluated and no changes were deemed to be necessary; or
- 3) A signed statement from the Board President indicating that the Board re-evaluated the policy and no changes to it were necessary.

The Superintendent or designee must post the information developed as a result of the policy re-evaluation on the District's website, or if a website is not available, the information must be provided to school administrators, Board members, school personnel, parents/guardians, and students. Reviews and re-evaluations in years they are due must be submitted to ISBE by September 30.

12. The Superintendent or designee shall fully implement the Board policies, including without limitation, the following:
 - a. 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. A student may use this policy to complain about bullying.
 - b. 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*. Any person may use this policy to complain about discrimination in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.
 - c. 6:60, *Curriculum Content*. Bullying prevention and character instruction is provided in all grades in accordance with State law.

- d. 6:65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*. Student social and emotional development is incorporated into the District's educational program as required by State law.
- e. 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*. This policy states that the use of the District's electronic networks is limited to: (1) support of education and/or research, or (2) a legitimate business use.
- f. 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*. This policy prohibits any person from harassing, intimidating, or bullying a student based on an identified actual or perceived characteristic (the list of characteristics in 7:20 is the same as the list in this policy).
- g. 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*. This policy prohibits teen dating violence on school property, at school sponsored activities, and in vehicles used for school-provided transportation.
- h. 7:190, *Student Behavior*. This policy prohibits, and provides consequences for, hazing, bullying, or other aggressive behaviors, or urging other students to engage in such conduct.
- i. 7:310, *Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools*, and 7:315, *Restrictions on Publications; High Schools*. These policies prohibit students from and provide consequences for: (1) accessing and/or distributing at school any written, printed, or electronic material, including material from the Internet, that will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, and (2) creating and/or distributing written, printed, or electronic material, including photographic material and blogs, that causes substantial disruption to school operations or interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6(b-20), 5/24-24, and 5/27-23.7.
 405 ILCS 49/, Children's Mental Health Act.
 775 ILCS 5/1-103, Ill. Human Rights Act.
 23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.240, 1.280, and 1.295.

CROSS REF.: 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure), 4:170 (Safety), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:285 (Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 7:315 (Restrictions on Publications; High Schools)

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7:185-Students

Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

Engaging in teen dating violence that takes place at school, on school property, at school-sponsored activities, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation is prohibited. For purposes of this policy, the term *teen dating violence* occurs whenever a student who is 13 to 19 years of age uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control an individual in the dating relationship; or uses or threatens to use sexual violence in the dating relationship.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a program to respond to incidents of teen dating violence that:

1. Fully implements and enforces each of the following Board policies:
 - a. 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. This policy provides a method for any student, parent/guardian, employee, or community member to file a complaint if he or she believes that the School Board, its employees, or its agents have violated his or her rights under the State or federal Constitution, State or federal statute, Board policy, or various enumerated bases.
 - b. 2:265, *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure*. This policy prohibits any person from engaging in sexual harassment in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Prohibited conduct includes but is not limited to sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.
 - c. 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*. This policy prohibits any person from harassing, intimidating, or bullying a student based on the student's actual or perceived characteristics of sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; and gender-related identity or expression (this policy includes more protected statuses).
 - d. 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*. This policy prohibits students from engaging in bullying, intimidation, and harassment at school, school-related events and electronically. Prohibited conduct includes threats, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying.
2. Encourages anyone with information about incidents of teen dating violence to report them to any of the following individuals:
 - a. Any school staff member. School staff shall respond to incidents of teen dating violence by following the District's established procedures for the prevention, identification, investigation, and response to bullying and school violence.
 - b. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, or a Complaint Manager identified in policy 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*.
3. Incorporates age-appropriate instruction in grades 7 through 12, in accordance with the District's comprehensive health education program in Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*. This includes incorporating student social and emotional development into the District's educational program as required by State law and in alignment with Board policy 6:65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*.
4. Incorporates education for school staff, as recommended by the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, or a Complaint Manager.
5. Notifies students and parents/guardians of this policy.

Incorporated
by Reference: 7:180-AP1, (Prevention, Identification, Investigation, and Response to Bullying)

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 110/3.10.

CROSS REF.: 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities)

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7:190-Students

Student Behavior

The goals and objectives of this policy are to provide effective discipline practices that: (1) ensure the safety and dignity of students and staff; (2) maintain a positive, weapons-free, and drug-free learning environment; (3) keep school property and the property of others secure; (4) address the causes of a student's misbehavior and provide opportunities for all individuals involved in an incident to participate in its resolution; and (5) teach students positive behavioral skills to become independent, self-disciplined citizens in the school community and society.

When and Where Conduct Rules Apply

A student is subject to disciplinary action for engaging in prohibited student conduct, as described in the section with that name below, whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including, but not limited to:

29. On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any time;
30. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school;
31. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
32. Anywhere, if the conduct interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including, but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

Prohibited Student Conduct

The school administration is authorized to discipline students for gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to:

33. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco or nicotine materials, including without limitation, electronic cigarettes.
34. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence of an alcoholic beverage are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
35. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling, or offering for sale:
 - a. Any illegal drug or controlled substance, or cannabis (including marijuana, hashish, and medical cannabis unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under *Ashley's Law*).
 - b. Any anabolic steroid unless it is being administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
 - c. Any performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association's most current banned substance list unless administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
 - d. Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a physician or licensed practitioner, or when used in a manner inconsistent with the prescription or prescribing physician's or licensed practitioner's instructions. The use or possession of medical cannabis, even by a student for whom medical cannabis has been prescribed, is prohibited unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under *Ashley's Law*.
 - e. Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance: (a) that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system;

or (b) about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system. The prohibition in this section does not apply to a student's use of asthma or other legally prescribed inhalant medications.

- f. Any substance inhaled, injected, smoked, consumed, or otherwise ingested or absorbed with the intention of causing a physiological or psychological change in the body, including without limitation, pure caffeine in tablet or powdered form.
- g. *Look-alike* or counterfeit drugs, including a substance that is not prohibited by this policy, but one: (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy; or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy.

Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to: (a) ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and (b) grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances. Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had the prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.

- 36. Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a *weapon* as that term is defined in the **Weapons** section of this policy, or violating the **Weapons** section of this policy.
- 37. Using or possessing an electronic paging device. Using a cellular telephone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), or other electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of a computer, electronic communication device, or cellular phone. Unless otherwise banned under this policy or by the Building Principal, all electronic devices must be kept powered-off or silenced and out-of-sight during the regular school day unless: (a) the supervising teacher grants permission; (b) use of the device is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP); (c) it is used during the student's lunch period, or (d) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.
- 38. Using or possessing a laser pointer unless under a staff member's direct supervision and in the context of instruction.
- 39. Disobeying rules of student conduct or directives from staff members or school officials. Examples of disobeying staff directives include refusing a District staff member's request to stop, present school identification, or submit to a search.
- 40. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, using a writing service and/or generative artificial intelligence technology in place of original work unless specifically authorized by staff, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, altering report cards, and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.
- 41. Engaging in hazing or any kind of bullying or aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to a staff person or another student, or urging other students to engage in such conduct. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying, bullying using a school computer or a school computer network, or other comparable conduct.

42. Engaging in any sexual activity, including without limitation, offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure (including mooning), and sexual assault. This does not include the non-disruptive: (a) expression of gender or sexual orientation or preference, or (b) display of affection during non-instructional time.
43. Teen dating violence, as described in Board policy 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*.
44. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property.
45. Entering school property or a school facility without proper authorization.
46. In the absence of a reasonable belief that an emergency exists, calling emergency responders (such as calling 911); signaling or setting off alarms or signals indicating the presence of an emergency; or indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, school bus, or at any school activity.
47. Being absent without a recognized excuse; State law and School Board policy regarding truancy control will be used with chronic and habitual truants.
48. Being involved with any public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, by: (a) being a member; (b) promising to join; (c) pledging to become a member; or (d) soliciting any other person to join, promise to join, or be pledged to become a member.
49. Being involved in gangs or gang-related activities, including displaying gang symbols or paraphernalia.
50. Violating any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, vandalism, and hazing.
51. Making an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel if the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.
52. Operating an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or drone for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event unless granted permission by the Superintendent or designee.
53. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

For purposes of this policy, the term possession includes having control, custody, or care, currently or in the past, of an object or substance, including situations in which the item is: (a) on the student's person; (b) contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of, the student, such as in the student's clothing, backpack, or automobile; (c) in a school's student locker, desk, or other school property; or (d) at any location on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

Efforts, including the use of positive interventions and supports, shall be made to deter students, while at school or a school-related event, from engaging in aggressive behavior that may reasonably produce physical or psychological harm to someone else. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the parent/guardian of a student who engages in aggressive behavior is notified of the incident. The failure to provide such notification does not limit the Board's authority to impose discipline, including suspension or expulsion, for such behavior.

No disciplinary action shall be taken against any student that is based totally or in part on the refusal of the student's parent/guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

Disciplinary Measures

School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and, where practicable and reasonable, shall consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline before using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions. School personnel shall not advise or encourage students to drop out voluntarily due to behavioral or academic difficulties. Potential disciplinary measures include, without limitation, any of the following:

54. Notifying parent(s)/guardian(s).
55. Disciplinary conference.
56. Withholding of privileges.
57. Temporary removal from the classroom.
58. Return of property or restitution for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
59. In-school suspension. The Building Principal or designee shall ensure that the student is properly supervised.
60. After-school study or Saturday study provided the student's parent/guardian has been notified. If transportation arrangements cannot be agreed upon, an alternative disciplinary measure must be used. The student must be supervised by the detaining teacher or the Building Principal or designee.
61. Community service with local public and nonprofit agencies that enhances community efforts to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs. The District will not provide transportation. School administration shall use this option only as an alternative to another disciplinary measure, giving the student and/or parent/guardian the choice.
62. Seizure of contraband; confiscation and temporary retention of personal property that was used to violate this policy or school disciplinary rules.
63. Suspension of bus riding privileges in accordance with Board policy 7:220, *Bus Conduct*.
64. Out-of-school suspension from school and all school activities in accordance with Board policy 7:200, *Suspension Procedures*. A student who has been suspended may also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.
65. Expulsion from school and all school activities for a definite time period not to exceed two calendar years in accordance with Board policy 7:210, *Expulsion Procedures*. A student who has been expelled may also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.
66. Transfer to an alternative program if the student is expelled or otherwise qualifies for the transfer under State law. The transfer shall be in the manner provided in Article 13A or 13B of the School Code.
67. Notifying juvenile authorities or other law enforcement whenever the conduct involves criminal activity, including but not limited to, illegal drugs (controlled substances), look-alikes, alcohol, or weapons or in other circumstances as authorized by the reciprocal reporting agreement between the District and local law enforcement agencies.

The above list of disciplinary measures is a range of options that will not always be applicable in every case. In some circumstances, it may not be possible to avoid suspending or expelling a student because behavioral interventions, other than a suspension and expulsion, will not be appropriate and available, and the only reasonable and practical way to resolve the threat and/or address the disruption is a suspension or expulsion.

Corporal punishment is prohibited. *Corporal punishment* is defined as slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for students, staff, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property.

Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint

Neither isolated time out, time out, nor physical restraint shall be used to discipline or punish a student. These methods are only authorized for use as permitted in 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33, State Board of Education rules (23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.280, 1.285), and the District's procedure(s).

Weapons

A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of at least one calendar year but not more than two calendar years:

68. A *firearm*, meaning any gun, rifle, shotgun, or weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 921), firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65/), or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012 (720 ILCS 5/24-1).
69. A knife, brass knuckles, or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including *look-alikes* of any *firearm* as defined above.

The expulsion requirement under either paragraph one or two above may be modified by the Superintendent, and the Superintendent's determination may be modified by the Board on a case-by-case basis. The Superintendent or designee may grant an exception to this policy, upon the prior request of an adult supervisor, for students in theatre, cooking, ROTC, martial arts, and similar programs, whether or not school-sponsored, provided the item is not equipped, nor intended, to do bodily harm.

This policy's prohibitions concerning weapons apply regardless of whether: (1) a student is licensed to carry a concealed firearm, or (2) the Board permits visitors, who are licensed to carry a concealed firearm, to store a firearm in a locked vehicle in a school parking area.

Re-Engagement of Returning Students

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a process to facilitate the re-engagement of students who are returning from an out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or an alternative school setting. The goal of re-engagement shall be to support the student's ability to be successful in school following a period of exclusionary discipline and shall include the opportunity for students who have been suspended to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit.

Required Notices

A school staff member shall immediately notify the office of the Building Principal in the event that he or she: (1) observes any person in possession of a firearm on or around school grounds; however, such action may be delayed if immediate notice would endanger students under his or her supervision, (2) observes or has reason to suspect that any person on school grounds is or was involved in a drug-related incident, or (3) observes a battery committed against any staff member or is subject to a battery. *School grounds* includes modes of transportation to school activities and any public way within 1000 feet of the school, as well as school property itself.

Upon receiving a report of (1), above, the Building Principal or designee shall immediately notify local law enforcement. In addition, upon receiving a report on any of the above (1)-(3), the Building Principal or designee shall notify the Superintendent or designee and any involved student's parent/guardian.

Upon receiving a report on any of the above (1)-(3), the Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify local law enforcement. The Superintendent or designee shall also report incidents involving battery against staff members to the Ill. State Board of Education through its web-based School Incident Reporting System as they occur during the year and no later than August 1 for the preceding school year.

Delegation of Authority

Each teacher, and any other school personnel when students are under his or her charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, expulsion, corporal punishment, or in-school suspension, that is appropriate and in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers, other certificated [licensed] educational employees, and other persons providing a related service for or with respect to a student, may use reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property. Teachers may temporarily remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

The Superintendent, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, or Dean of Students is authorized to impose the same disciplinary measures as teachers and may suspend students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct from school (including all school functions) and from riding the school bus, up to 10 consecutive school days, provided the appropriate procedures are followed. The Board may suspend a student from riding the bus in excess of 10 school days for safety reasons.

Student Handbook

The Superintendent, with input from the parent-teacher advisory committee, shall prepare disciplinary rules implementing the District's disciplinary policies. These disciplinary rules shall be presented annually to the Board for its review and approval.

A student handbook, including the District disciplinary policies and rules, shall be distributed to the students' parents/guardians within 15 days of the beginning of the school year or a student's enrollment.

Incorporated

by Reference: 7:190-AP4 (Use of Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint)

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7971, Pro-Children Act of 2004.
20 U.S.C. §7961 et seq., Gun Free Schools Act.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b, 5/10-20.14, 5/10-20.28, 5/10-20.36, 5/10-21.7, 5/10-21.10, 5/10-22.6, 5/10-27.1A, 5/10-27.1B, 5/22-33, 5/24-24, 5/26-12, 5/27-23.7, and 5/31-3.
105 ILCS 110/3.10, Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act.
410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program.
410 ILCS 647/, Powdered Caffeine Control and Education Act.
430 ILCS 66/, Firearm Concealed Carry Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.280, 1.285.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:170 (Vandalism), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:210 (Expulsion Procedures), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 7:315 (Restrictions on Publications; High Schools), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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7:190-E-Students

Exhibit - Student Handbook Checklist

The Checklist contains mandatory and recommended notices that schools should give to their students and the students' parents/guardians. *Mandatory* means the notices are legally required. *Recommended* means including the notices are a best practice. The Checklist is in the IASB Policy Reference Manual (PRM) format, and it lists corresponding policies, procedures, and exhibits in numerical order within each sub-headed category. A corresponding citation to the Illinois Principals Association **Online Model Student Handbook (MSH)** is also listed, if one exists. Any handbook should be reviewed by the Board Attorney before distribution to ensure that all mandatory notices are included as this Checklist is subject to change without notice. This Checklist is not a substitute for legal advice.

Mandatory Notices

Student Services

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
Transportation	4:110, <i>Transportation</i>	4.10, <i>Bus Transportation</i>
Transportation reimbursement eligibility and dispute resolution Note: this program has been withdrawn due to lack of funding	4:110, <i>Transportation</i>	4.10, <i>Bus Transportation</i>
Eligibility criteria for free and reduced lunch	4:130, <i>Free and Reduced-Price Food Services</i> 4:130-E, <i>Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; Meal Charge Notifications</i>	3.10, <i>Fees, Fines & Charges; Waiver of Student Fees</i>
Waiver of school fees along with the fee waiver application form	4:140, <i>Waiver of Student Fees</i> 4:140-AP, <i>Fines, Fees, and Charges - Waiver of Student Fees</i> 4:140-E1, <i>Application for Fee Waiver</i> 4:140-E3, <i>Response to Application for Fee Waiver, Appeal, and Response to Appeal</i>	3.10, <i>Fees, Fines & Charges; Waiver of Student Fees</i> 3.10-E1, <i>Application for Fee Waiver</i>
School Wellness (required if the District participates in the National School Lunch Program or Breakfast Program)	6:50, <i>School Wellness</i>	
Alternative learning opportunities	6:110, <i>Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program</i>	2.90, <i>Credit for Proficiency, Non-District Experiences, Course Substitutions and Accelerated</i>

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
		<i>Placement</i>
Notification to parents/guardians of English Learners regarding their child's placement in, and information about, the District's English Learners programs	6:160, <i>English Learners</i>	12.60, <i>English Learners</i>
Parental involvement under Title I (only when the district receives Title I funds)	6:170, <i>Title I Programs</i> 6:170-AP1, <i>Checklist of Development, Implementation, and Maintenance of Parent and Family Engagement Compacts for Title I Programs</i> 6:170-AP1, E1, <i>District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact</i> 6:170-AP1, E2, <i>School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact</i> 6:170-AP2, <i>Notice to Parents Required by Elementary and Secondary Education, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance, and Protection of Pupil Rights Laws</i>	12.130, <i>Parent Notices Required by the Every Student Succeeds Act</i>
Notice to parents required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act	6:170-AP2, <i>Notice to Parents Required by Elementary and Secondary Education, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance, and Protection of Pupil Rights Laws</i>	12.130, <i>Parent Notices Required by the Every Student Succeeds Act</i>
Surveys that request personal information from students	7:15, <i>Student and Family Privacy Rights</i>	11.10, <i>Student Privacy Protections</i>
Birth certificate requirements for enrollment	7:50, <i>School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools</i> 7:50-AP, <i>School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools</i>	
Dental examinations	7:100, <i>Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students</i>	5.10, <i>Immunization, Health, Eye & Dental Examination</i>

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
Eye examinations (K and students enrolling in public school for the first time only)	7:100, <i>Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students</i>	5.10, <i>Immunization, Health, Eye & Dental Examination</i>
Vaccinations (influenza and meningococcal)	7:100, <i>Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students</i>	5.10, <i>Immunization, Health, Eye & Dental Examination</i>
Administration of medications (includes asthma inhalers and epinephrine injectors, opioid antagonists, and glucagon)	7:270, <i>Administering Medicines to Students</i> 7:270-AP1, <i>Dispensing Medication</i> 7:270-E1, <i>School Medication Authorization Form</i>	5.20, <i>Student Medication</i> 5.20-E1, <i>Student Medication Authorization Form</i>

Student Programs

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
Notice of instruction in recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse	6:60-AP1, <i>Comprehensive Health Education Program</i> 6:60-AP1, E1, <i>Notice to Parents/Guardians of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education; Requests to Examine Materials; Written Objection(s) and/or Opt-outs</i>	12.40, <i>Sex Education Instruction</i> 12.40-E1, <i>Notice to Parents on Sex Education Instruction</i>
Free appropriate public education to students with disabilities Special education services to eligible children whether or not enrolled in the District	6:120, <i>Education of Children with Disabilities</i> 6:120-AP1, <i>Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities</i> (downloadable from IASB website, www.iasb.com) 6:120-AP1, E1, <i>Notice to Parents/Guardians Regarding Section 504 Rights</i>	10.10, <i>Education of Children with Disabilities</i>
Counseling options for students who are affected by sexual abuse and grooming behavior, along with options for victims of sexual abuse and grooming behavior to obtain assistance and intervention	7:250, <i>Student Support Services</i> 7:250-AP2, <i>Protocol for Responding to Students with Social, Emotional, or Mental Health Needs</i>	5.30, <i>Guidance and Counseling</i>

Student Responsibilities

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
IHSA policy on banned substances (required only for IHSA schools)	6:190, <i>Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities</i> 6:190-AP, <i>Academic Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities</i> 7:240, <i>Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities</i> 7:240-AP1, <i>Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Activities</i>	9.10, <i>Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct</i>
Absenteeism and truancy	7:70, <i>Attendance and Truancy</i>	2.10, <i>Attendance</i> 2.50, <i>Truancy</i>
Statement of district ownership of and right to search student lockers	7:140, <i>Search and Seizure</i>	8.10, <i>Search and Seizure</i>
Search procedures for school grounds and lockers	7:140, <i>Search and Seizure</i>	8.10, <i>Search and Seizure</i>
Notification regarding access to student accounts or profiles on social networking websites	7:140, <i>Search and Seizure</i> 7:140-E, <i>Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act</i>	8.10, <i>Search and Seizure</i>
Bullying prohibited and reporting encouraged	7:180, <i>Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment</i>	6.40, <i>Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, & Harassment</i> 6.40-E1, <i>Aggressive Behavior Reporting Form</i>
Teen dating violence prohibited and reporting encouraged	7:185, <i>Teen Dating Violence Prohibited</i>	6.45, <i>Harassment and Teen Dating Violence Prohibited</i>
Prohibition of electronic paging devices and making threat by Internet	7:190, <i>Student Behavior</i>	6.30, <i>Student Behavior</i>
All prohibited conduct in the school discipline code, including, but not limited to: 1. Controlled substances 2. Firearms and other weapons	4:170-AP2, E4, <i>Letter to Parents/Guardians About Preventing and Reducing Incidences of Sexting</i> 7:190, <i>Student Behavior</i>	6.30, <i>Student Behavior</i>

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
3. E-cigarettes 4. Gangs and gang-related activity 5. Sexting prohibited	7:190-AP5, <i>Student Handbook - Electronic Devices</i> 7:190-AP6, <i>Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations</i>	
Inform parents/guardians when their child engaged in aggressive behavior along with the school's early intervention procedures	7:190-E1, <i>Aggressive Behavior Reporting Letter and Form</i>	6.40-E1, <i>Aggressive Behavior Reporting Form</i>
Suspension and expulsion, and due process requirements	7:200, <i>Suspension Procedures</i> 7:210, <i>Expulsion Procedures</i>	6.30-E1, <i>Short Term Out-of-School Suspension (1-3 Days) Reporting Form</i> 6.30-E2, <i>Long Term Out-of-School Suspension (4-10 Days) Reporting Form</i>
School bus safety	7:220, <i>Bus Conduct</i> 4:110-AP3, <i>School Bus Safety Rules</i>	4.10, <i>Bus Transportation</i>
Videotape surveillance of buses (if applicable)	7:220, <i>Bus Conduct</i> 7:220-AP, <i>Electronic Recordings on School Buses</i>	4.10, <i>Bus Transportation</i>
Behavior interventions (these may be developed through the Spec. Ed. Coop if the district belongs to one)	7:230, <i>Misconduct by Students With Disabilities</i>	10.20, <i>Discipline of Students with Disabilities</i>
Dress code	7:160, <i>Student Appearance</i>	1.170, <i>Student Appearance</i> 6.20, <i>School Dress Code</i>
All other conduct prohibited by Board policy - school discipline code	7:190, <i>Student Behavior</i>	6.30, <i>Student Behavior</i>

Student Rights

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
Notice of contact information for nondiscrimination and Title IX coordinator(s) and making	2:260, <i>Uniform Grievance Procedure</i> 2:265, <i>Title IX Sexual Harassment</i>	6.40, <i>Prevention of and Response to Bullying,</i>

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
reports or complaint of discrimination or sexual harassment	<i>Grievance Procedure</i>	<i>Intimidation & Harassment</i>
Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, religious beliefs, physical or mental disability, status as homeless, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy	7:10, <i>Equal Educational Opportunities</i> 2:265, <i>Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure</i>	1.50, <i>Equal Opportunity & Sex Equity</i>
Sex equity and grievance procedures	2:260, <i>Uniform Grievance Procedure</i> 2:265, <i>Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure</i> 7:10, <i>Equal Educational Opportunities</i> 7:20, <i>Harassment of Students Prohibited</i>	1.50, <i>Equal Opportunity & Sex Equity</i>
Sexual harassment prohibited and grievance procedures and age-appropriate information about the sexual harassment policy	2:260, <i>Uniform Grievance Procedure</i> 2:265, <i>Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure</i> 7:20, <i>Harassment of Students Prohibited</i> 7:185, <i>Teen Dating Violence Prohibited</i>	6.45, <i>Sexual Harassment & Teen Dating Violence Prohibited</i>
Notify parents of their right to request their child's classroom teachers' qualifications	5:190-E1, <i>Notice to Parents of Their Right to Request Their Child's Classroom Teachers' Qualifications</i>	12.130, <i>Parent Notices Required by the Every Student Succeeds Act</i>
Educational rights of homeless students in the location where homeless children receive services	6:140, <i>Education of Homeless Children</i> 6:140-AP, <i>Education of Homeless Children</i>	12.30, <i>Homeless Child's Right to Education</i>
Notice of parent and student rights under the Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act	7:15, <i>Student and Family Privacy Rights</i> 7:15-E, <i>Notification to Parents of Family Privacy Rights</i>	11.10, <i>Student Privacy Protections</i>
Notice to parents/guardians about social network passwords	7:140, <i>Search and Seizure</i> 7:140-E, <i>Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding</i>	6.70, <i>Access to Student Social Networking</i>

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
	<i>the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act</i>	<i>Passwords & Websites</i>
Notice concerning privacy and access rights to school student records	7:340, <i>Student Records</i> 7:340-AP1, E1, <i>Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records</i> 7:340-AP1, E2, <i>Using a Photograph or Video Recording of a Student</i>	11.20, <i>Student Records</i>
Disclosure of directory information	7:340-AP1, E1, <i>Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records</i> 7:340-AP1, E2, <i>Using a Photograph or Video Recording of a Student</i>	11.20, <i>Student Records</i>
Information classified as directory information and for objecting to disclosure of information	7:340-AP1, E1, <i>Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records</i>	11.20, <i>Student Records</i>
Military recruiting	7:340-AP1, E3, <i>Letter to Parents and Eligible Students Concerning Military Recruiters and Postsecondary Institutions Receiving Student Directory Information</i> 7:340-AP1, E4, <i>Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Military Recruiter Access to Students and Student Information</i>	11.20, <i>Student Records</i>
Student biometric information (when applicable)	7:340, <i>Student Records</i> 7:340-AP1, E5, <i>Biometric Information Collection Authorization</i>	11.30, <i>Student Biometric Information</i>
Notice to parents/guardians concerning student data collected by schools and operators under the Student Online Personal Protection Act	7:345-AP, E2, <i>Student Data Privacy; Notice to Parents About Educational Technology Vendors</i>	7.40, <i>Annual Notice to Parents about Educational Technology Vendors Under the Student</i>

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
		<i>Online Personal Protection Act</i>
Notice of disability accommodation	8:70, <i>Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities</i>	1.110, <i>Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities</i>

General Information

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
Notice before a pesticide application	4:160, <i>Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds</i> 4:160-AP, <i>Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds</i>	12.80, <i>Pesticide Application Notice</i>
Availability of information concerning sex offenders	4:175-API, <i>Criminal Offender Notification Laws; Screening</i> 4:175-API, E1, <i>Informing Parents/Guardians About Offender Community Notification Laws</i>	12.120, <i>Violent Offender Community Notification</i>
School bus safety	4:110-AP3, <i>School Bus Safety Rules</i>	4.10, <i>Bus Transportation</i>
Asbestos management plan, notice of availability		
Notice to parents/guardians and staff of IHSA's online training video about hands-only CPR and AED	4:170, <i>Safety</i> 4:170-AP6, E1, <i>School Staff AED Notification Letter</i>	
Evidence-informed educational information for parents/guardians on the warning signs of child sexual abuse and grooming, and assistance, referral, or resource information	4:165, <i>Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors</i>	1.180, <i>Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse, Grooming Behaviors, and Boundary Violations</i>
Contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Crisis Text Line, and either the Safe2Help Illinois helpline and/or a local suicide prevention hotline	7:290, <i>Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention</i> 7:290-AP, <i>Resource Guide for Implementation of Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program</i>	
Notice that a student athlete and his/her parent must sign	7:305, <i>Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries</i>	9.30, <i>Student Athlete Concussions and</i>

Mandatory Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
acknowledgement of receiving the concussion policy (required only for IHSA schools)	7:305-AP, <i>Program for Managing Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries</i>	<i>Head Injuries</i>
School visitation rights notice	8:95-E1, <i>Letter Notifying Parents/Guardians of School Visitation Rights</i> 8:95-E2, <i>Verification of School Visitation</i>	12.70, <i>School Visitation Rights</i>
Ill. State Board of Elections one-page document explaining voter registration process, available at www.elections.il.gov/ (high schools only)		
Employee code of professional conduct	5:120, <i>Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; Conflict of Interest</i>	1.185, <i>Faith's Law Notifications</i>

Recommended Notices

Student Services

Recommended Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
Information regarding waiver of student fees	4:140, <i>Waiver of Student Fees</i>	3.10, <i>Fees, Fines and Charges; Waiver of Student Fees</i>
Fire drill program, building specific plan	4:170, <i>Safety</i> 4:170-AP1, <i>Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan</i>	5.40, <i>Safety Drill Procedures and Conduct</i>
School safety plans, including severe weather and injury or sudden illness	4:170, <i>Safety</i> 4:170-AP1, <i>Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan</i> 4:170-AP1, E1, <i>Accident or Injury Form</i>	2.100, <i>Home and Hospital Instruction</i>
Targeted school violence prevention program, including threat assessment teams	4:190, <i>Targeted School Violence Prevention Program</i> 4:190-AP2, <i>Threat Assessment Team (TAT)</i>	
Home and hospital instruction	6:150, <i>Home and Hospital Instruction</i>	2.100, <i>Home and Hospital Instruction</i>
Student residency and tuition	7:60, <i>Residence</i> 7:60-AP1, <i>Challenging a Student's Residence Status</i> 7:60-AP2, <i>Establishing Student</i>	

Recommended Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
	<i>Residency</i> 7:60-AP2, E1, <i>Letter of Residence from Landlord in Lieu of Lease</i> 7:60-AP2, E2, <i>Letter of Residence to be Used When the Person Seeking to Enroll a Student is Living with a District Resident</i> 7:60-AP2, E3, <i>Evidence of Non-Parent's Custody, Control and Responsibility of a Student</i>	
Parking, building specific	7:140, <i>Search and Seizure</i>	4.20, <i>Parking</i>
Health and school counselor and social work access	7:250, <i>Student Support Services</i>	5.30, <i>Guidance & Counseling</i>
Communicable and infectious disease	7:280, <i>Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease</i> 7:280-AP, <i>Managing Students with Communicable and Infectious Diseases</i>	5.50, <i>Communicable Disease</i> 5.60, <i>Head Lice</i>
Students with diabetes	6:120-AP4, <i>Care of Students with Diabetes</i>	1.130, <i>Care of Students with Diabetes</i> 1.130-E1, <i>Authorization to Provide Diabetic Care</i>
Medical cannabis administration	7:270-E2, <i>School Medication Authorization Form - Medical Cannabis</i>	5.20, <i>Student Medication</i>
Anaphylaxis prevention and response	7:285, <i>Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program</i> 7:285-AP, <i>Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program</i>	1.190, <i>Prevention of Anaphylaxis</i>
Telephone use, building specific		

Student Programs

Recommended Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
Weighted grades	6:280-AP, <i>Evaluating and Reporting Student Achievement</i>	
District philosophy and goals	1:30, <i>School District Philosophy</i>	

Recommended Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
	3:10, <i>Goals and Objectives</i> 6:10, <i>Educational Philosophy and Objectives</i>	
Remote Learning and/or e-learning program(s)	6:20, <i>School Year Calendar and Day</i> 6:20-AP, <i>Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan(s)</i> 6:185, <i>Remote Educational Program</i>	
Anti-bias curriculum	6:60, <i>Curriculum Content</i>	
Driver education eligibility and requirements (high schools only)	6:60, <i>Curriculum Content</i>	
Parental objections to sex education, family life instruction, and sexually transmitted diseases	6:60-AP1, E1, <i>Notice to Parents/Guardians of Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education; Requests to Examine Materials; Written Objection(s) and /or Opt-outs</i>	12.40, <i>Sex Education Instruction</i> 12.40-E1, <i>Notice to Parents on Sex Education Instruction</i>
Biking and Walking Safety Education	6:60-AP1, E2, <i>Resources for Biking and Walking Safety Education</i>	
Accelerated placement availability	6:135, <i>Accelerated Placement Program</i>	2:90, <i>Credit for Proficiency, Non-District Experiences, Course Substitutions and Accelerated Placement</i>
Adaptive physical education program exemption	6:310, <i>High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students</i>	2.80, <i>Exemption from PE Requirement (Regular Education)</i>
Bilingual education availability	6:160, <i>English Learners</i>	12.60, <i>English Learners</i>
Co-curricular activities	6:190, <i>Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities</i>	9.10, <i>Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct</i>
“No Pass, No Play”	6:190, <i>Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities</i>	9.10, <i>Extracurricular and Athletic</i>

Recommended Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
	6:190-AP, <i>Academic Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities</i>	<i>Activities Code of Conduct</i>
Parental right to review instructional materials	6:210, <i>Instructional Materials</i>	11.10, <i>Student Privacy Protections</i>
Acceptable use and Internet safety	6:235, <i>Access to Electronic Networks</i> 6:235-AP1, <i>Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks</i> 6:235-AP1, E1, <i>Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks</i> 6:235-AP1, E2, <i>Staff Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks</i>	7.10, <i>Internet Acceptable Use</i> 7.10-E1, <i>Internet Acceptable Use Sign-Off</i>
Social promotion	6:280, <i>Grading and Promotion</i> 6:280-AP, <i>Evaluating and Reporting Student Achievement</i>	2.60, <i>Grading and Promotion</i>
High school graduation requirements (high schools only)	6:300, <i>Graduation Requirements</i>	2.120, <i>Graduation Requirements</i>
Right of students with IEP to participate in graduation ceremony (high schools only)	6:300, <i>Graduation Requirements</i>	10.40, <i>Certificate of High School Completion</i>
Physical education, including waiver of required classes	6:310, <i>High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students</i>	2.80, <i>Exemption from PE Requirement (Regular Education)</i> 10.30, <i>Exemption from PE Requirement (Special Education)</i>
Class schedules, building specific		
Schedule of testing programs, building specific	6:340, <i>Student Testing and Assessment Program</i>	
Student distribution of non-curricular material	7:310, <i>Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools</i> 7:310-AP, <i>Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications;</i>	7.20, <i>Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications</i>

Recommended Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
	<i>Elementary Schools 7:315, Restrictions on Publications; High Schools 7:315-AP, Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications; High Schools</i>	<i>7.27, Access to Non- School Sponsored Publications</i>

General Information

Recommended Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
School calendar	<i>6:20, School Year Calendar and Day</i>	
Field trip	<i>6:240, Field Trips 6:240-AP, Field Trip Guidelines</i>	<i>6.60, Field Trips</i>
Release time for religious instruction/observance	<i>7:80, Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance</i>	<i>2.30, Release Time for Religious Instruction and Observance</i>
Release time for students voting in elections	<i>7:90, Release During School Hours</i>	
Extra-curricular drug and alcohol testing (if applicable)	<i>7:240-AP2, Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program 7:240-AP2, E1, Consent to Participate in Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program</i>	<i>9.10, Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct</i>
Eligibility to remove college entrance exams from student transcripts	<i>7:340, Student Records</i>	<i>11.20, Student Records</i>
Equal access to school facilities	<i>8:20, Community Use of School Facilities</i>	
Identification and registration of persons entering the school building	<i>8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property</i>	<i>1.40, Visitors</i>
Statement that the handbook is: 1. Only a summary of board policies governing the district; board policies are available to the public at the district office 2. A document that may be amended during the year without notice	<i>2:240, Board Policy Development</i>	<i>1.20, Student Handbook Acknowledgement 1.30, General School Information</i>

Recommended Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
3. Is a communication tool of all policies to persons expected to execute and comply with them		
Address of District offices, list of administrators, and contact information	2:250, <i>Access to District Public Records</i> 2:250-E2, <i>Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records</i>	1.30, <i>General School Information</i>
Board members' names	2:250, <i>Access to District Public Records</i> 2:250-E2, <i>Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records</i>	1.30, <i>General School Information</i>
List of District school addresses	2:250, <i>Access to District Public Records</i> 2:250-E2, <i>Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records</i>	1.30, <i>General School Information</i>

Special Circumstance Notifications

Special Circumstance Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
Notification for unsafe school transfer choice	4:170, <i>Safety</i> 4:170-AP5, <i>Unsafe School Choice Option</i>	12.100, <i>Unsafe School - Transfer</i>
Notification of right to review teachers' qualifications	5:190, <i>Teacher Qualifications</i> 5:190-E1, <i>Notice to Parents of Their Right to Request Their Child's Classroom Teachers' Qualifications</i> 5:190-E2, <i>Notice to Parents When Their Child Is Assigned To or Has Been Taught for at Least Four Straight Weeks By a Teacher Who Does Not Meet Applicable State Certification/Licensure Requirements</i> 5:190-E3, <i>Letter to Teacher Who Does Not Meet Applicable State Certification/Licensure Requirements for the Grade Level and Subject Area of</i>	12.130, <i>Parent Notices Required by the Every Student Succeeds Act</i>

Special Circumstance Topics	IASB PRM	IPA MSH
	<i>Assignment</i>	
Notice when: 1. Student is being taught by a teacher who is not highly qualified, 2. School identified as in need of improvement, 3. Schools are identified for corrective action, 4. Schools are identified for restructuring, 5. There is eligibility for supplemental educational services, and 6. The district offers voluntary school choice, if applicable.	5:190-E2, <i>Notice to Parents When Their Child Is Assigned To or Has Been Taught for at Least Four Straight Weeks By a Teacher Who Does Not Meet Applicable State Certification/Licensure Requirements</i> 6:15, <i>School Accountability</i>	
Credit for proficiency	6:110, <i>Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program</i>	2.90, <i>Credit for Proficiency, Non-District Experiences, Course Substitutions and Accelerated Placement</i>

7:200-Students

Suspension Procedures

In-School Suspension

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to maintain an in-school suspension program. The program shall include, at a minimum, each of the following:

70. Before assigning a student to in-school suspension, the charges will be explained and the student will be given an opportunity to respond to the charges.
71. Students are supervised by licensed school personnel.
72. Students are given the opportunity to complete classroom work during the in-school suspension for equivalent academic credit.

Out-of-School Suspension

The Superintendent or designee shall implement suspension procedures that provide, at a minimum, for each of the following:

73. A conference during which the charges will be explained and the student will be given an opportunity to respond to the charges before he or she may be suspended.
74. A pre-suspension conference is not required, and the student can be immediately suspended when the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disruption to the educational process. In such cases, the notice and conference shall follow as soon as practicable.
75. An attempted phone call to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).
76. A written notice of the suspension to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student, which shall:
 - a. Provide notice to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of their child's right to a review of the suspension;
 - b. Include information about an opportunity to make up work missed during the suspension for equivalent academic credit;
 - c. Detail the specific act of gross disobedience or misconduct resulting in the decision to suspend;
 - d. Provide rationale or an explanation of how the chosen number of suspension days will address the threat or disruption posed by the student or his or her act of gross disobedience or misconduct; and
 - e. Depending upon the length of the out-of-school suspension, include the following applicable information:
 - i. For a suspension of 3 school days or less, an explanation that the student's continuing presence in school would either pose:
 1. A threat to school safety, or
 2. A disruption to other students' learning opportunities.
 - ii. For a suspension of 4 or more school days, an explanation:
 1. That other appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions have been exhausted,
 2. As to whether school officials attempted other interventions or determined that no other interventions were available for the student, and
 3. That the student's continuing presence in school would either:
 - a. Pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, or

- b. Substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school.
 - iii. For a suspension of 4 or more school days, the information listed in section 4.e.ii., above, along with documentation by the Superintendent or designee determining what, if any, appropriate and available support services will be provided to the student during the length of his or her suspension.
77. A summary of the notice, including the reason for the suspension and the suspension length, must be given to the Board by the Superintendent or designee.
78. Upon request of the parent(s)/guardian(s), a review of the suspension shall be conducted by the Board or a hearing officer appointed by the Board. At the review, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may appear and discuss the suspension with the Board or its hearing officer and may be represented by counsel. Whenever there is evidence that mental illness may be the cause for the suspension, the Superintendent or designee shall invite a representative from a local mental health agency to consult with the Board. After presentation of the evidence or receipt of the hearing officer's report, the Board shall take such action as it finds appropriate. If the suspension is upheld, the Board's written suspension decision shall specifically detail items (a) and (e) in number 4, above.

LEGAL REF.: Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975).
105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.280.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:220 (Bus Conduct)

Revised: December 18, 2024

7:210-Students

Expulsion Procedures

The Superintendent or designee shall implement expulsion procedures that provide, at a minimum, for the following:

1. Before a student may be expelled, the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be provided a written request to appear at a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. The request shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The request shall:
 - a. Include the time, date, and place for the hearing.
 - b. Briefly describe what will happen during the hearing.
 - c. Detail the specific act of gross disobedience or misconduct resulting in the decision to recommend expulsion.
 - d. List the student's prior suspension(s).
 - e. State that the School Code allows the School Board to expel a student for a definite period of time not to exceed 2 calendar years, as determined on a case-by-case basis.
 - f. Ask that the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) or attorney inform the Superintendent or Board Attorney if the student will be represented by an attorney and, if so, the attorney's name and contact information.
2. Unless the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) indicate that they do not want a hearing or fail to appear at the designated time and place, the hearing will proceed. It shall be conducted by the Board or a hearing officer appointed by it. If a hearing officer is appointed, he or she shall report to the Board the evidence presented at the hearing and the Board shall take such final action as it finds appropriate. Whenever there is evidence that mental illness may be the cause for the recommended expulsion, the Superintendent or designee shall invite a representative from a local mental health agency to consult with the Board.
3. During the expulsion hearing, the Board or hearing officer shall hear evidence concerning whether the student is guilty of the gross disobedience or misconduct as charged. School officials must provide: (1) testimony of any other interventions attempted and exhausted or of their determination that no other appropriate and available interventions were available for the student, and (2) evidence of the threat or disruption posed by the student. The student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) may be represented by counsel, offer evidence, present witnesses, cross-examine witnesses who testified, and otherwise present reasons why the student should not be expelled. After presentation of the evidence or receipt of the hearing officer's report, the Board shall decide the issue of guilt and take such action as it finds appropriate.
4. If the Board acts to expel the student, its written expulsion decision shall:
 - a. Detail the specific reason why removing the student from his or her learning environment is in the best interest of the school.
 - b. Provide a rationale for the specific duration of the recommended expulsion.
 - c. Document how school officials determined that all behavioral and disciplinary interventions have been exhausted by specifying which interventions were attempted or whether school officials determined that no other appropriate and available interventions existed for the student.
 - d. Document how the student's continuing presence in school would (1) pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, or (2) substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school.

5. Upon expulsion, the District may refer the student to appropriate and available support services.

LEGAL REF.: Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975).
105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

Revised: November 17, 2021

7:220 Bus Conduct

All students must follow the District's *School Bus Safety Rules*.

School Bus Suspensions

The Superintendent, or any designee as permitted in the School Code, is authorized to suspend a student from riding the school bus for up to 10 consecutive school days for engaging in gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to, the following:

1. Prohibited student conduct as defined in School Board policy, [7 : 190](#), *Student Behavior*.
2. Willful injury or threat of injury to a bus driver or to another rider.
3. Willful and/or repeated defacement of the bus.
4. Repeated use of profanity.
5. Repeated willful disobedience of a directive from a bus driver or other supervisor.
6. Such other behavior as the Superintendent or designee deems to threaten the safe operation of the bus and/or its occupants.

If a student is suspended from riding the bus for gross disobedience or misconduct on a bus, the School Board may suspend the student from riding the school bus for a period in excess of 10 days for safety reasons. The District's regular suspension procedures shall be used to suspend a student's privilege to ride a school bus.

Academic Credit for Missed Classes During School Bus Suspension

A student suspended from riding the bus who does not have alternate transportation to school shall have the opportunity to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit. It shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to notify the school that the student does not have alternate transportation.

Electronic Recordings on School Buses

Electronic visual and audio recordings may be used on school buses to monitor conduct and to promote and maintain a safe environment for students and employees when transportation is provided for any school related activity. Notice of electronic recordings shall be displayed on the exterior of the vehicle's entrance door and front interior bulkhead in compliance with State law and the rules of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety.

Students are prohibited from tampering with electronic recording devices. Students who violate this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with the Board's discipline policy and shall reimburse the School District for any necessary repairs or replacement.

LEGAL REF.:

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, [20 U.S.C. §1232g](#); [34 C.F.R. Part 99.105 ILCS 5/10-20.14](#), [5/10-22.6](#), and [10/](#).

720 ILCS 5/14-3(m).

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 375, Student Records.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:170 (Safety), 7 :130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7 :170 (Vandalism), 7 : 190 (Student Behavior), 7 :200 (Suspension Procedures), 7 :230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7 :340 (Student Records)

ADMIN. PROC.: 4:110-AP3 (School Bus Safety Rules)

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7:230 Misconduct By Students With Disabilities

Behavioral Interventions

Behavioral interventions shall be used with students with disabilities to promote and strengthen desirable behaviors and reduce identified inappropriate behaviors. The School Board will establish and maintain a committee to develop, implement, and monitor procedures on the use of behavioral interventions for children with disabilities.

Discipline of Special Education Students

The District shall comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and the Illinois State Board of Education's *Special Education* rules when disciplining special education students. No special education student shall be expelled if the student's particular act of gross disobedience or misconduct is a manifestation of his or her disability.

LEGAL REF.:

Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, [20 U.S.C. §§1412, 1413, and 1415.](#)

Gun-Free Schools Act, [20 U.S.C. §7151 et seq.](#)

[34 C.F.R. §§300.101, 300.530 - 300.536.](#)

[105 ILCS 5/10-22.6 and 5/14-8.05.](#)

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §226.400.](#)

[Honig v. Doe](#), 108 S.Ct. 592 (1988).

CROSS REF.: [2:150](#) (Committees), [6:120](#) (Education of Children with Disabilities), [7 :130](#) (Student Rights and Responsibilities), [7 : 190](#) (Student Behavior), [7 :200](#) (Suspension Procedures), [7 :210](#) (Expulsion Procedures), [7 :220](#) (Bus Conduct)

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7:240-Students

Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

The Superintendent or designee, using input from coaches and sponsors of extracurricular activities, shall develop a conduct code for all participants in extracurricular activities consistent with School Board policy. The conduct code shall: (1) require participants in extracurricular activities to conduct themselves as good citizens and exemplars of their school at all times, including after school, on days when school is not in session, and whether on or off school property; (2) emphasize that hazing and bullying activities are strictly prohibited; and (3) notify participants that failure to abide by it could result in discipline, up to and including removal from the activity. Participants who violate the conduct code will be allowed to give an explanation before being progressively disciplined. The conduct code shall be reviewed by the Building Principal periodically at his or her discretion and presented to the Board.

Participants in extracurricular activities must abide by the conduct code for the activity and Board policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*. All coaches and sponsors of extracurricular activities shall annually review the conduct code with participants and provide participants with a copy. In addition, coaches and sponsors of interscholastic athletic programs shall provide instruction on steroid abuse prevention to students in grades 7 through 12 participating in these programs.

Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

The District maintains an extracurricular drug and alcohol testing program in order to foster the health, safety, and welfare of its students. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and participants need to be exemplars. The program promotes healthy and drug-free participation.

Each student and his or her parents/guardians must consent to having the student submit to random drug and alcohol testing in order to participate in any extracurricular activity. Failure to sign the District's *Consent to Participate in Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program* form will result in non-participation.

If a test is *positive*, the student will not participate in extracurricular activities until after a *follow-up* test is requested by the Building Principal or designee and the results are reported. The Building Principal or designee will request a *follow-up* test after such an interval of time that the substance previously found would normally be eliminated from the body. If this *follow-up* test is negative, the student will be allowed to resume extracurricular activities. If a *positive* result is obtained from the *follow-up* test, or any later test, the same previous procedure shall be followed.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy. No student shall be expelled or suspended from school as a result of any verified positive test conducted under this program other than when independent reasonable suspicion of drug and/or alcohol usage exists. This program does not affect the District policies, practices, or rights to search or test any student who at the time exhibits cause for reasonable suspicion of drug and/or alcohol use.

Performance Enhancing Drug Testing of High School Student Athletes

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) prohibits participants in an athletic activity sponsored or sanctioned by IHSA from ingesting or otherwise using any performance enhancing substance on its banned substance list, without a written prescription and medical documentation provided by a licensed physician who evaluated the student-athlete for a legitimate medical condition. IHSA administers a performance-enhancing substance testing program. Under this program, student athletes are subject to random drug testing for the presence in their bodies of performance-enhancing substances on the IHSA's banned substance list. In addition to being penalized by IHSA, a student may be disciplined according to Board policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*.

LEGAL REF.: Mahanoy Area Sch. Dist. v. B.L., 141 S.Ct. 2038 (2021).
Bd. of Educ. of Independent Sch. Dist. No. 92 v. Earls, 536 U.S. 822 (2002).
Vernonia Sch. Dist. 475 v. Acton, 515 U.S. 646 (1995).
Clements v. Bd. of Educ. of Decatur, 133 Ill.App.3d 531 (4th Dist. 1985).
Kevin Jordan v. O’Fallon THSD 203, 302 Ill.App.3d 1070 (5th Dist. 1999).
Todd v. Rush County Schs., 133 F.3d 984 (7th Cir. 1998).

105 ILCS 5/24-24, 5/27-23.3, and 25/2.

CROSS REF.: 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications), 6:190 (Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

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7:250-Students

Student Support Services

The District provides a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services when enrolling in or changing schools.

The following student support services may be provided by the School District:

1. Health services supervised by a qualified school nurse. The Superintendent or designee may implement procedures to further a healthy school environment and prevent or reduce the spread of disease.
2. Educational and psychological testing services and the services of a school psychologist as needed. In all cases, written permission to administer a psychological examination must be obtained from a student's parent(s)/guardian(s). The results will be given to the parent(s)/guardian(s), with interpretation, as well as to the appropriate professional staff.
3. The services of a school social worker. A student's parent/guardian must consent to regular or continuing services from a social worker.
4. Guidance and school counseling services.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols for responding to students with social, emotional, or mental health needs that impact learning ability. The District, however, assumes no liability for preventing, identifying, or treating such needs.

Erin's Law Counseling Options, Assistance, and Intervention

The Superintendent or designee will ensure that each school building's Student Support Committee identifies counseling options for students who are affected by sexual abuse and grooming behaviors, along with District and community-based options for victims of sexual abuse and grooming behaviors to obtain assistance and intervention. Community-based options must include a Children's Advocacy Center and sexual assault crisis center(s) that serve the District, if any.

This policy shall be implemented in a manner consistent with State and federal laws, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-23.13(b), 5/10-20.59, and 5/21B-25(G).
405 ILCS 49/, Children's Mental Health Act.
740 ILCS 110/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act.

CROSS REF.: 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:270 (Guidance and Counseling Program), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease), 7:340 (Student Records)

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7:260-Students

Exemption from Physical Education

In order to be excused from participation in physical education, a student must present an appropriate excuse from his or her parent/guardian or from a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act. The excuse may be based on medical or religious prohibitions. An excuse because of medical reasons must include a signed statement from a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act that corroborates the medical reason for the request. An excuse based on religious reasons must include a signed statement from a member of the clergy that corroborates the religious reason for the request. Upon written notice from a student's parent/guardian, a student will be excused from engaging in the physical activity components of physical education during a period of religious fasting.

Special activities in physical education will be provided for a student whose physical or emotional condition, as determined by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act, prevents his or her participation in the physical education course.

State law prohibits the Board from honoring parental excuses based upon a student's participation in athletic training, activities, or competitions conducted outside the auspices of the School District.

A student who is eligible for special education may be excused from physical education courses in either of the following situations:

1. He or she (a) is in grades 3-12, (b) his or her IEP requires that special education support and services be provided during physical education time, and (c) the parent/guardian agrees or the IEP team makes the determination; or
2. He or she (a) has an IEP, (b) is participating in an adaptive athletic program outside of the school setting, and (c) the parent/guardian documents the student's participation as required by the Superintendent or designee.

A student requiring adapted physical education must receive that service in accordance with his or her Individualized Educational Program/Plan (IEP).

A student in grades 9-12, unless otherwise stated, may submit a written request to the Building Principal to be excused from physical education courses for the reasons stated in 6:310, *High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students*.

Students in grades 7 and 8 may submit a written request to the Building Principal to be excused from physical education courses because of his or her ongoing participation in an interscholastic or extracurricular athletic program. The Building Principal will evaluate requests on a case-by-case basis.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records showing that the criteria set forth in this policy were applied to the student's individual circumstances, as appropriate.

Students who have been excused from physical education shall return to the course as soon as practical. The following considerations will be used to determine when a student shall return to a physical education course:

1. The time of year when the student's participation ceases;
2. The student's class schedule; and
3. The student's future or planned additional participation in activities qualifying for substitutions for physical education as outlined in policy 6:310, *High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students*.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/27-6.
225 ILCS 60/, Medical Practice Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(p) and §1.425(d), (e).

CROSS REF.: 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences;
Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students)

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7:270-Students

Administering Medicines to Students

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow the District's procedures on dispensing medication.

No School District employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed *School Medication Authorization Form (SMA Form)* is submitted by the student's parent/guardian.

No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

The Building Principal shall include this policy in the Student Handbook and shall provide a copy to the parents/guardians of students.

Self-Administration of Medication

A student may possess and self-administer an epinephrine injector, e.g., EpiPen®, and/or asthma medication prescribed for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed an *SMA Form*. The Superintendent or designee will ensure an Emergency Action Plan is developed for each self-administering student.

A student may self-administer medication required under a *qualifying plan*, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed an *SMA Form*. A qualifying plan means: (1) an asthma action plan, (2) an Individual Health Care Action Plan, (3) an allergy emergency action plan, (4) a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or (5) a plan pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication, including asthma medication or epinephrine injectors, or medication required under a qualifying plan. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine injector, asthma medication, and/or a medication required under a qualifying plan.

School District Supply of Undesignated Asthma Medication

The Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30(f) and maintain a supply of undesignated asthma medication in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Undesignated asthma medication* means an asthma medication prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law, may administer an undesignated asthma medication to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having *respiratory distress*. Respiratory distress may be characterized as *mild-to-moderate* or *severe*. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law.

School District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Injectors

The Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30(f) and maintain a supply of undesignated epinephrine injectors in the name of the District and provide or administer them as

necessary according to State law. *Undesignated epinephrine injector* means an epinephrine injector prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law, may administer an undesignated epinephrine injector to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having an anaphylactic reaction. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law.

School District Supply of Undesignated Opioid Antagonists

The Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30(f) and maintain a supply of undesignated opioid antagonists and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Opioid antagonist* means a drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effect of opioids acting on those receptors, including, but not limited to, naloxone hydrochloride or any other similarly acting drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. *Undesignated opioid antagonist* is not defined by the School Code; for purposes of this policy it means an opioid antagonist prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools or obtained by the District without a prescription. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law, may administer an undesignated opioid antagonist to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having an opioid overdose. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law. See the website for the Ill. Dept. of Human Services for information about opioid prevention, abuse, public awareness, and a toll-free number to provide information and referral services for persons with questions concerning substance abuse treatment.

School District Supply of Undesignated Oxygen Tanks

In schools where the District maintains special educational facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 5/22-30(f) and maintain a supply of undesignated oxygen tanks in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary. The supply shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer instructions and local fire department rules.

School District Supply of Undesignated Glucagon

The Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 145/27 and maintain a supply of undesignated glucagon in the name of the District in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

When a student's prescribed glucagon is not available or has expired, a school nurse or delegated care aide may administer undesignated glucagon only if he or she is authorized to do so by a student's diabetes care plan.

Administration of Medical Cannabis

The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act allows a *medical cannabis infused product* to be administered to a student by one or more of the following individuals:

1. A parent/guardian of a student who is a minor who registers with the Ill. Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) as a designated caregiver to administer medical cannabis to their child. A designated caregiver may also be another individual other than the student's parent/guardian. Any designated caregiver must be at least 21 years old and is allowed to administer a medical cannabis infused product to a child who is a student on the premises of his or her school or on his or her school bus if:
 - a. Both the student and the designated caregiver possess valid registry identification cards issued by IDPH;
 - b. Copies of the registry identification cards are provided to the District;
 - c. That student's parent/guardian completed, signed, and submitted a School Medication Authorization Form - Medical Cannabis; and

- d. After administering the product to the student, the designated caregiver immediately removes it from school premises or the school bus.
2. A properly trained school nurse or administrator, who shall be allowed to administer the medical cannabis infused product to the student on the premises of the child's school, at a school-sponsored activity, or before/after normal school activities, including while the student is in before-school or after-school care on school-operated property or while being transported on a school bus.
3. The student him or herself when the self-administration takes place under the direct supervision of a school nurse or administrator.

Medical cannabis infused product (product) includes oils, ointments, foods, and other products that contain usable cannabis but are not smoked or vaped. Smoking and/or vaping medical cannabis is prohibited.

The product may not be administered in a manner that, in the opinion of the District or school, would create a disruption to the educational environment or cause exposure of the product to other students. A school employee shall not be required to administer the product.

Discipline of a student for being administered a product by a designated caregiver, or by a school nurse or administrator, or who self-administers a product under the direct supervision of a school nurse or administrator pursuant to this policy is prohibited. The District may not deny a student attendance at a school solely because he or she requires administration of the product during school hours.

Void Policy

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Asthma Medication** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for undesignated asthma medication from a physician or advanced practice nurse licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school asthma medication.

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Injectors** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for undesignated epinephrine injectors from a physician or advanced practice nurse licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school epinephrine injectors.

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Opioid Antagonists** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is unable to obtain a supply of opioid antagonists due to a shortage, in which case the District shall make reasonable efforts to maintain a supply.

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Oxygen Tanks** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for oxygen tanks from a qualifying prescriber, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated oxygen tanks.

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Glucagon** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for glucagon from a qualifying prescriber, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school glucagon.

The **Administration of Medical Cannabis** section of the policy is void and the District reserves the right not to implement it if the District or school is in danger of losing federal funding.

Administration of Undesignated Medication

Upon any administration of an undesignated medication permitted by State law, the Superintendent or designee(s) must ensure all notifications required by State law and administrative procedures occur.

Undesignated Medication Disclaimers

Upon implementation of this policy, the protections from liability and hold harmless provisions applicable under State law apply.

No one, including without limitation, parents/guardians of students, should rely on the District for the availability of undesignated medication. This policy does not guarantee the availability of undesignated medications. Students and their parents/guardians should consult their own physician regarding these medication(s).

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b, 5/10-22.21b, 5/22-30, and 5/22-33.
105 ILCS 145/, Care of Students with Diabetes Act.
410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
720 ILCS 550/, Cannabis Control Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540.

CROSS REF.: 7:285 (Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program)

ADMIN. PROC.: 7:270-AP1 (Dispensing Medication), 7:270-AP2 (Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Medication(s)), 7:270-E1 (School Medication Authorization Form), 7:270-E2 (School Medication Authorization Form - Medical Cannabis)

Revised: January 17, 2024

7-275-Students

Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

Written orders from parents/guardians to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child must be signed by the student's physician and given to the Superintendent. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act. 755 ILCS 40/.

Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Superintendent shall convene a multi-disciplinary team that includes:

4. The student, when appropriate;
5. The student's parents/guardians;
6. Other medical professionals, e.g., licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner;
7. Local first responders for the building in which the student is assigned to attend school;
8. The school nurse;
9. Clergy, if requested by the student or his or her parents/guardians;
10. Other individuals to provide support to the student or his or her parents/guardians; and
11. School personnel designated by the Superintendent.

The team shall determine guidelines to be used by school staff members in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event.

District personnel shall convey orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment to the appropriate emergency or healthcare provider.

LEGAL REF.: Health Care Surrogate Act, 755 ILCS 40/.
 Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dept. of Health, 497 U.S. 261 (1990).
 In re C.A., a minor, 236 Ill.App.3d 594 (1st Dist. 1992).

Revised: August 21, 2023

7:280-Students

Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease

A student with or carrying a communicable and/or chronic infectious disease has all rights, privileges, and services provided by law and the School Board's policies. The Superintendent will develop procedures to safeguard these rights while managing health and safety concerns.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-21.11.
 23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.610 and 226.300.
 77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 690.
 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq., Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of
 2004.
 29 U.S.C. §794(a), Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504.

Revised: August 16, 2021

7:285-Students

Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program

School attendance may increase a student's risk of exposure to allergens that could trigger anaphylaxis. Students at risk for anaphylaxis benefit from a School Board policy that coordinates a planned response in the event of an anaphylactic emergency. Anaphylaxis is a severe systemic allergic reaction from exposure to allergens that is rapid in onset and can cause death. Common allergens include animal dander, fish, latex, milk, shellfish, tree nuts, eggs, insect venom, medications, peanuts, soy, and wheat. A severe allergic reaction usually occurs quickly; death has been reported to occur within minutes. An anaphylactic reaction can also occur up to one to two hours after exposure to the allergen.

While it is not possible for the District to completely eliminate the risks of an anaphylactic emergency when a student is at school, an Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program using a cooperative effort among students' families, staff members, students, health care providers, emergency medical services, and the community helps the District reduce these risks and provide accommodations and proper treatment for anaphylactic reactions.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement an Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program for the prevention and treatment of anaphylaxis that:

1. Fully implements the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE)'s model policy required by the School Code that: (a) relates to the care and response to a person having an anaphylaxis reaction, (b) addresses the use of epinephrine in a school setting, (c) provides a full food allergy and prevention of allergen exposure plan, and (d) aligns with 105 ILCS 5/22-30 and 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540.
2. Ensures staff members receive appropriate training, including: (a) an in-service training program for staff who work with students that is conducted by a person with expertise in anaphylactic reactions and management, and (b) training required by law for those staff members acting as *trained personnel*, as provided in 105 ILCS 5/22-30 and 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540.
3. Implements and maintains a supply of undesignated epinephrine in the name of the District, in accordance with policy 7:270, *Administering Medicines to Students*.
4. Follows and references the applicable best practices specific to the District's needs in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in Schools and Early Care and Education Programs* and the *National Association of School Nurses Allergies and Anaphylaxis Resources/Checklists*.
5. Provides annual notice to the parents/guardians of all students to make them aware of this policy.
6. Complies with State and federal law and is in alignment with Board policies.

Monitoring

Pursuant to State law and policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, the Board reviews and makes any necessary updates to this policy at least once every three years. The Superintendent or designee shall assist the Board with its review and any necessary updates.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.190, 5/10-22.39(e), and 5/22-30.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540.
Anaphylaxis Response Policy for Illinois Schools, published by ISBE.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:120 (Food Services), 4:170 (Safety), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:240 (Field Trips), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)

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7:285-AP-Students

Administrative Procedure - Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program

The following procedure implements policy 7:285, *Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program*, which is based upon the Ill. State Board of Education's (ISBE) *Anaphylaxis Response Policy for Schools (ISBE Model)*, available at: www.isbe.net/Documents/Anaphylactic-policy.pdf (105 ILCS 5/2-3.182). The District's Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program is developed and collectively implemented by local school officials, District staff, students and their families, and the community. This administrative procedure contains three sections as follows:

1. Glossary of Terms
2. Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
3. Individual Allergy Management (Three Phases)
 - Phase One: Identification of Students with Allergies
 - Phase Two: Plan to Reduce Risk of Allergic Reactions
 - Phase Three: Response to Allergic Reactions

Glossary of Terms

The Terms Related to This Model Anaphylaxis Response Policy of the ISBE Model (p. 4) is incorporated here by reference. In this procedure, the term **epinephrine injector** is used in lieu of **epinephrine auto-injector** (*ISBE Model*, p. 4) because that is the term used in the School Code, but they have the same meaning.

Anaphylaxis - A severe systemic allergic reaction from exposure to allergens that is rapid in onset and can cause death. An anaphylactic reaction can occur up to one to two hours after exposure to the allergen. Common allergens include animal dander, fish, latex, milk, shellfish, tree nuts, eggs, insect venom, medications, peanuts, soy, and wheat.

Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program (Program) - The overall process that the Superintendent and other District-level administrators use to implement policy 7:285, *Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response and Management Program*, which is based upon the *ISBE Model*.

Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Committee (Committee) - A District-level team that the Superintendent creates to develop an Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program. It monitors the District's Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program for effectiveness and establishes a schedule for the Superintendent to report information back to the Board once every three years.

CDC Guidelines - The *Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in Schools and Early Care and Education Programs*, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2013) and available at: www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/foodallergies/pdf/20_316712-A_FA_guide_508tag.pdf. The CDC Guidelines are referred to in the *ISBE Model* as "a full food allergy and prevention of allergen exposure plan." The CDC Guidelines are focused on the management of food allergies, but they also mention other allergens that may result in anaphylaxis (p. 21).

Individual Allergy Management - The process at the building level used to manage and prevent anaphylaxis. The process identifies: (a) students with allergies, (b) procedures to prevent exposure to known allergens, and (c) appropriate responses to allergic reactions. It is synonymous with the third section in this sample administrative procedure.

Individualized Educational Program/Plan (IEP) - A plan or program developed to ensure that a child who has a disability identified under the law and is attending a public elementary or secondary school receives specialized instruction and related services.

Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) - A document that outlines an allergic student's needs, and at minimum, includes the precautions necessary for allergen avoidance and emergency procedures and treatments. Its function is similar to a 504 Plan (see below). **Important:** Consult the Board Attorney about whether the Program should implement a 504 Plan or IHCP. This Program's procedures implement 504 Plans only. Insert IHCP in place of or in addition to 504 Plan in this document if the District will also implement IHCPs.

504 Plan - A document that outlines an allergic student's needs, necessary accommodations, and individual staff member responsibilities. Its function is identical to an IHCP while also including procedural protections (see above). This Program's procedures implement 504 Plans only. **Important:** Consult the Board Attorney about whether

implementing only 504 Plans is the best method. Many attorneys agree that a 504 Plan is the best (although not universal) practice for a student with a diagnosis of an allergy.

504 Team - A building-level team that implements the phases of Individual Allergy Management in a student's 504 Plan. Insert "IHCP Team" in place of or in addition to "504 Team" if the district will also implement IHCPs. **Note:** If the District implements IHCPs, gathering information, identifying methods to prevent exposure, and assigning staff responsibilities will rely heavily on the Nurse/Designated School Personnel (DSP), not a 504 Team.

Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response and Management Program

This section relies heavily upon District-level administrators to implement the Program even if the District has no students with food or other allergies. 105 ILCS 5/2-3.182. This is because identification of students at risk of anaphylaxis cannot be predicted, and it is possible that a student who has not been identified could have his or her first reaction at school. CDC Guidelines, p. 9. This section references the *ISBE Model* and aligns with governance principles so that District-level administrators can: (a) integrate the Program into the District's existing policies and procedures, (b) engage in ongoing monitoring of the Program, (c) assess the Program's effectiveness, and (d) inform the Board about the Program along with recommendations to enhance its effectiveness.

Note: Modify this section based upon the District's specific implementation needs. The only mandate in 105 ILCS 5/2-3.182 was that school boards implement a policy based upon the ISBE Model by 8-17-22. Implementation methods are many; this Program provides one method.

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Superintendent or designee	<p>Establish a District-wide Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Committee (Committee) to operate as a Superintendent committee. Consider including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District-level administrators Building Principals (Building Principals are mandatory for successful implementation of the Program) District Safety Coordinator (see 4:170-AP1, <i>Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan, Part C, District Safety Coordinator and Safety Team; Responsibilities</i>) District 504 Coordinator (see 6:120, <i>Education of Children with Disabilities</i> and 6:120, AP1, E1 <i>Notice to Parents/Guardians Regarding Section 504 Rights</i>) Staff members, e.g., school nurse/health aide, teachers, paraprofessionals, food service staff, bus drivers, athletic coaches Parents/Guardians Community members, e.g., individuals with expertise in allergens and anaphylaxis Students <p>Chair and convene Committee meetings for the purpose of implementing the Program. Note: The Committee is not required by State law. However, establishing it provides a best practice for aligning with governance principles and examining implementation issues specific to each individual school district. While smaller school districts, i.e., one-building districts, may be able to implement a Program through one meeting, larger school districts will likely require the uniform coordination that this Committee provides. Some school districts may choose to use the <i>ISBE Model</i> document, available at: www.isbe.net/Documents/Anaphylactic-policy.pdf#search=anaphylaxis , or create a document that is consistent with the requirements of the <i>ISBE Model</i>, but also reflects the specific needs of the school district.</p> <p>Inform the School Board of the Committee’s progress and needs by adding information items to the Board’s agendas at least once every three years.</p>
Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Committee	<p>Identify existing policies, procedures, and exhibits that affect implementation of the Program, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:20, <i>District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements</i> 2:20, <i>Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification</i> 2:240, <i>Board Policy Development</i> 4:110, <i>Transportation</i> 4:120, <i>Food Services</i> 5:100, <i>Staff Development Program</i> 5:100-AP, <i>Staff Development Program</i> 6:65, <i>Student Social and Emotional Development</i> 6:120, <i>Education of Children with Disabilities</i> 6:120-AP1, <i>Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities</i> 6:240, <i>Field Trips</i> 7:180, <i>Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment</i> 7:250, <i>Student Support Services</i> 7:270, <i>Administering Medicines to Students</i> 7:270-AP1, <i>Dispensing Medication</i> 7:270-AP2, <i>Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Asthma Medication, Epinephrine Injectors, Opioid Antagonists, and/or Glucagon</i> 7:270-E1, <i>School Medication Authorization Form with the Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan (AAEP)</i> 8:100, <i>Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies.</i> <p>At least once every three years, recommend to the Superintendent any necessary policy changes that must be brought to the School Board for consideration. See policy 2:240, <i>Board Policy Development</i>.</p> <p>Recommend to the Superintendent any amendments to administrative procedures. Note: The Committee may want to utilize the <i>American Academy of Pediatrics’</i> sample emergency action plan form, <i>Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan (AAEP)</i> available at: https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan.pdf in conjunction with 7:270-E1, <i>School Medication Authorization Form</i>, for allergy management purposes. The American Academy of Pediatrics AAEP does not include the parent/guardian acknowledgment of district immunity or the hold harmless/indemnification agreement required by 105 ILCS 5/22-30 and 5/22.21b that is</p>

Individual Allergy Management

This section's procedures are implemented each time the school identifies a student with an allergy. It follows policy 6:120, *Education of Children with Disabilities* and references additional considerations based upon the *ISBE Model*. It relies heavily upon Building Principals and the Nurse/DSP to identify the necessary accommodations for each student and determine which staff members are responsible to provide them. Accommodations are impacted by a number of factors, e.g., the student's age, the allergen(s) involved, the facilities at each school building, etc.

Phase One: Identification of Students with Allergies

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Parent/Guardian	<p>Inform the Building Principal of the student's food allergy.</p> <p>Complete an Allergy History Form, (for a sample, see the <i>Family Allergy History Form</i>, available at: www.nasn.org/nasn-resources/resources-by-topic/allergies-anaphylaxis and School Medication Authorization Form (see 7:270-E1, <i>School Medication Authorization Form</i>). Return them to the Building Principal or Nurse/DSP. Note: The AAEP may be used in conjunction with 7:270-E1, <i>School Medication Authorization Form</i>.</p> <p>If the District participates in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Child Nutrition Programs and the student has a disability that requires meal modifications, complete a medical statement signed by a licensed healthcare provider. CDC Guidelines, p. 28. See https://www.isbe.net/Documents/2017-ACCOM-MANUAL-SP40.pdf for information and the <i>Medical Authority Modified Meal Request Form</i> at: www.isbe.net/layouts/Download.aspx?SourceUrl=/Documents/Medical-Authority-Modified-Meal-Request-Form.docx.</p> <p>Cooperate with school staff to provide the medical information necessary directly from the student's health care provider to develop plans for managing individual care and emergency actions. CDC Guidelines, p. 27.</p> <p>Participate in all meetings to assess and manage the individual student's health needs.</p>
Building Principal and/or Nurse/DSP	<p>Follow the District's procedural safeguards for convening a meeting to assess the individual student's allergy management needs.</p>
IEP or 504 Team	<p>Modify this section if the District implements IHCPs. See Glossary above for more information.</p> <p>For a student who is not already identified as a student with a disability, determine whether a referral for an evaluation is warranted using the District's evaluation procedures for determining whether a student is a student with a disability within the meaning of IDEA or Section 504 (see Board policy 6:120, <i>Education of Children with Disabilities</i>).</p> <p>For a student with an existing IEP or Section 504 plan, or who qualifies for one on the basis of his or her allergy, determine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether the student's allergy requires <i>related services</i> to ensure the provision of a "free appropriate public education" (FAPE), and/or 2. Whether the student's allergy requires appropriate <i>reasonable accommodations</i> for the student's disability. <p>If the answer to either of the above questions is negative, notify the parent/guardian in writing of the reasons for the denial and the right to appeal. Provides any required procedural safeguard notices. See 23 Ill.Admin.Code § 226.510; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (34 C.F.R. Parts 104 and 300); and 6:120-AP1, E1, <i>Notice to Parents/Guardians Regarding Section</i></p>

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	<p><i>504 Rights.</i></p> <p>If the answer to either of the above questions is positive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gather appropriate health information by using the completed <i>Allergy History Form</i> and AAEP. 2. Identify all necessary accommodations and complete a 504 Plan (use the District's established forms). For meal substitutions, the parent/guardian must submit a medical statement signed by a licensed healthcare provider. 3. Determine which staff provides the identified accommodations. Remember that accidental exposures are more likely to happen when an unplanned event or non-routine event occurs, and special care should be taken to address procedures for staff members who provide transportation, substitute teaching, coaching or other activities, field trips, and classroom celebrations. For staff members to consider, see CDC Guidelines, Sec. 3, <i>Putting Guidelines into Practice: Actions for School Administrators and Staff</i>, p. 59-80. 4. Assign responsibilities to individual staff members for providing the identified accommodations. Inform staff members absent during the creation of the 504 Plan of their responsibilities. 5. Identify willing 504 Team members trained in emergency response to respond to any allergic reactions the student may have. Only <i>trained personnel</i> may administer epinephrine to a student believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction. <i>ISBE Model</i>, p. 6. Note: Consult the Board Attorney if options are limited or the classroom teacher is not willing to administer epinephrine. While classroom teachers are a logical choice to provide emergency response due to their continual close proximity to students, such an assignment may: (1) impact terms and conditions of employment and may trigger collective bargaining rights, and/or (2) violate 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b, which states that under no circumstances shall teachers or other non-administrative school employees, except certified school nurses and non-certificated registered professional nurses, be required to administer medication to students. 6. Provide the required procedural safeguard notices. See 23 Ill.Admin.Code §226.510; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (34 C.F.R. Parts 104 and 300); and 6:120-API, E1, <i>Notice to Parents/Guardians Regarding Section 504 Rights</i>.

Phase Two: Plan to Reduce Risk of Allergic Reactions

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Building Principal and/or Nurse/DSP	<p>Convene a meeting to educate all the staff members who will provide the identified 504 Plan accommodations about their responsibilities.</p> <p>Ensure individual staff members are properly trained and perform their responsibilities and provide the necessary accommodations for the student's individual health needs.</p> <p>Facilitate the dissemination of accurate information in the building about</p>

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	<p>the student's allergy while respecting privacy rights.</p> <p>Note: Request permission from the Superintendent to consult the Board Attorney about best practices for disclosures to volunteers (e.g., field trip chaperones or room parents) of confidential medical information without parental consent. Generally Building Principals have discretion, but these situations are fact-specific. Ideally the District should attempt to get parental permission to disclose the information about the allergy, but practically this cannot always occur. Many agree that safety trumps confidentiality in these situations, especially when volunteers have a legitimate educational interest if knowledge of the information is related to their ability to perform their duties (See, <i>Letter to Anonymous</i>, 107 LRP 28330 (FPCO 2007)).</p> <p>Provide a medical alert to parents/guardians that does not name the student. See CDC Guidelines, p. 71, #5. The communication should inform other students and their parents/guardians about the importance of keeping their educational setting free of the food allergen. For a sample letter, see <i>Notification of a Food Allergy in the Classroom – Parent Letter</i>, available at: www.nasn.org/nasn-resources/resources-by-topic/allergies-anaphylaxis.</p> <p>Note: Request permission from the Superintendent to consult the Board Attorney about disclosures and providing joint communications from the Building Principal and the parent/guardian of the food allergic student. While joint communications allow the school to exchange the information needed to protect the food allergic student and balance competing educational interests without violating federal or State laws that govern student records, they can also present other risks (i.e., re-disclosure of the confidential information). See Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and its implementing rules at 34 C.F.R. Part 99; Ill. School Student Records Act, 105 ILCS 10/, and its implementing rules at 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 375. FERPA prohibits schools from disclosing personally identifiable information from students' education records without the consent of a parent or eligible student, unless an exception applies. See policy 7:340, <i>Student Records</i>.</p> <p>Prepare a list of answers to anticipated questions about managing the student's health needs.</p> <p>Check with the Nurse/DSP regarding any known competing educational interests with the student's health needs among other students attending the school (i.e., diabetes, service animals, etc.). Manage identified students' competing educational interests by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consulting the Board Attorney. 2. Creating a method to monitor identified competing educational interests between students. 3. Responding to future unidentified competing educational interests and managing them immediately. 4. Modifying any other conditions as the facts of the situation

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	require.
IEP or 504 Team	Implement and follow all identified responsibilities in the 504 Plan. Understand that accidental exposures are more likely to occur when an unplanned event occurs, which makes it critical to follow the exact accommodations in the student's 504 Plan. Practice emergency procedures outlined in the student's AAEP and be prepared to follow them. <i>ISBE Model</i> , p. 5.
Parent/Guardian	Implement and follow the applicable items at: www.foodallergy.org/resources/getting-started-school , to assist the District in managing food allergies in the school setting.
Student	Implement and follow developmentally appropriate steps for allergy self-management, such as reading labels, asking questions about foods in the school meal and snack programs, avoiding unlabeled or unknown foods, using epinephrine injectors when needed, and recognizing and reporting an allergic reaction to an adult. CDC Guidelines, p. 31.

Phase Three: Response to Allergic Reactions

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IEP or 504 Team	Follow the student's 504 Plan and AAEP.
Nurse/DSP or any Staff Member trained in the District's emergency response procedures (if a Nurse is not immediately available)	<p>If the student does not have an AAEP and there is a suspected case of anaphylaxis, and the District does not maintain an undesignated supply of epinephrine (<i>ISBE Model</i>, p. 5-6):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instruct another staff member to call 911 immediately. 2. Stay with the person until emergency medical services (EMS) arrive. 3. Monitor the person's airway and breathing. 4. If school nurse or other <i>trained personnel</i> are not at the scene, implement local emergency notification to activate the nurse or <i>trained personnel</i> to respond. 5. Direct a staff member to call parent/guardian (if applicable). 6. Administer CPR, if needed. 7. EMS transports individual to the emergency room. Document the individual's name, date, time of onset of symptoms, and possible allergen. Even if symptoms subside, EMS must still respond, and the individual must be evaluated in the emergency department or by the individual's health care provider. A delayed or secondary reaction may occur, which can be more severe than the first-phase symptoms. 8. Do not allow a student to remain at school or return to school on the day epinephrine is administered.
<p>Anyone implements item #1 of the first numbered list</p> <p>Nurse/DSP or other <i>Trained Personnel</i> implements the remaining items</p>	<p>If the Nurse or <i>trained personnel</i> have a good faith belief that a person is having an anaphylactic reaction, and the District needs to use its undesignated (not student-specific) supply of epinephrine to respond (<i>ISBE Model</i>, p. 5-6):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call the Nurse or front office personnel and advise of the emergency situation so that <i>trained personnel</i> can be activated to respond with undesignated epinephrine dose(s). 2. Instruct someone to call 911 immediately. 3. Implement the District's undesignated epinephrine standing protocol. See 7:270-AP2, <i>Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Asthma</i>

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	<p><i>Medication, Epinephrine Injectors, Opioid Antagonists, and/or Glucagon.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Select the appropriate dose according to the standing protocol and administer epinephrine. Note the time. Act quickly. It is safer to give epinephrine than to delay treatment. This is a life-and-death decision. 5. Stay with the person until EMS arrives. 6. Monitor the person's airway and breathing. 7. Reassure and attempt to calm the person, as needed. 8. Direct another staff member to call the parent/guardian, or emergency contact (if known). 9. If symptoms continue and EMS is not on the scene, administer a second dose of epinephrine five to 15 minutes after the initial injection. Note the time. 10. Administer CPR, if needed. 11. EMS transports the individual to the emergency room. Document the individual's name, date, and time the epinephrine was administered on the epinephrine injector that was used and give to EMS to accompany individual to the emergency room. Even if symptoms subside, EMS must still respond, and the individual must be evaluated in the emergency department or by the individual's health care provider. A delayed or secondary reaction may occur, which can be more severe than the first-phase symptoms. <p><u>Post-Event Actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Document the incident and complete all reporting requirements. See 7:270-AP2, <i>Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Asthma Medication, Epinephrine Injectors, Opioid Antagonists, and/or Glucagon.</i> 2. Replace epinephrine stock medication, according to the District's standing protocol. Reorder epinephrine stock medication, as necessary.
Nurse/DSP	<p>If a student has no AEAP and 504 Plan, provide the parent/guardian with the AAEP and <i>Allergy History</i> forms and refer them to the process outlined in the Identification of Students with Allergies phase above.</p> <p>After each allergy emergency, review how it was handled with the Building Principal, health aides/assistants (if applicable), parents/guardians, staff members involved in the response, and the student to identify ways to prevent future emergencies and improve emergency response. CDC Guidelines, p. 63.</p> <p>Assist students with allergies with transitioning back to school after an emergency. CDC Guidelines, p. 63.</p> <p><u>Storage, Access, and Maintenance of Undesignated Supply of Epinephrine (105 ILCS 5/22-30(f); ISBE Model, p. 6-7)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Store, access, and maintain the stock of undesignated epinephrine injectors as provided in the District's standing protocol. 2. Maintain the supply of undesignated epinephrine in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Epinephrine should be stored in a safe, unlocked, and accessible location in a dark place at room temperature (between 59-86 degrees F). Epinephrine should not be maintained in a locked cabinet or behind locked doors. Trained staff should be made aware of the storage location in each school. It should be protected

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	<p>from exposure to hot, cold, or freezing temperatures. Exposure to sunlight will hasten deterioration of epinephrine more rapidly than exposure to room temperatures. The expiration date of epinephrine solutions should be periodically checked; the drug should be replaced if it is approaching the expiration date. The contents should periodically be inspected through the clear window of the injector. The solution should be clear; if it is discolored or contains solid particles, replace the unit.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Regularly (e.g., monthly) check stock epinephrine to ensure proper storage, expiration date, and medication stability. Maintain documentation when checks are conducted. Expired injectors or those with discolored solutions or solid particles should not be used. 4. Dispose of epinephrine injectors in a sharps container.

LEGAL REF: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.182, 5/10-22.21b, 5/10-22.39(e), and 5/22-30.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540
Anaphylaxis Response Policy for Illinois Schools, published by the Ill. State Board of
Education.

7:290-Students

Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

Youth suicide impacts the safety of the school environment. It also affects the school community, diminishing the ability of surviving students to learn and the school's ability to educate. Suicide and depression awareness and prevention are important Board goals.

Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a suicide and depression awareness and prevention program (Program) that advances the Board's goals of increasing awareness and prevention of depression and suicide. This program must be consistent with the requirements of *Ann Marie's Law* listed below; each listed requirement, 1-6, corresponds with the list of required policy components in the School Code Section 5/2-3.166(c)(2)-(7). The Program shall include:

1. Protocols for administering youth suicide awareness and prevention education to students and staff.
 - a. For students, implementation will incorporate Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, which implements 105 ILCS 5/2-3.139 and 105 ILCS 5/27-7 (requiring education for students to develop a sound mind and a healthy body).
 - b. For staff, implementation will incorporate Board policy 5:100, *Staff Development Program*, and teacher's institutes under 105 ILCS 5/3-14.8 (requiring coverage of the warning signs of suicidal behavior).
2. Procedures for methods of suicide prevention with the goal of early identification and referral of students possibly at risk of suicide. Implementation will incorporate:
 - a. The training required by 105 ILCS 5/10-22.39 for all District staff who work with students to identify the warning signs of suicidal behavior in youth along with appropriate intervention and referral techniques, including methods of prevention, procedures for early identification, and referral of students at risk of suicide; and
 - b. Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE)-recommended guidelines and educational materials for staff training and professional development, along with ISBE-recommended resources for students containing age-appropriate educational materials on youth suicide and awareness, if available pursuant to *Ann Marie's Law* on ISBE's website.
3. Methods of intervention, including procedures that address an emotional or mental health safety plan for use during the school day and at school-sponsored events for a student identified as being at increased risk of suicide including those students who: (A) suffer from a mental health disorder; (B) suffer from a substance abuse disorder; (C) engage in self-harm or have previously attempted suicide; (D) reside in an out-of-home placement; (E) are experiencing homelessness; (F) are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ); (G) are bereaved by suicide; or (H) have a medical condition or certain types of disabilities. Implementation will incorporate paragraph number 2, above, along with Board policies:
 - a. 6:65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*, implementing the goals and benchmarks of the Ill. Learning Standards and 405 ILCS 49/15(b) (requiring student social and emotional development in the District's educational program);
 - b. 6:120, *Education of Children with Disabilities*, implementing special education requirements for the District;
 - c. 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, implementing provision of District services to students who are homeless;
 - d. 6:270, *Guidance and Counseling Program*, implementing guidance and counseling program(s) for students, and 105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a and 22.24b, which allow a qualified guidance specialist or any licensed staff member to provide school counseling services;

- e. 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*, and its implementing administrative procedure and exhibit, implementing supports for equal educational opportunities for students who are LGBTQ;
 - f. 7:50, *School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools*, implementing State law requirements related to students who are in foster care;
 - g. 7:250, *Student Support Services*, implementing the Children's Mental Health Act, 405 ILCS 49/ (requiring protocols for responding to students with social, emotional, or mental health issues that impact learning ability); and
 - h. State and/or federal resources that address emotional or mental health safety plans for students who are possibly at an increased risk for suicide, if available on the ISBE's website pursuant to *Ann Marie's Law*.
4. Methods of responding to a student or staff suicide or suicide attempt. Implementation of this requirement shall incorporate building-level Student Support Committee(s) established through Board policy 7:250, *Student Support Services*.
 5. Reporting procedures. Implementation of this requirement shall incorporate Board policy 6:270, *Guidance and Counseling Program*, and Board policy 7:250, *Student Support Services*, in addition to other State and/or federal resources that address reporting procedures.
 6. A process to incorporate ISBE-recommended resources on youth suicide awareness and prevention programs, including current contact information for such programs in the District's Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program.

Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Planning Committee

The Superintendent or designee shall attempt to develop a relationship between the District and the Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Planning Committee, the Illinois Suicide Prevention Coalition Alliance, and/or a community mental health agency. The purpose of the relationship is to discuss how to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan into the District's Suicide Prevention and Depression Awareness Program.

Monitoring

The Board will review and update this policy pursuant to *Ann Marie's Law* and Board policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*.

Information to Staff, Parents/Guardians, and Students

The Superintendent shall inform each school district employee about this policy and ensure its posting on the District's website. The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of this policy to the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the District. Student identification (ID) cards, the District's website, and student handbooks and planners will contain the support information as required by State law.

Implementation

This policy shall be implemented in a manner consistent with State and federal laws, including the Student Confidential Reporting Act, 5 ILCS 860/, Children's Mental Health Act, 405 ILCS 49/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act, 740 ILCS 110/, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*

The District, Board, and its staff are protected from liability by the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Services provided pursuant to this policy: (1) do not replace the care of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed medical practitioner or professional trained in suicide prevention, assessments and counseling services, (2) are strictly limited to the available resources within the District, (3) do not extend beyond the school day and/or school-sponsored events, and (4) cannot guarantee or ensure the safety of a student or the student body.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.166, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.139, 5/3-14.8, 5/10-20.76, 5/10-20.81, 5/10-22.24a, 5/10-22.24b, 5/10-22.39, 5/14-1.01 et seq., 5/14-7.02, and 5/14-7.02b, 5/27-7.
5 ILCS 860/, Student Confidential Reporting Act.
405 ILCS 49/, Children’s Mental Health Act.
740 ILCS 110/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act.
745 ILCS 10/, Local Governmental and Governmental Tort Immunity Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:270 (Guidance and Counseling Program), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:250 (Student Support Services)

Revised: January 17, 2024

7:305-Students

Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a program to manage concussions and head injuries suffered by students. The program shall:

7. Fully implement the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act (YSCSA), that provides, without limitation, each of the following:
 - a. The Board must appoint or approve member(s) of a Concussion Oversight Team for the District.
 - b. The Concussion Oversight Team shall establish each of the following based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence consistent with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
 - i. A return-to-play protocol governing a student's return to interscholastic athletics practice or competition following a force of impact believed to have caused a concussion. The Superintendent or designee shall supervise an athletic trainer or other person responsible for compliance with the return-to-play protocol.
 - ii. A return-to-learn protocol governing a student's return to the classroom following a force of impact believed to have caused a concussion. The Superintendent or designee shall supervise the person responsible for compliance with the return-to-learn protocol.
 - c. Each student and the student's parent/guardian shall be required to sign a concussion information receipt form each school year before participating in an interscholastic athletic activity.
 - d. A student shall be removed from an interscholastic athletic practice or competition immediately if any of the following individuals believes that the student sustained a concussion during the practice and/or competition: a coach, a physician, a game official, an athletic trainer, the student's parent/guardian, the student, or any other person deemed appropriate under the return-to-play protocol.
 - e. A student who was removed from interscholastic athletic practice or competition shall be allowed to return only after all statutory prerequisites are completed, including without limitation, the return-to-play and return-to-learn protocols developed by the Concussion Oversight Team. An athletic team coach or assistant coach may not authorize a student's return-to-play or return-to-learn.
 - f. The following individuals must complete concussion training as specified in the YSCSA: all coaches or assistant coaches (whether volunteer or a district employee) of interscholastic athletic activities; nurses, licensed healthcare professionals or non-licensed healthcare professionals who serve on the Concussion Oversight Team (whether or not they serve on a volunteer basis); athletic trainers; game officials of interscholastic athletic activities; and physicians who serve on the Concussion Oversight Team.
 - g. The Board shall approve school-specific emergency action plans for interscholastic athletic activities to address the serious injuries and acute medical conditions in which a student's condition may deteriorate rapidly.
8. Comply with the concussion protocols, policies, and by-laws of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), including its *Protocol for Implementation of NFHS Sports Playing Rules for Concussions, which includes its Return to Play (RTP) Policy*. These specifically require that:
 - a. A student athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion in a practice or game shall be removed from participation or competition at that time.
 - b. A student athlete who has been removed from an interscholastic contest for a possible concussion or head injury may not return to that contest unless cleared to do so by a

physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in Illinois or a certified athletic trainer.

- c. If not cleared to return to that contest, a student athlete may not return to play or practice until the student athlete has provided his or her school with written clearance from a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in Illinois, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant or a certified athletic trainer working in conjunction with a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in Illinois.
 9. Require that all high school coaching personnel, including the head and assistant coaches, and athletic directors obtain online concussion certification by completing online concussion awareness training in accordance with 105 ILCS 25/1.15.
 10. Require all student athletes to view the IHSA video about concussions.
 11. Inform student athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s) about this policy in the *Agreement to Participate* or other written instrument that a student athlete and his or her parent/guardian must sign before the student is allowed to participate in a practice or interscholastic competition.
 12. Provide coaches and student athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s) with educational materials from the IHSA regarding the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries, including the risks inherent in continuing to play after a concussion or head injury.
 13. Include a requirement for staff members to notify the parent/guardian of a student who exhibits symptoms consistent with that of a concussion.
 14. Include a requirement for staff members to distribute the Ill. Dept. of Public Health concussion brochure to any student or the parent/guardian of a student who may have sustained a concussion, regardless of whether or not the concussion occurred while the student was participating in an interscholastic athletic activity, if available.
- [For high school districts that belong to the IHSA and have certified athletic trainers.]*
15. Include a requirement for certified athletic trainers to complete and submit a monthly report to the IHSA on student-athletes who have sustained a concussion during: 1) a school-sponsored activity overseen by the athletic trainer; or 2) a school-sponsored event of which the athletic director is made aware.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/22-80.
105 ILCS 25/1.15, Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act.
20 ILCS 2310/2310-307, Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

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7:310-Students

Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools

[For elementary or unit districts only]

School-Sponsored Publications and Web Sites

School-sponsored publications, productions, and web sites are part of the curriculum and are not a public forum for general student use. School authorities may edit or delete material that is inconsistent with the District's educational mission.

All school-sponsored communications shall comply with the ethics and rules of responsible journalism. Text that is libelous, obscene, vulgar, lewd, invades the privacy of others, conflicts with the basic educational mission of the school, is socially inappropriate, is inappropriate due to the maturity of the students, or is materially disruptive to the educational process will not be tolerated.

The author's name will accompany personal opinions and editorial statements. An opportunity for the expression of differing opinions from those published/produced will be provided within the same media.

Non-School Sponsored Publications Accessed or Distributed On-Campus

For purposes of this section and the following section, a *publication* includes, without limitation: (1) written or electronic print material, (2) audio-visual material on any medium including electromagnetic media (e.g., images, digital files flash memory, etc.), or combinations of these whether off-line (e.g., a printed book, digital files, etc.) or online (e.g., any website, social networking site, database for information retrieval, etc.), or (3) information or material on electronic devices (e.g., text or voice messages delivered by cell phones, tablets, and other hand-held devices).

Creating, distributing, and/or accessing non-school sponsored publications shall occur at a time and place and in a manner that will not cause disruption, be coercive, or result in the perception that the distribution or the publication is endorsed by the School District.

Students are prohibited from creating, distributing, and/or accessing at school any publication that:

1. Will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities;
2. Violates the rights of others, including but not limited to material that is libelous, invades the privacy of others, or infringes on a copyright;
3. Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to maturity level of the students, including but not limited to material that is obscene, pornographic, or pervasively lewd and vulgar, contains indecent and vulgar language, or *sexting* as defined by School Board policy and Student Handbooks;
4. Is reasonably viewed as promoting illegal drug use; or
5. Is distributed in kindergarten through eighth grade and is primarily prepared by non-students, unless it is being used for school purposes. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to prevent the inclusion of material from outside sources or the citation to such sources as long as the material to be distributed or accessed is primarily prepared by students.

Accessing or distributing *on-campus* includes accessing or distributing on school property or at school-related activities. A student engages in gross disobedience and misconduct and may be disciplined for: (1) accessing or distributing forbidden material, or (2) for writing, creating, or publishing such material intending for it to be accessed or distributed at school.

Non-School Sponsored Publications Accessed or Distributed Off-Campus

A student engages in gross disobedience and misconduct and may be disciplined for creating and/or distributing a publication that: (1) causes a substantial disruption or a foreseeable risk of a substantial disruption to school operations, or (2) interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.

Bullying and Cyberbullying

The Superintendent or designee shall treat behavior that is *bullying* and/or *cyberbullying* according to Board policy 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*, in addition to any response required by this policy.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7.
Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).
Hedges v. Wauconda Cmty. Unit Sch. Dist. No. 118, 9 F.3d 1295 (7th Cir. 1993).

CROSS REF.: 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 8:25 (Advertising and Distributing Materials in School Provided by Non-School Related Entities)

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7:315-Students

Restrictions on Publications: High Schools

Definitions

Libel means the willful or negligent publication of provably false and unprivileged statements of fact that do demonstrable harm to a living person's reputation.

Obscene means lewd; impure; indecent; calculated to shock the moral sense of humans by a disregard of chastity or modesty. Objectionable or offensive to accepted standards of decency.

School official means a Building Principal or designee.

School-sponsored media means any material that is prepared, substantially written, published, or broadcast by a student journalist, distributed or generally made available to members of the student body, and prepared under the direction of a student media advisor. It does not include media intended for distribution or transmission solely in the classroom in which the media is produced.

Slander means the speaking of false statements of fact that seriously harm a living person's reputation.

Student journalist means a public high school student who gathers, compiles, writes, edits, photographs, records, or prepares information for dissemination in school-sponsored media.

Student media adviser means an individual employed, appointed, or designated by the District to supervise or provide instruction relating to school-sponsored media.

School-Sponsored Media

School-sponsored publications, productions, and websites are governed by the Speech Rights of Student Journalists Act and School Board policies, and student journalists are responsible for determining the news, opinion, feature, and advertising content of those publications, productions, and websites.

Student journalists must:

1. Make decisions based upon news value and guided by the Code of Ethics provided by the Society of Professional Journalists, National Scholastic Press Association, Journalism Education Association, or other relevant group;
2. Produce media based upon professional standards of accuracy, objectivity, and fairness;
3. Review material to improve sentence structure, grammar, spelling, and punctuation;
4. Check and verify all facts and verify the accuracy of all quotations;
5. In the use of personal opinions, editorial statements, and/or letters to the editor, provide opportunity and space for the expression of differing opinions within the same media to align with the District's media literacy curriculum mandate in 105 ILCS 5/27-20.08; and
6. Include an author's name with any personal opinions and editorial statements, if appropriate.

Student journalists may not create, produce, or distribute school-sponsored media that:

1. Is libelous, slanderous, or obscene;
2. Constitutes an unwarranted invasion of privacy;
3. Violates federal or State law, including the Constitutional rights of third parties; or
4. Incites students to:
 - a. Commit an unlawful act;
 - b. Violate any of the District's policies; or
 - c. Materially and substantially disrupt the orderly operation of the school.

The District will not engage in prior restraint of material prepared by student journalists for school-sponsored media, unless the material fits into one of the four prohibited categories listed above, in which case the Superintendent or designee and/or student media adviser may review, edit, and delete such media material before publication or distribution of the media.

No expression made by students in the exercise of freedom of speech or freedom of the press under this policy shall be deemed to be an expression of the District or an expression of Board policy.

Non-School Sponsored Publications Accessed or Distributed On Campus

For purposes of this section and the following section, a *publication* includes, without limitation: (1) written or electronic print material, (2) audio-visual material on any medium including electromagnetic media (e.g., images, digital files, flash memory, etc.), or combinations of these whether off-line (e.g., a printed book, digital files, etc.) or online (e.g., any website, social networking site, database for information retrieval, etc.), or (3) information or material on electronic devices (e.g., text or voice messages delivered by cell phones, tablets, and other hand-held devices).

Creating, distributing, and/or accessing non-school sponsored publications shall occur at a time and place and in a manner that will not cause disruption, be coercive, or result in the perception that the distribution or the publication is endorsed by the School District.

Students are prohibited from creating, distributing, and/or accessing at school any publication that:

6. Will cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities;
7. Violates the rights of others, including but not limited to material that is libelous, slanderous or obscene, invades the privacy of others, or infringes on a copyright;
8. Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to maturity level of the students, including but not limited to material that is obscene, pornographic, or pervasively lewd and vulgar, contains indecent and vulgar language, or *sexting* as defined by School Board policy and Student Handbooks;
9. Is reasonably viewed as promoting illegal drug use;
10. Is distributed in kindergarten through eighth grade and is primarily prepared by non-students, unless it is being used for school purposes. However, material from outside sources or the citation to such sources may be allowed, as long as the material to be distributed or accessed is primarily prepared by students; or
11. Incites students to violate any Board policies.

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A student engages in gross disobedience and misconduct and may be disciplined for creating and/or distributing a publication that: (1) causes a substantial disruption or a foreseeable risk of a substantial disruption to school operations, or (2) interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.

Bullying and Cyberbullying ¹

The Superintendent or designee shall treat behavior that is *bullying* and/or *cyberbullying* according to Board policy 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*, in addition to any response required by this policy.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/27-20.08 and 5/27-23.7.
105 ILCS 80/, Speech Rights of Student Journalists Act.
Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).
Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
Morse v. Frederick, 551 U.S. 393 (2007).
Hedges v. Wauconda Cmty. Unit Sch. Dist. No. 118, 9 F.3d 1295 (7th Cir. 1993).

CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives),
6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:235 (Access to Electronic
Networks), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and
Harassment), 8:25 (Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by
Non-School Related Entities)

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7:325-Students

Student Fundraising Activities

No individual or organization is allowed to ask students to participate in fundraising activities while the students are on school grounds during school hours or during any school activity. Exceptions are:

1. School-sponsored student organizations; and
2. Parent organizations and booster clubs that are recognized pursuant to policy 8:90, *Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs*.

The Superintendent or designee shall manage student fundraising activities in alignment with the following directives:

1. Fundraising efforts shall not conflict with instructional activities or programs.
2. For any school that participates in the School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program, fundraising activities involving the sale of food and beverage items to students during the school day while on the school campus must comply with the Ill. State Board of Education rules concerning the sale of competitive food and beverage items.
3. Participation in fundraising efforts must be voluntary.
4. Student safety must be paramount.
5. For school-sponsored student organizations, a school staff member must supervise the fundraising activities and the student activity funds treasurer must safeguard the financial accounts.
6. The fundraising efforts must be to support the organization's purposes and/or activities, the general welfare, a charitable cause, or the educational experiences of students generally.
7. The funds shall be used to the maximum extent possible for the designated purpose.
8. Any fundraising efforts that solicit donor messages for incorporation into school property, e.g., tiles or bricks, or placement upon school property, e.g., posters or placards, must:
 - a. Develop viewpoint neutral guidelines for the creation of messages;
 - b. Inform potential donors that all messages are subject to review and approval, and that messages that do not meet the established guidelines must be resubmitted or the donation will be returned; and
 - c. Place a disclaimer on all fundraising information and near the completed donor messages that all messages are "solely the expression of the individual donors and not an endorsement by the District of any message's content."

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19(3).
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 305, School Food Service.

CROSS REF.: 4:90 (Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds), 4:120 (Food Services), 8:80 (Gifts to the District), 8:90 (Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs)

Revised: January 20, 2021

7-330-Students

Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access

[For high school and unit districts]

Student groups or clubs that are not school sponsored are granted free use of school premises for a meeting or series of meetings under the following conditions:

1. The meeting is held during those non-instructional times identified by the Superintendent or designee for non-curricular student groups, clubs, or organizations to meet. *Non-instructional time* means time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends. *Non-curricular student groups* are those student groups, clubs, or organizations that do not directly relate to the curriculum.
2. All non-curriculum related student groups that are not District sponsored receive substantially the same treatment.
3. The meeting is student-initiated, meaning that the request is made by a student.
4. Attendance at the meeting is voluntary.
5. The school will not sponsor the meeting.
6. School employees are present at religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity.
7. The meeting and/or any activities during the meeting do not materially or substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities.
8. Non-school persons do not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend the meetings.
9. The school retains its authority to maintain order and discipline.
10. A school staff member or other responsible adult is present in a supervisory capacity.
11. The Superintendent or designee approves the meeting or series of meetings.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §4071 et seq., Equal Access Act.
Bd. of Ed. of Westside Community Sch. Dist. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990).
Gernetzke v. Kenosha Unified Sch. Dist. No. 1, 274 F.3d 464 (7th Cir. 2001), *cert. denied*, 535 U.S. 1017.

CROSS REF.: 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

Revised: August 21, 2023

7:340-Students

Student Records

School student records are confidential. Information from them shall not be released other than as provided by law. A school student record is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be identified individually that is maintained by a school or at its direction by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except as provided in State or federal law as summarized below: Records kept in a staff member's sole possession.

1. Records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school.
2. Video and other electronic recordings (including without limitation, electronic recordings made on school buses) that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes. The content of these recordings may become part of a school student record to the extent school officials create, use, and maintain this content, or it becomes available to them by law enforcement officials, for disciplinary or special education purposes regarding a particular student.
3. Any information, either written or oral, received from law enforcement officials concerning a student less than the age of 18 years who has been arrested or taken into custody.

State and federal law grants students, parents/guardians, and when applicable, the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services' Office of Education and Transition Services, certain rights, including the right to inspect, copy and/or challenge school student records. The information contained in school student records shall be kept current, accurate, clear, and relevant. All information maintained concerning a student receiving special education services shall be directly related to the provision of services to that child. The District may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to opt-out of the release of directory information regarding his or her child. The District will comply with State or federal law with regard to release of a student's school records, including, where applicable, without notice to, or the consent of, the student's parent/guardian or eligible student. Upon request, the District discloses school student records without parent consent to the official records custodian of another school in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any other person as specifically required or permitted by State or federal law.

The Superintendent shall fully implement this policy and designate an *official records custodian* for each school who shall maintain and protect the confidentiality of school student records, inform staff members of this policy, and inform students and their parents/guardians of their rights regarding school student records.

Student Biometric Information Collection

The Superintendent or designee may recommend a student biometric information collection system solely for the purposes of identification and fraud prevention. Such recommendation shall be consistent with budget requirements and in compliance with State law. Biometric information means any information that is collected through an identification process for individuals based on their unique behavioral or physiological characteristics, including fingerprint, hand geometry, voice, or facial recognition or iris or retinal scans.

Before collecting student biometric information, the District shall obtain written permission from the person having legal custody/parental responsibility or the student (if over the age of 18). Upon a student's 18th birthday, the District shall obtain written permission from the student to collect student biometric information. Failure to provide written consent to collect biometric information shall not be the basis for refusal of any services otherwise available to a student.

All collected biometric information shall be stored and transmitted in a manner that protects it from disclosure. Sale, lease, or other disclosure of biometric information to another person or entity is strictly prohibited.

The District will discontinue use of a student's biometric information and destroy all collected biometric information within 30 days after: (1) the student graduates or withdraws from the School District, or (2) the District receives a written request to discontinue use of biometric information from the person having legal custody/parental responsibility of the student or the student (if over the age of 18). Requests to discontinue using a student's biometric information shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy consistent with State and federal law.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 34 C.F.R. Part 99.
50 ILCS 205/7, Local Records Act.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b, 5/10-20.40, and 5/14-1.01 et seq.
105 ILCS 10/, Ill. School Student Records Act.
105 ILCS 85/, Student Online Personal Protection Act.
325 ILCS 17/, Children’s Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act.
750 ILCS 5/602.11, Ill. Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Parts 226 and 375.
Owasso I.S.D. No. I-011 v. Falvo, 534 U.S. 426 (2002).
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CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:130 (Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

ADMIN. PROC.: 7:15-E (Notification to Parents of Family Privacy Rights), 7:340-AP1 (School Student Records), 7:340-API, E1 (Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student’s School Records), 7:340-API, E3 (Letter to Parents and Eligible Students Concerning Military Recruiters and Postsecondary Institutions Receiving Student Directory Information), 7:340-API, E4 (Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Military Recruiter Access to Students and Student Information, 7:340-API, E5 (Biometric Information Collection Authorization), 7:340-AP2 (Storage and Destruction of School Student Records), 7:340-AP2, E1 (Letter Containing Schedule for Destruction of School Student Records)

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7:345-Students

Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security

Educational technologies used in the District shall further the objectives of the District's educational program, as set forth in Board policy 6:10, *Educational Philosophy and Objectives*, align with the curriculum criteria in policy 6:40, *Curriculum Development*, and/or support efficient District operations. The Superintendent shall ensure that the use of educational technologies in the District meets the above criteria.

The District and/or vendors under its control may need to collect and maintain data that personally identifies students in order to use certain educational technologies for the benefit of student learning or District operations.

Federal and State law govern the protection of student data, including school student records and/or *covered information*. The sale, rental, lease, or trading of any school student records or covered information by the District is prohibited. Protecting such information is important for legal compliance, District operations, and maintaining the trust of District stakeholders, including parents, students and staff.

Definitions

Covered information means personally identifiable information (PII) or information linked to PII in any media or format that is not publicly available and is any of the following: (1) created by or provided to an operator by a student or the student's parent/guardian in the course of the student's or parent/guardian's use of the operator's site, service or application; (2) created by or provided to an operator by an employee or agent of the District; or (3) gathered by an operator through the operation of its site, service, or application.

Operators are entities (such as educational technology vendors) that operate Internet websites, online services, online applications, or mobile applications that are designed, marketed, and primarily used for K-12 school purposes.

Breach means the unauthorized acquisition of computerized data that compromises the security, confidentiality or integrity of covered information maintained by an operator or the District.

Operator Contracts

The Superintendent or designee designates which District employees are authorized to enter into written agreements with operators for those contracts that do not require separate Board approval. Contracts between the Board and operators shall be entered into in accordance with State law and Board policy 4:60, *Purchases and Contracts*, and shall include any specific provisions required by State law.

Security Standards

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the District implements and maintains reasonable security procedures and practices that otherwise meet or exceed industry standards designed to protect covered information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure. In the event the District receives notice from an operator of a breach or has determined a breach has occurred, the Superintendent or designee shall also ensure that the District provides any breach notifications required by State law.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 34 C.F.R. Part 99.
105 ILCS 10/, Ill. School Student Records Act.
105 ILCS 85/, Student Online Personal Protection Act.
23 Ill. Admin. Code Part 380.

CROSS REF.: 4:15 (Identity Protection), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 6:235 (Access to
Electronic Networks), 7:340 (Student Records)

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7:345-AP-Students

Administrative Procedure – Use of Educational Technologies: Student Data Privacy and Security

Use this procedure to establish a process for evaluating the use of educational technologies for student learning and/or District operations, and to facilitate compliance with the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA), amended by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21.

Definitions (105 ILCS 85/5, amended by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21)

Covered information means personally identifiable information (PII) or information linked to PII in any media or format that is not publicly available and is any of the following: (1) created by or provided to an operator by a student or the student's parent/guardian in the course of the student's or parent/guardian's use of the operator's site, service or application; (2) created by or provided to an operator by an employee or agent of the District; or (3) gathered by an operator through the operation of its site, service, or application.

Operators are entities (such as educational technology vendors) that operate Internet websites, online services, online applications, or mobile applications that are designed, marketed, and primarily used for K-12 school purposes.

K-12 school purposes means purposes that are directed by, or that customarily take place at the direction of, a teacher, school, or school district; aid in the administration of school activities, including, but not limited to, instruction in the classroom or at home, administrative activities, and collaboration between students, school personnel, or parents; or are otherwise for the use and benefit of a school.

Breach means the unauthorized acquisition of computerized data that compromises the security, confidentiality or integrity of covered information maintained by an operator or the District.

Parent means a person who is the natural parent of the student or other person who has the primary responsibility for the care and upbringing of the student.

Educational Technologies Evaluation and SOPPA Implementation

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Superintendent or Designee or Privacy Officer	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Establishes an Educational Technology Committee (Ed Tech Committee) to operate as a Superintendent committee for the purposes of: (1) evaluating the use of specific online applications and other educational technologies within the District, (2) establishing a list of applications or other services approved for use within the District, and (3) developing a process for the approval of online sites, applications, or services not already approved for District use which staff members may wish to use. See 2:150-AP, <i>Superintendent Committees</i>. Consider including: Head of Information Technology (IT) Other district-level administrators, such as Curriculum Director, Student Services Director, Business Manager Building Principals Teachers Note: This procedure establishes an administrative committee. The administrative committee centralizes the local decision-making process regarding the use of educational technologies in a district, which in turn should help districts comply with the provisions of SOPPA governing the use of covered information by operators, contractual requirements, and security standards.2. Informs the School Board of the Ed Tech Committee's progress.3. Makes recommendations to the Board about operator contracts, as needed and in alignment with Board policy 7:345, <i>Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security</i>.4. Designates which District employee(s) are authorized to enter into written

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	<p>agreements with operators when prior board approval of the contract is not otherwise required by Board policy 4:60, <i>Purchases and Contracts</i>, and list them below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent • Technology Coordinator <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Assigns the following activities to the Head of IT and the Records Custodian: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Develop and maintain a protocol to manage parent requests for copies (electronic and paper) of students' covered information. b. Develop and maintain a protocol to manage parent requests for corrections to factual inaccuracies contained in a student's covered information. c. Develop and maintain a protocol to manage parent requests for deletion of a student's covered information maintained by an operator. 6. Ensures that the parent of any student whose covered information was involved in a breach is provided with a breach notification letter no later than 30 calendar days after the District determines a breach has occurred or has been notified by an operator of a breach, unless an appropriate law enforcement agency has requested in writing that the District not provide breach notifications because doing so would interfere with a criminal investigation. See 7:345-AP, E3, <i>Parent Notification Letter for Student Data Breach</i>. 7. As appropriate, notifies the District's liability carrier of any third party claims made against the District regarding a data breach. 8. Consults with the Board Attorney for guidance as needed to ensure the District complies with the provisions of SOPPA.
Head of IT or Privacy Officer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implements and maintains reasonable cybersecurity practices to protect covered information, such as technical, administrative, and physical safeguards that are consistent with any guidance from the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) and 6:235-AP1, <i>Acceptable use of the District's Electronic Networks</i>. Coordinates with the Superintendent to implement any staff training on such practices. Coordinates with the Business Manager regarding any recommendations for purchases of equipment or software related to cybersecurity. 2. Creates, maintains, and regularly updates an internal inventory of all Internet websites, online services, online applications, and mobile applications that are being used in the District for K-12 purposes. <p>Note: The inventory does not need to include general audience websites, online services, online applications, or mobile applications, even if login credentials are required to access the general audience sites, services, or applications.</p> <p>The inventory list should include the following, and any other information deemed pertinent:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name of Operator b. Contract term and expiration/renewal date c. K-12 purpose for which the online service, application, etc. is being used (e.g., curriculum content area and grade level(s))

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. A listing of the <i>data elements</i> of covered information that the District collects, maintains, or discloses to the operator. e. A layperson explanation of the data elements listed for each operator including how the district uses the information, to whom or what entities it discloses the information, and for what purpose(s) the information is used. <p>3. Ensures the following information is posted on the District's website and updated (if needed) by Jan. 31 and July 31 each year (105 ILCS 85/27(a), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21) (See 7:345-AP, E1, <i>Student Covered Information Reporting Form</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A list of operators with which the District has written contracts. 105 ILCS 85/27(a)(2). b. Copies of the District's written contracts with operators, with redactions as permitted by State law and mutually agreed upon between the District and operators. 105 ILCS 85/27(a)(2). c. Business address of each operator. 105 ILCS 85/27(a)(2). d. For each operator, a list of any subcontractors to whom covered information may be disclosed or a link to a page on the operator's website that clearly lists that information. 105 ILCS 85/27(a)(3). e. An explanation that is clear and understandable by a layperson, of the following (105 ILCS 85/27(a)(1)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The <i>data elements</i> of covered information that the District collects, maintains, or discloses to any person, entity, third party, or governmental agency. ii. To whom or to what entities the covered information is disclosed. iii. How the covered information is used. iv. The purpose of the disclosure of the covered information. f. For breaches involving 10% or more the District's enrolled students, a list of any breaches of covered information maintained by the District or by an operator that includes the following information (105 ILCS 85/27(a)(5), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The number of students whose covered information was involved in the breach, unless the breach involves the <i>personal information</i> of students, as defined by the Personal Information Protection Act, 815 ILCS 530/10. Personal information means either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A student's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of his or her (a) social security number, (b) driver's license number or State ID card number, (c) financial account information (with any required security codes or passwords), (d) medical information, (e) health insurance information, and/or (f) unique biometric data or other unique physical or digital representation of

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	<p>biometric data, when either the name or data elements are not encrypted or redacted or are encrypted or redacted but the keys to unencrypt or unredact or otherwise read the name or data elements have been acquired through the breach of security; or</p> <p>2. A student's username or email address, in combination with a password or security question and answer that would permit access to an online account, when either the username or email address or password or security question and answer are not encrypted or redacted or are encrypted or redacted, but the keys to unencrypt or unredact or otherwise read the data elements have been obtained through the breach of security.</p> <p>g. A written description of the procedures a parent may use to carry out their rights to: (1) inspect and review his/her child's covered information; (2) request electronic or paper copies of his/her child's covered information and (3) request corrections to his/her child's inaccurate covered information under SOPPA. 105 ILCS 85/27(4), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21.</p> <p>4. Posts on the District's website any new operator contracts within 10 business days of the District entering into the contract, along with the information required in items 3.a. through 3.e. listed immediately above. 105 ILCS 85/27(c), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21.</p> <p>5. Promptly notifies the Superintendent of any breach of covered information or other personal information of students so that appropriate notices can be provided.</p>
Business Manager or Privacy Officer	<p>1. Assists Head of IT in creating, maintaining, and updating the internal inventory list referenced in the row above.</p> <p>2. Reviews operator contracts (including electronic agreements, click wrap agreements, or other terms and conditions a user must agree to before using the product or service) before approval to ensure they contain the provisions required by SOPPA (this can also be accomplished through the Business Manager's participation in the Committee described above).</p> <p>The following provisions are required for contracts entered into, renewed, or amended on or after 7-1-21, if the operator is seeking in any manner any covered information from the District (105 ILCS 85/15(4), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21):</p> <p>a. A listing of the categories or types of covered information to be provided to the operator.</p> <p>b. A statement of the product or service being provided to the District by the operator.</p> <p>c. A statement that, pursuant to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the operator (1) is acting as a school official with a legitimate educational interest, (2) is performing an institutional service or function for which the District would otherwise use employees, (3) is under the direct control of the District, with respect to the use and maintenance of covered information, (4) is using the covered information only for an authorized purpose and (5) may not re-disclose covered information to third parties without the District's</p>

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	<p>permission or pursuant to a court order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. A description of how, if a breach is attributed to the operator, any costs and expenses incurred by the District in investigating and remediating the breach will be allocated between the operator and District. The costs and expenses may include, but are not limited to: (1) providing notification to parent of those students whose covered information was compromised and to regulatory agencies or other entities as required by law or contract, (2) providing credit monitoring to those students whose covered information was exposed in a manner during the breach that a reasonable person would believe that it could impact his or her credit or financial security, (3) legal fees, audit costs, fines, and any other fees or damages imposed against the school as a result of the security breach; and (4) providing any other notifications or fulfilling any other requirements adopted by the Ill. State Board of Education or of any other State or federal laws e. A statement that the operator must delete or transfer to the school all covered information if the information is no longer needed for the purposes of the written agreement and to specify the time period in which the information must be deleted or transferred once the operator is made aware that the information is no longer needed for the purposes of the written agreement. f. If the District maintains a website, a statement that the District must publish the written agreement on the District's website. If the school does not maintain a website, a statement that the District will make the written agreement available for inspection by the general public at its administrative office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. As permitted by State law, obtains the operator's agreement regarding what provisions, if any, of the contract will be redacted in the copy that is posted on the District's website. Items 2.a, 2.b, and 2.c in the list immediately above may NOT be redacted in the posted copy. 4. Ensures that the District also has written agreements in place that include the provisions listed in #2 above whenever it shares, transfers, discloses, or provides access to a student's covered information to an entity or individual, other than the student's parent, school personnel, Board members, or ISBE, unless the disclosure or transfer is (1) required by court or State or federal law or (2) to ensure legal or regulatory compliance. 105 ILCS 85/26(2), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21. 5. With the authorization of the Superintendent, consults with the Board Attorney as needed for contract review. 6. Provides a copy of all operator contracts to the Head of IT for posting on the District's website.
Head of IT and Records Custodian or Privacy Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develops and maintains a protocol to manage parent requests to inspect and review their child's covered information, whether it is maintained by the District, ISBE, or an operator. 105 ILCS 85/33(c)(1), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21. If the covered information is a <i>school student record</i>, then follow the procedures and timelines for responding to student record requests in 7:340-AP1, <i>School Student Records</i>. 2. Develops and maintains a protocol to manage parent requests for copies (electronic and paper) of students' covered information. Align the protocol with the following requirements (105 ILCS 85/33(c)(2), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If the parent requests an electronic copy of the student's covered

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	<p>information, the District must provide an electronic copy of the information, unless the District does not maintain it in an electronic format and reproducing the information in an electronic format would be unduly burdensome to the District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. If the parent requests a paper copy of the student's covered information, the District may charge the parent the reasonable cost of copying in an amount not to exceed the amount fixed in a schedule adopted by ISBE. However, the parent may not be denied a copy of the information due to the parent's inability to pay the cost of copying. c. The protocol must be consistent with any regulations issued by ISBE. d. If the covered information is a <i>school student record</i>, then follow the procedures and timelines for responding to student record requests in 7:340-AP1, <i>School Student Records</i>. <p>3. Develops and maintains a protocol to manage parent requests for corrections to factual inaccuracies contained in a student's covered information. Align the protocol with the following requirements (105 ILCS 85/33(c)(3), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The District must determine whether the factual inaccuracy exists. b. If the District determines that a factual inaccuracy exists, and the District maintains or possesses the covered information, it must correct the inaccuracy and confirm the same with the parent within 90 calendar days after receiving the parent's request. c. If the District determines that a factual inaccuracy exists and an operator or ISBE maintains or possesses the information, the District must notify the operator or ISBE of the factual inaccuracy and correction to be made. The operator or ISBE must confirm the correction with the District within 90 calendar days after it receives the District's notice. The District must then confirm the correction with the parent within 10 business days after receiving confirmation of the correction from the operator or ISBE. d. If the covered information is a <i>school student record</i>, and the parent requests a hearing to challenge the accuracy of the record(s), follow the procedures and timelines in 7:340-AP1, <i>School Student Records</i>. <p>4. Develop and maintain a protocol to manage parent requests for deletion of a student's covered information maintained by an operator. Align the protocol with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Deny the request if granting it would result in a violation of the Ill. School Student Records Act or other records laws, such as the deletion of a <i>school student record</i> (temporary or permanent) that the District is required by law to maintain for a certain period of time. 105 ILCS 85/27(g), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21. b. Consider denying the request if granting it would effectively result in the student being unable to participate in all or a portion of the District's curriculum through the site, service, or application being used.
Building Principal(s) or Privacy Officer	<p>1. Ensures that parents are provided with 7:345-AP, E2, <i>Notice to Parents About Educational Technology Vendors</i>, at the beginning of each school year through distribution of school handbooks or other means generally</p>

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	<p>used by the building to provide such notices to parents. 105 ILCS 85/28(e), added by P.A. 101-516, eff. 7-1-21.</p> <p>2. Promptly communicates any parent requests for copies of, corrections to, or deletion of students' covered information to the Records Custodian and Head of IT.</p>
Staff Members	<p>1. Participate in any District-required trainings on the privacy and security of student data.</p> <p>2. Refrain from using any new online sites, services, or applications that collect any student data or covered information that have not be pre-approved for use by the District.</p> <p>3. Be familiar with and abide by policy 6:235, <i>Access to Electronic Networks</i>, and 6:235-AP1, <i>Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks</i>.</p>
<p>K-12 Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Resources:</p> <p>www.studentprivacy.ed.gov/</p> <p>www.ltcillinois.org/resources/dataprivacy/</p> <p>www.ferpasherpa.org/resources/</p> <p>www.k12cybersecure.com/resources/</p> <p>www.cosn.org/ProtectingPrivacy</p> <p>Attai, Linnette. Student Data Privacy: Building a School Compliance Program. (Rowman & Littlefield, 2018).</p>	