

To: Dr. Dave Palzet
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Date: July 9, 2015
RE: Parent/Student Handbook 2015-16

Attached is the proposed Parent/Student Handbook for 2015-16 for the review by the School Board at the July 15, 2015 meeting.

The greatest change to the Handbook this year is the format as well as inclusion of several new model and mandated policies. This past year, the District partnered with the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) with their Model Student Handbook. This service through the IPA provides partnering schools with the most current vetted legal policies and model procedures for inclusion in School Handbooks. The IPA handbook is continually reviewed and updated policies provided to partnering schools, updated to meet current mandates and legislation.

Our current handbook was re-organized and aligned to the IPA Model Student Handbook, both for ease of use by our families and to match, when possible, the structure of the Model IPA Handbook for ease of future amendments.

Current policies and practices were reviewed by a committee consisting of parent representatives, teachers, administrators, and social workers from both schools. The committee agreed to adopt the new format, proposed a few changes to current policies, and approved adding additional mandated policies.

Current policies that have proposed changes are identified by the current language crossed-out and new/additional language in red. Mandated policies that are new to the handbook are completely in red and have been adapted, as necessary, to align with current D107 policies/practices.