

**School Board Workshop:**

**August 8, 2022**

**Subject:**

BCMS 2022-23 Handbook Revisions

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Review

**DESCRIPTION:**

Changes to the BCMS 2022-23 Student Handbook are provided here:

Strikethrough Text = Removed
Highlighted Text = Added

**#1: Page 3**

- **Added Hearing and Vision Screening (District-Wide Addition)**

**HEARING AND VISION SCREENING**

Students new to the district starting 1st grade or later may receive a basic hearing and vision screening as recommended by MDH. Routine h/v screening occurs in 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grades, unless a nurse is notified by the guardian that they wish to opt out.

**#2 Page 7**

- **Updated Tardy Policy**

**TARDINESS**

We believe that being on time is a very important life skill and vital to academic success. Students are expected to be in class when the class begins. Students who are tardy at the start of the school day should report to the front desk and sign in.

### ***Classroom Tardies***

1. Warning
2. Teacher call home to parent
3. Detention assigned at the discretion of the teacher (i.e. with teacher after school, Tuesday through Friday afternoon detention, staying in at lunch, etc.)
4. Referral to administration

## **TARDINESS**

A top priority at BCMS is student achievement and maximizing instructional minutes. Tardies are a major disruption to the learning environment and student learning.

Students are expected to be in class when the class begins. Students who are tardy at the start of the school day should report to the front desk and sign in. Here is our building-wide process for tardies:

When a student is late for class without a pass:

1. The teacher gives the student a warning.
2. Parents are notified automatically via email.
3. After 3 tardies - students will be assigned a lunch detention.
4. If the student continues to be late to class after lunch detention, the teacher will call the parent to discuss a plan.
5. If the student continues to be late after step 4, the teacher will refer the student to administration.

## **#3: Page 9**

- Updated cell phone and personal electronic devices policy.
- Removed the strikethrough portion below about cell phone use during instruction.
- Added highlighted portion about photos and videos.

## **CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PED's)**

Handheld devices such as cell phones and other electronic devices, along with headphones may be appropriately used before school until 8:50 AM. By 8:50 AM when the school day begins, all devices & headphones must be turned off and properly stowed away in lockers and students need to be in their first period class ready to begin. Personal devices may be used during passing times, as well as, after 3:25 PM. ~~Teachers may allow students the use of electronic devices during instructional time.~~ If students choose to bring a phone to school, the school is

not responsible for loss, damage, or theft. If technology misuse is an issue, the student's parent may be required to pick the item up at school and the student may lose the privilege of bringing their device to school. Operation of all electronic devices are prohibited in bathroom and locker room areas.

Students are prohibited from photographing, recording or making any electronic record of other students, staff, or visitors without express consent of the individual that is the subject of the recording, photograph, or electronic record. This policy applies to students during the school day, instructional and non instructional time, or while participating in school events.

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- **Added Data Privacy Bill (District-Wide Addition)**

#### **Digital Tool Inventory of Core Curriculum and Assessment Tools Utilized (Data Privacy Bill HF 2353)**

The Buffalo Hanover Montrose School District utilizes a variety of digital tools to support student learning. Technology vendors and software are utilized to support work as we help all students develop the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world. We have an inventory of our curriculum, testing, and assessment tools, which includes an outline of the student data elements within each tool, posted at the following link: ([t.ly/-e9O](https://t.ly/-e9O)).

This list is maintained and communicated annually to all families at the start of the school year via our school handbooks. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or Principal for additional information regarding specific digital tools used in classrooms.

#### #5: Page 10 -

- **Updated Dress Code Policy to better align with BHS**

#### **APPROPRIATE CLOTHING / ACCESSORIES**

~~Clothing acceptable for school does not jeopardize anyone's health or safety, does not disrupt the teaching/learning process, does not create school disorder, and is not immodest in any respect. Parents are asked to be observant of what their child wears to school and to assist in selecting appropriate clothing. No short shorts or skirts and low cut blouses or tops will be allowed. There will be no midriffs or undergarments showing. Students will be allowed to wear headwear during the school day, however eyes and ears should be visible so that it is clear students are focused on learning. Students may not wear clothing or accessories which display~~

words or images advertising directly or indirectly, alcohol, tobacco, drugs or related products or which promote the use of these products or which are profane, obscene, or sexually suggestive. During physical education swim units, female students are required to wear a one-piece swimsuit or cover up a two-piece suit with a tank top or t-shirt. Students wearing improper attire will be required to correct it at school if possible or be required to call home for a change of clothes.

### **APPROPRIATE CLOTHING / ACCESSORIES**

Clothing is generally acceptable for school wear as long as it follows health and safety guidelines, does not disrupt the teaching/learning process, does not create school disorder, and does not create a harassing or intimidating environment. Students may not wear clothing or accessories that display words or images directly or indirectly advertising alcohol, tobacco, drugs or related products or which promote the use of these products, or that are profane, obscene, or sexually suggestive.

In addition to clothing, students may NOT display other items or accessories that can cause a safety issue, disrupt the teaching/learning process, create school disorder, or cause a harassing or intimidating environment.