# School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al.

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#### **0100 - DEFINITIONS**

The bylaws of the Board of this District incorporate quotations from the laws and administrative code of the State of Wisconsin. Such quotations may be substantively altered only by appropriate legislative, judicial, or administrative action.

Whenever the following items are used in these bylaws and administrative guidelines, they shall have the meaning set forth below:

### **Administrative Guideline**

A statement, based on policy, usually written, which outlines and/or describes the means by which a policy should be implemented and which provides for the management cycle of planning, action, and assessment or evaluation.

#### Administrator

An employee who holds a position of leadership over a defined function or department of the District, is employed with an administrative contract, and/or who reports directly to the Superintendent.

In policy, capitalization of the term Administrator may imply delegation of responsibilities, as appropriate, to staff members.

### **Apps and Services**

Apps and services are software (i.e., computer programs) that support the interaction of personal communication devices (as defined in Bylaw 0100, above) over a network or client-server applications in which the user interface runs in a web browser. Apps and services are used to communicate/transfer information/data that allow students to perform actions/tasks that assist them in attaining educational achievement goals/objectives, enable staff to monitor and assess their students' progress, and allow staff to perform other tasks related to their employment. Apps and services also are used to facilitate communication to, from and among and between, staff, students, parents, Board members, and/or other stakeholders and members of the community.

## Board

The School Board, also commonly referred to as the Board of Education, shall take action that is within the comprehensive meaning of the terms "duties and powers" provided that such action is not prohibited by State or Federal law. (Chapter 118, Wis. Stats. and Chapter 120, Wis. Stats.)

Within these bylaws and policies, the terms Board and District may be used interchangeably, depending on the context of the policy.

#### **Bylaw**

Rule of the Board for its own governance.

#### Clerk

The chief clerk of the Board. (See Bylaw 0171.3 - Clerk)

#### **District**

The School District is the territorial unit for school administration. Districts are classified as common, union high, unified and 1st class city school districts. A joint school district is one the territory of which is not wholly in one municipality. (Chapter 115, Wis. Stats.).

Within these bylaws and policies, the terms Board and District may be used interchangeably, depending on the context of the policy.

#### **District Administrator**

See Superintendent.

#### **District Records Custodian**

The School District will designate one (1) District Records Custodian (DRC) to be the legal custodian of records for the District. The DRC shall keep and preserve the public records of the District and is granted authority to render a decision and carry out duties related to those public records. The DRC is designated in Policy 8310 - Public Records.

#### **Due Process**

Procedural due process requires prior knowledge (a posted discipline code), notice of offense (accusation), and the opportunity to respond. Specific due process requirements are dependent upon the circumstances and may vary depending on such circumstances.

#### **Full Board**

Authorized number of voting members entitled by law to govern the District. The full Board is the total number of Board members authorized by law regardless of the number of current sitting members.

#### **Information Resources**

The Board defines information resources to include any data/information in electronic, audio-visual or physical form, or any hardware or software that makes possible the storage and use of data/information. This definition includes but is not limited to electronic mail, voice mail, social media, text messages, databases, CD-ROMs/DVDs, websites, motion picture film, recorded magnetic media, photographs, digitized information, or microfilm. This also includes any equipment, computer facilities, or online services used in accessing, storing, transmitting or retrieving electronic communications.

## Law Enforcement Officer(s) or Agency(ies)

These terms include any local, State, or Federal law enforcement agency of competent jurisdiction and its officers acting within their legal authority.

# **Legal Custodian of Records**

See "District Records Custodian".

### **Legal Notice**

Legal notice means every notice required by law to be published in a newspaper or other publication. There are three (3) classes of notices: class 1 (requiring one (1) insertion); class 2 (requiring two (2) insertions); and class 3 (requiring three (3) insertions). When more than one (1) insertion is required, the notice must be published once each week for consecutive weeks, with the last notice published at least one (1) week before the act or event, unless otherwise specified by law. Sunday publication is permitted.

#### **Local Public Office Holder or Official**

Individuals holding those positions designated by the Board as local public offices in compliance with 19.32 (1 dm), 19.42 (7w)(a)(f) and (g), Wis. Stats.

#### May

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is permitted but not required.

#### **Medical Advisor**

The School District is required to appoint a medical advisor. The medical advisor shall be a licensed physician and will participate in the annual review of the District emergency nursing services plan. The School District may also have the medical advisor fulfill other roles. PI 8.01(2, g)3

#### Meeting

Any gathering which is attended by, or open to, all of the members of the Board held with the intent on the part of the members of the body present to discuss or act as a unit upon the specific public business of that body. 19.82(2), Wis. Stats.

#### Official Newspaper

A newspaper may be designated by the Board under 985.05, Wis. Stats. Other publication options are available to the Board pursuant to 120.11(4), Wis. Stats.

#### **Parent**

The natural or adoptive parents or the party designated by the courts as the legal guardian, custodian, or surrogate of a student including a foreign exchange student. Both parents will be considered to have equal rights unless a court of law decrees otherwise.

#### **Personal Communication Devices**

Personal communication devices ("PCDs") include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile phones, smartphones, smartwatches, wearable technology, and/or other web-enabled devices of any type.

## **Policy**

A general, written statement by the governing Board which defines its expectations or position on a particular matter and authorizes appropriate action that must, or may, be taken to establish and/or maintains those expectations.

#### President

The chief executive officer of the Board. (See Bylaw 0171.1 - President)

### **Principal**

The educational leader and head administrator of one (1) or more District schools.

In policy capitalization of the term Principal may imply delegation of responsibilities, as appropriate, to staff members.

#### **Professional Staff Member**

District employees who are either certified teachers employed in a position for which certification is a requirement of employment or administrative employees who are responsible for oversight or supervision of a component or components of the District's operation, or serve as assistants to such persons, regardless of whether they hold an administrative contract or are required to have administrator certification, but excluding the Superintendent.

## Relative

The mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, domestic partner, parent of spouse/domestic partner, child, step-child, grandparents, grandchild, or dependent in the immediate household.

#### School/District Classification

Per 115.01, Wis. Stats., Wisconsin school districts are classified as follows:

#### **Common School Districts:**

These districts are responsible for K-12 education, and are the most common type of district in Wisconsin, and operate pursuant to Subchapter I of Chapter 120, Wis. Stats.

#### **Unified School Districts:**

These districts serve all grade levels, from kindergarten through high school, and operate pursuant to Subchapter II of Chapter 120, Wis. Stats.

### **Union High Schools:**

These districts focus on high school education and are often formed by a group of smaller common school districts. They operate pursuant to Subchapter I of Chapter 120, Wis. Stats.

#### School Nurse

A school nurse is a registered nurse who meets the requirements of 115.001(11), Wis. Stats. A school nurse has the authority to exclude students for signs of illness.

#### **School Official**

Except if otherwise defined in policy, a school official is a person employed by the Board as an administrator, supervisor, teacher/instructor (including substitutes), or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); or a person serving on the Board.

The term school official is inclusive of other parties, such as an attorney, contractor, consultant, volunteer, or other party to whom the Board has outsourced a service otherwise performed by Board employees (e.g., a therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing designated tasks (including volunteers) pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA) definition - See Policy 8330 - Student Records.

#### Shall

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is required. (The word "will" or "must" signifies a required action.)

#### Social Media

Social media are online platforms where users engage with another and/or share information and ideas through text, video, or pictures. Social media consists of any form of online publication or presence that allows interactive communication, including, but not limited to, text messaging, instant messaging, websites, web logs ("blogs"), wikis, online forums (e.g., chat rooms), virtual worlds, and social networks. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Google Hangouts, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr, Instagram, Pinterest, Skype, and Facetime. Social media does not include sending or receiving e-mail through the use of District-issued e-mail accounts.

## Student

A person who is officially enrolled in a school or program of the District.

# Superintendent

Sometimes the administrative head of the School District is referred to as Superintendent, but has the authority of the District Administrator by law.

In policy, capitalization of the term Superintendent may imply delegation of responsibilities, as appropriate, to staff members.

#### **Support Staff**

Any employee who provides support to the District's program and whose position does not require a professional certificate. This category includes special education paraprofessionals, even though it is a requirement to hold a special education program aide license issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) or another valid and current DPI license or permit.

#### **Technology Resources**

The Board defines technology resources to include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile telephones, smartphones, web-enabled devices, video and/or audio recording equipment, SLR and DSLR cameras, projectors, software and operating systems that work on any device, copy machines, printers and scanners, information storage devices (including mobile/portable storage devices such as external hard drives, CDs/DVDs, USB thumb drives and memory chips), the computer network, Internet connection, and online educational services and apps.

#### **Treasurer**

The chief financial officer of the Board. (See Bylaw 0171.4 - Treasurer)

#### **Vice-President**

The Vice-President of the Board. (See Bylaw 0171.2 - Vice President)

# Voting

A vote at a meeting of the Board. The law requires that Board members must be present in order to have their vote officially recorded in the Board minutes and to be available for a roll call vote. A Board member's presence at a meeting includes the Board member's presence if attending by telephone or other manner of remote access, so long as such remote access is compliant with State law. No voting by Proxy may be recorded or counted in an official vote of the Board. Remote access during quasi-judicial functions (e.g., termination hearings, expulsions) may be permitted after consultation with legal counsel.

Citations to Wisconsin statutes are shown by the Section Number (e.g., 120.11, Wis. Stats.). Citations to the Wisconsin Administrative Code are prefaced by P.I. (e.g., P.I. 11). Citations to the United States Code are noted as U.S.C., Federal Register are noted as F.R., and the Code of Federal Regulations as C.F.R.

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## 0144.5 - BOARD MEMBER BEHAVIOR, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board functions most effectively when individual Board members act ethically, professionally, and responsibly. Board members serve as a member of the School District's governing body and do not have individual authority to represent a policy or enforce positions that are not supported by a majority of the Board as evidenced by official action of the Board (See Bylaw 0143 - Authority of Individual Board Members).

Board members accept responsibility for the well-being and positive leadership of the School District, for protecting the interests of the School District as a legal entity, and for facilitating governance for the purpose of delivering the highest quality educational and related services to all of the District's students. Conduct by Board members that compromises the reputation or legal position of the District should be avoided are prohibited.

Any authority delegated to the Board President in this policy is automatically vested in the Board Vice President in the event that either the Board President is unavailable or the Board President is the Board member accused of violating this policy.

# **General Expectations of All Board Members**

- A. Attend all scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings.
- B. Be familiar with and follow applicable local, State, and Federal laws and regulations.
- C. Be familiar with and comply with Board policies, including policies governing Board member conduct and Board member ethics, rules of incompatibility of office, qualifications of the office, and conflicts of interest (see Bylaw 0144.3 Conflict of Interest).
- D. Conduct themselves with integrity, honesty, and in a manner that reflects positively on the Board and on the District.
- E. Be accountable for guiding and supporting the policy decision-making process that impacts students, staff, and the community. The operation of the District is the responsibility of the administration.
- F. Establish and maintain a high level of honesty, credibility, and truthfulness in all matters dealt with by the Board.
- G. Treat others with respect and dignity at all times, and maintain decorum, and always communicate in a way that does not violate or illustrate disregard for Board policy concerning harassment or discrimination. This decency expectation applies in all communications, including while discussing sensitive, controversial, or matters involving disagreement.

H. At all times conduct themselves in the best interest of the School District, including avoiding implicating the District in unlawful activity or supporting or encouraging efforts to harm the reputation, legal standing, or to bring other material harm to the interests of the District or the Board.

- I. Recognize that they should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings.
- J. Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment.
- K. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community.
- L. Work with the other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the District to the Superintendent.
- M. Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
- N. Inform themselves about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, the Consortium of State School Board Associations, and the National School Boards Association.
- O. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
- P. Refrain from using their Board positions for personal partisan gain.
- Q. Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law.
- R. Remember always that their first and greatest concern must be for the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.
- S. No Board member shall act or fail to act as a member of the Board in violation of 946.12, Wis. Stats., regarding misconduct in public office.
- T. Disclose any actual or perceived conflict of interest.

## **Board Member Communication**

Board members are expected to refrain from engaging in communication on behalf of the Board or on behalf of the District unless authorized to do so by majority vote of the Board (See Bylaw 0143.1).

Any Board member who chooses to engage in individual communication on matters related to Board and/or District business is expected to clearly identify whether the Board member is communicating in the following capacity:

- A. On behalf of the Board: normally, this is the function of the Board President or in the President's absence, the Vice President. The Board may by majority vote delegate this responsibility to another Board member in a specific circumstance. In every case, the Board Member communicating the Board's position shall do so as determined by the Board and avoiding individual interpretation or editorializing.
- B. As an individual Board member, but not on behalf of the Board: a Board member who speaks, including online, in social media forums, or in any other public forum, on matters related to Board and/or District business, but not as an officially designated spokesperson of the Board. The Board member must specify that any statement is not sponsored by the District and is a personal viewpoint.

Board members who fail to adhere to this expectation, or who publicly communicate false or intentionally misleading information pertaining to Board action or District policy, will be asked to correct such communication in a way that is likely to reach the same audience as the false or misleading information. The Board President is authorized to communicate such requests to the pertinent Board member.

The Board President is authorized to issue public statements on behalf of the Board in the event a Board member expresses false or misleading information, or makes statements without properly identifying whether the member of the Board is speaking as an individual Board member. The President's communication should be limited to correcting the false or

misleading statement, clarifying that the Board member was not speaking on behalf of the Board, and providing information relative to Board action if any on the subject matter.

### **Board Member Use of Electronic Communication Devices Prohibited**

An individual Board member's use of electronic communication devices, such as cell phones or smartphones, during a Board meeting, both during open session and during closed session, may lead to the public's and/or other Board members' perception that a Board member is not paying attention to the subject matter at hand or that a Board member is receiving information relative to the subject matter at hand that other Board members and members of the public are not receiving, or is communicating with persons not at the meeting regarding the subject matter of the meeting, any of which is inimical to good government and transparency, and, in the case of a closed session, may also be contrary to the legal interests of the Board. Therefore, the Board's use of electronic communication devices (including cell phones and smartphones), other than for the purpose of accessing agenda materials that are on a Board member's tablet or lap top computer, is prohibited during Board meetings.

Exceptions may be made by the Board in case an emergency or other special circumstance warrants an exception.

### **Board Member Interaction with Staff**

The general expectations of Board member decorum and civility apply to interactions with employees; however, because the Board is the employer of all District staff, this responsibility is appropriate for special reference. Each Board member is an individual with authority to bring matters to the Board and to influence matters related to staff. Therefore, it is imperative that Board members treat all employees with respect and as professionals. Board members are also required to comply with Board Policies governing employee anti-harassment, non-discrimination, and threatening behavior.

No Board member has inherent authority to require any staff member to respond to the Board member regarding a specific request for information, or to direct any staff member to perform or not perform any task, except as provided by Board policy or as directed by majority vote of the Board.

Board members access to and request for School District records and information is governed by Board Bylaw 0143.2 - Board Member Information Requests.

## **Board Member Records and Confidentiality**

Board members are expected to maintain their own public records created on resources not controlled by and thus not maintained by the School District. Each Board member is an elected official responsible for preserving all public records the Board member creates, and to comply with requests to inspect such records. The District has no obligation nor responsibility to assist any Board member in fulfilling this responsibility with respect to records that are not maintained by the District.

Board members are encouraged to review Board policy defining and explaining public records, their maintenance, and public access (See Board Policy 8310 - Public Records).

Board members are expected to maintain and protect the privacy of District records, including student records, and communications received in closed session meetings of the Board. Board members must also protect and not disclose records consistent with, and governed by, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

#### **Enforcement**

Complaints alleging violations of the Board Member Code of Conduct may be brought by any person and can be submitted to the Board President or, if the Board President is the member accused of violating this policy, to the Vice President.

The President or Vice President shall review the complaint and determine whether the officer can investigate the matter or if the President or Vice President needs to contact the School District's legal counsel for support. Upon completion of the investigation, if the conclusion reached is that the Board member violated the policy, the investigator shall brief the Board and may recommend action to be taken.

Board members are elected officials and therefore cannot be disciplined, prevented from participating in Board meetings, or removed from office by the Board. The Board may consider the following:

- A. Fformal censure by resolution passed by a majority of the Board in an open session meeting of the Board.
- B. Removal from Board committee assignments for the remainder of the year and until the following organizational meeting of the Board, at which time the President is authorized to continue to withhold committee assignment.

Approval of this sanction is an adopted exception to Bylaw 0155 - Committees,

- C. Rrestriction on Board member rights granted by policy, including requesting items for a Board meeting agenda-;
- D. Rreferral to proceed with efforts to remove the Board member from office for cause, which means inefficiency, neglect of duty, official misconduct, or malfeasance in office.
- E. Rreferral to law enforcement if any alleged misconduct constitutes potentially unlawful conduct-;
- F. Oother efforts to pursue compliance with and adherence to the policy as determined by the Board and not prohibited by law.

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17.13, Wis. Stats.

946.12, Wis. Stats.

The Consortium of State School Board Associations

The National Association of School Boards

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards

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#### 0166.1 - CONSENT AGENDA

The Board shall use a consent agenda to keep routine matters within a reasonable time frame.

The following routine business items may be included in a single resolution for consideration by the Board:

- A. minutes of prior Board meetings;
- B. employment summary;
- C. supplementary contracts;
- D. financial summary;
- E. resolutions that require annual adoption, such as bank signatories, Wisconsin High School Athletic Association membership, etc.
- F. other routine items as presented by the Superintendent.

A member of the Board may request any item to be removed from the consent resolution and defer it for a specific action and more discussion. No vote of the Board will be required to remove an item from the consent agenda. A single member's request shall cause it to be relocated as an action item eligible for discussion. Any item on the consent agenda may be removed and discussed as a nonaction item or be deferred for further study and discussion at a subsequent Board meeting if the Superintendent or any Board member thinks the item requires further discussion.

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## 1461 - UNREQUESTED LEAVES OF ABSENCE/FITNESS FOR DUTY

It is the policy of the Board to protect students and employees from the effects of contagious diseases and other circumstances that render administrators unable to perform their duties.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to place an administrator on leave for physical or mental condition that affects the employees ability to perform assigned duties in conformance with the law.

The Superintendent may require that the administrator submit to an appropriate examination by a healthcare provider of the administrator's choice, a healthcare provider designated and compensated by the District, or both.

The employee will be required to execute a release that complies with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in order to allow the report of the medical examination to be released to the Board/Superintendent and to allow the Superintendent to speak to the health care provider who conducted the medical examination in order to get clarification. Refusal of the administrator to submit to an appropriate examination requested by the Superintendent or to execute the HIPAA release will be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

As required by Federal law and regulation and Board Policy 1422.02 - Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee, the Superintendent shall direct the provider designated by the District to conduct the examination not to collect genetic information or provide any genetic information, including the individual's family medical history, in the report of the medical examination.

Pursuant to State law and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended (ADA) and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), the results of any such examination shall be treated as a confidential medical record and will be exempt from release, except as provided by law. If the District inadvertently receives genetic information about an individual who is required to submit to an appropriate examination from the medical provider, it shall be treated as a confidential medical record as required by the ADA.

If, as a result of such examination, the administrator is found to be unable to perform assigned duties, the administrator shall be placed on leave of absence pending further determination of ability to perform duties, including evaluation of any reasonable accommodations in the event of the existence of a disability.

Should an Administrator, as defined in Policy 0100 - Definitions, refuse to submit to the examination requested by the Superintendent, such refusal shall subject the administrator to disciplinary action.

The Superintendent may designate any period of leave under this policy as qualifying leave under State and/or Federal FMLA leave entitlement consistent with Policy 3430.01 - Family & Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) as provided by law.

In the event the Superintendent is the administrator subject to this policy, the Board President shall direct the appropriate actions pursuant to this policy and Policy 1260 - Incapacity of the Superintendent.

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Legal 111.32 et seq., the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act

29 C.F.R. Part 163029 C.F.R. Part 1635

42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended

42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

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#### 2440.01 - SUMMER OR INTERIM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The brief duration of summer or interim school makes regular attendance imperative. Students enrolled in summer school are expected to attend all class periods for classes in which they are enrolled.

# The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish minimum attendance requirements for any classes taken for credit.

Attendance exceptions may be granted only by the Principal and are limited to absences to participate in school-sponsored activities or in cases of emergency. When an exception is made, the student must still complete all required coursework.

Students may be excused from summer school attendance when a request is made by the student's parent. The school will attempt to contact the parent on the student's second day of absence if the parent has not notified the school of the student's absence.

Each parent, or adult student, must notify the school in writing if the student withdraws from the course at any time. Withdrawal will result in the student receiving no credit for the course.

The school shall maintain an accurate record of summer school attendance, late enrollments, and withdrawals.

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#### 2522 - INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTERS

The Board believes that school instructional media centers are a fundamental part of the educational process by providing a place to foster independent and collaborative learning and information-seeking skills in students and staff. This is accomplished through timely access to services and resources that both reflect the student body, the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society, and represent perspectives held in the world more broadly. Therefore, the Board shall provide sufficient materials and staff for an instructional material center in each school in the District.

The Superintendent shall designate a licensed library media professional to direct or coordinate the District's library media program. The Board shall adopt a long-range plan for library media services developed by teachers and library and audiovisual personnel and administrators. The plan shall be reviewed periodically. The plan and any materials selection or review process shall be in accordance with Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity.

The major goals of the District's school instructional media centers are:

- A. To support and enrich the District's standards and benchmarks;
- B. To provide for personal interests, professional, educational, and recreational reading while promoting an appreciation of literature;
- C. To provide a comprehensive and coordinated collection of current and accurate resources so that students and staff will conveniently and effectively use a wide variety of materials, including print and non-print media;
- D. To provide the appropriate technology and equipment for information retrieval, resource sharing, and student and teacher use.

The Superintendent, in collaboration with the District's library media specialist(s), shall establish procedures consistent with the District's long-range plan for library services development related to the selection of materials, removal (weeding) of materials, inventory, and repair and/or replacement of materials. The use of the District's allocation from the Common School Fund for acquisitions, in accordance with DPI regulations, shall be a component of the foregoing procedures.

## **Gifts and Donations**

Gifts and donations shall be handled in accordance with Policy 7230 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

# **Reconsideration of School Library Materials**

Parents of children attending school in the District and District residents may request—formal reconsideration of the inclusion of specific material in a school library. Requests made under this policy relate to library materials only and not to curriculum-related materials. Complaints concerning curriculum-related materials, such as textbooks, are governed by Policy 9130 - Public Requests, Suggestions, or Complaints.

All requests under this policy for reconsideration of library materials shall be addressed as follows:

- A. Concerns about specific library materials should be raised first with the library media specialist, then with the building principal, if necessary, in an effort to resolve the matter informally. If a satisfactory resolution is not reached, requests for consideration of removal of any library materials shall be submitted in writing as listed below.
- B. The request is to be addressed to the Superintendent, in writing and shall include the following information:
  - 1. author;
  - 2. title;
  - 3. publisher;
  - 4. the individual's familiarity with the material, including how much of the entire book/resource being challenged has been read by the complainant;
  - 5. for requests to reconsider materials, provide specific concerns upon which the request to reconsider is based. This should include a specific description of the offending material (e.g. contains content that is harmful to minors or prohibited under State law, violates the District's policy on non-discrimination, is not ageappropriate or developmentally appropriate for the grade level for which the material is used, or some other specified reason). This should include specific references to the text of the material by page number and excerpted text if known.
- C. The request shall be reviewed and evaluated in consultation with the District's library media specialist(s) and appropriate administrative personnel. The District official first presented with the request shall provide a response to the requestor advising that individual of the decision on the request to reconsider library materials, including an explanation of the reason for the decision. The matter may be referred to the Board upon the determination of the Superintendent prior to any decision being communicated.
- D. The requestor may appeal a decision, within thirty (30) business days, to the Board through a written request to the Superintendent, who shall forward the request and all written material relating to the matter to the Board. The Board will determine how to evaluate the matter and reach a determination on the request. The Board may receive additional evidence or reach a determination based on the record.
- E. The decision of the Board shall be final.

Material being reviewed based on a request under this policy shall remain available in the library during the review process unless the Superintendent determines that subject material does pose a threat of harm to students considering the grade level involved and provided the determination is not made solely because the material presents ideas that may be unpopular or offensive to some. Any temporarily removed materials will be promptly returned if the final determination is to retain the material. Any action to remove material following a request reviewed under this policy will be explained in the review process records.

Decisions on reconsidered materials will stand for five (5) years before new requests for reconsideration of those items will be entertained.

# **Criteria for the Selection of Materials**

Initial purchase suggestions for library materials may come from all personnel--teachers, coordinators, and administrators. Students will also be encouraged to make suggestions. The recommended purchase of library materials will be made by the library media specialist. The Superintendent will approve funds to be spent on materials.

The following criteria will be considered in reviewing suggestions for library materials or in evaluating whether to accept donations of materials. Some criteria may not apply in each situation and not all criteria need to be met in order to acquire and incorporate library materials. Materials should:

A. support and enrich the curriculum and/or students' personal interests and learning;

- B. meet high standards in literacy, artistic, and aesthetic quality; technical aspects; and physical format;
- C. be appropriate for the subject area and for the age, emotional development, ability level, learning styles, and social, emotional, and intellectual development of the students for whom the materials are selected;
- D. incorporate accurate and authentic factual content from authoritative sources;
- E. earn favorable reviews in reviewing sources viewed as authoritative by library professionals;
- F. exhibit a high degree of potential user appeal and interest;
- G. represent differing viewpoints on issues of interest;
- H. provide a global perspective and promote cultural diversity and reflect the pluralistic nature of American society by including materials by authors and illustrators of all cultures;
- I. include a variety of resources in physical and virtual formats including print and non-print such as electronic and multimedia (i.e. online databases, e-books, educational games, and other forms of emerging technologies) in accordance with technology software selection as per Policy 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy;
- J. demonstrate physical format, appearance, and durability suitable for their intended use;
- K. balance cost with need.

Selection is an ongoing process that should include removing materials that are no longer used or needed (weeding), adding materials, and replacing lost and worn materials that still have educational value.

## Parental/Police Access to Instructional Media Center Information

The Board respects the privacy rights of parents and their children. The Board is also committed to ensuring that parents are permitted to obtain information about the instructional material, resources, and services students choose to use at the District's instructional media centers.

Parents of a student under the age of sixteen (16) have the right to review, upon request, instruction media center records relating to the use of the center's documents or other materials, resources, or services by the student.

Upon request from a law enforcement officer investigating criminal conduct alleged to have occurred at a school library, the instructional media center shall disclose to the officer records produced by a surveillance device under the control of the center that are pertinent to the alleged criminal conduct.

Other than the exceptions noted above, records indicating the identity of any individual who borrows or uses the library's documents or other materials, resources, or services may not be disclosed except by court order or to persons acting within the scope of their duties in the administration of the library or to persons authorized by the individual to inspect such records.

# **Inter-Library Loans**

The Board authorizes District participation in interlibrary loan programs. The District will loan school library books and other instructional materials that are not in immediate or constant demand by staff or students to another participating school district for use in the libraries of that district.

# **Fines**

Students may be assessed fines for the late return of borrowed materials or damage or loss of materials in accordance with Policy 6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges.

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## 3120.04 - EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

The Board recognizes the need to procure the services of substitutes in order to continue the operation of the schools as a result of the absence of regular personnel. This policy does not apply to regular contracted teachers hired to serve as permanent substitute teachers and whose employment is governed by Policy 3120 - Employment of Professional Staff.

The Superintendent shall make appropriate arrangements to assure the availability of substitutes for assignment as services are required to replace temporarily absent regular staff members and to temporarily fill new positions. Such assignment of substitutes may be terminated, including permanent removal from the substitute teaching roster, when their services are no longer required or for other reasons as determined by the Superintendent that are not arbitrary, capricious, or discriminatory.

Substitutes must possess appropriate certification to teach as a substitute. The Superintendent may determine what licensure is required and make allowances for the use of alternative forms of certification, emergency certification, and other such options as permitted by law. There must also be verification that a satisfactory background and criminal history check has been conducted by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), an appropriate State agency, authorized District personnel, or contracted vendor.

In order to retain well-qualified substitutes for service in this District, the Board will offer compensation at a rate set annually by the Board.

# A substitute shall be paid a minimum of eight (8) hours once the substitute is called.

Relatives of staff members may be employed by the Board, provided the staff member being employed is not placed in a position in which they are supervised directly by a staff member who is related.

Prior to the end of the school year, District employed substitutes, who the District intends to employ for the ensuing school year, will receive a letter of reasonable assurance of continued employment.

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Title EMPLOYEE LEAVES

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#### 3431 - EMPLOYEE LEAVES

The Board recognizes that there may be instances in which employees can not report to work and recognizes that in certain circumstances it is appropriate to provide compensation or job protection during those absences. The leave provided for in this policy is provided in conjunction with other Board leave policies, including Policy 3161 -Unrequested Leaves of Absence/Fitness for Duty, Policy 3430.01 - Family & Medical Leaves of Absence ("FMLA"), Policy 3432 - Employee Sick Leave, and Policy 3430 - Leaves of Absence.

### A. Sick Leave

Staff members are eligible for sick leave as specified in the Employee Handbook.

### B. Personal Leave

Staff members are eligible for personal leave as specified in the Employee Handbook.

#### C. Bereavement Leave

Staff members are eligible for bereavement leave as specified in the Employee Handbook.

# D. Military Leave

Staff members will be afforded protected leave from employment to perform their obligations to the United States Armed Forces, whether for reserve duty or a call to active duty, and potential deployment. Leave shall be provided in accordance with the law.

Any compensation received for absences under this section shall be reduced by the amount the employee is paid for required service.

## E. Leave for Jury Duty

Staff members who are called to perform their civic responsibility as a potential juror, jury duty shall be excused as specified in the Employee Handbook.

## F. Volunteer Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, First Responder, or Ambulance Driver

A staff member who is a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician, first responder, or ambulance driver for a volunteer fire department or fire company, a public agency, or a nonprofit corporation may be late for or absent from work without pay if the lateness or absence is due to the staff member responding to an emergency that

begins before the staff member is required to report to work and if the staff member complies with all of the following requirements:

- 1. By no later than thirty (30) days after becoming a member of a volunteer fire department or fire company or becoming affiliated with an ambulance service provider, submits to the District a written statement signed by the chief of the volunteer fire department or fire company or by the person in charge of the ambulance service provider notifying the District that the staff member is a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician, first responder, or ambulance driver for a volunteer fire department or fire company, a public agency, or a nonprofit corporation;
- 2. When dispatched to an emergency, makes every effort to notify the District that the staff member may be late for or absent from work due to the staff member responding to the emergency or, if prior notification cannot be made due to the extreme circumstances of the emergency or the inability of the staff member to contact the District, submits to the District a written statement from the chief of the volunteer fire department or fire company or from the person in charge of the ambulance service provider explaining why prior notification could not be made; and
- 3. When late for or absent from work due to responding to an emergency, provides, on the request of the District, a written statement from the chief of the volunteer fire department or fire company or from the person in charge of the ambulance service provider certifying that the staff member was responding to an emergency at the time of the lateness or absence and indicating the date and time of the response to the emergency.

When the status of a staff member as a member of a volunteer fire department or fire company or as an affiliate of an ambulance service provider changes, including termination of that status, the staff member shall notify the District of that change in status.

#### G. Organ Donor Leave

A staff member may take up to six (6) weeks of leave in a twelve (12) month period as necessary for the employee to undergo bone marrow or organ donation procedure and to recover from the procedure. The employee may be required to provide written medical certification that s/he will serve as a donor and the amount of leave time necessary.

Leave taken for this purpose is unpaid, however, an employee is eligible to substitute available accrued paid leave for all or some of the leave taken under this policy. An employee must provide as much advance notice as possible so as not to unduly disrupt the District's operations. The employee will be returned to the same position upon return or if that position is no longer available an equivalent position and shall not lose any benefits during leave, including the right to continue health insurance coverage as provided for in the District's FMLA policy, Policy 3430.01.

# F. Leave for Voting

A staff member who is eligible to vote may take up to three (3) consecutive hours of unpaid leave to vote while the polls are open on Election Day. The staff member must submit a leave request to the Superintendent prior to Election Day. The Superintendent must approve the leave, but may identify a specific three (3) hour period during the staff member's work hours that the staff member is permitted to utilize for voting.

Leave for voting is provided on an unpaid basis. However, the Superintendent may approve the leave with pay or allow the employee to substitute paid leave for the unpaid Election Day leave. Staff members may not be penalized for using voting leave.

#### G. Election Official Leave

The Superintendent shall approve a one (1) day unpaid leave of absence for any staff member who is appointed to serve as an election official, provided the staff member has given the District at least seven (7) days notice of the leave. In accordance with State law, the District may request confirmation from the municipal clerk of the staff member's appointment as an election official.

Leave to serve as an election official is provided on an unpaid basis. If available, a staff member may substitute paid leave such as personal leave. Staff members may not be penalized for using leave to serve as an election official.

#### H. Leave to Testify

Any employee who is issued a subpoena to testify in a legal proceeding shall be provided the following:

- 1. If the proceeding relates to matters under Chapters 48 or 938-of the Wisconsin Statutes, Wis. Stats., the employee may not be discharged from employment for absences due to testifying, provided that the employee immediately notifies the Superintendent of receipt of the subpoena (see Policy 8325 Receipt of Legal Documents by District Employees).
- 2. If the proceeding is unrelated to matters arising within the employee's course of employment, the employee will need to use the District process for requesting use of paid time off or leave without pay.
- 3. Any employee subpoenaed to testify in a matter that involves a crime committed against the employer or against the employee in the course of employment (including an act committed by a juvenile that would be a crime if committed by an adult), or any proceeding involving matters arising within the employee's course of employment shall be provided paid time off to do so such that no loss of wages or benefits occurs as a result of compliance with the subpoena. Any employee who is issued a subpoena for matters described in this section shall immediately notify the Superintendent of receipt of the subpoena (see Policy 8325 Receipt of Legal Documents by District Employees).

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#### 3432 EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE

Employees are eligible to use paid sick leave in accordance with this policy. Any employee that is sick and will not be able to attend work on a scheduled work day shall inform the District by using the published attendance protocol. Sick leave is available for use by employees as specified in the Employee Handbook.

The Superintendent or Principal may request a health care provider's note verifying the employee's illness in any case. In any case in which an illness causes absence from work in excess of three (3) working days, the employee will be required to provide certification from a health care provider of the illness. Absences of more than three (3) consecutive work days may be counted as leave under the FMLA (See Policy 3430.01).

# Carryover of Unused Sick Leave

Unused sick days may be carried over for use by the employee in future years as specified in the Employee Handbook.

### **Accrued Sick Leave at End of Employment**

Accrued but unused sick leave will be paid out to the employee as specified in the Employee Handbook.

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#### 4124 - NOTICE OF REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF EMPLOYMENT

Prior to the conclusion of each school year, support staff employed in instructional year positions shall be notified, in writing, of reasonable assurance of continued employment for the subsequent school year when such employment is anticipated.

A school year employee of an educational institution who performs services other than in an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity is ineligible for benefits based on such services for any week of unemployment which occurs during a period between two (2) successive academic years or terms if the school year employee performed such services for any educational institution in the first such year or term and there is reasonable assurance that the employee will perform such services for any educational institution in the second such year or term. A school year employee of an educational institution who performs services other than in an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity is ineligible for benefits based on such services performed for the District during any week of unemployment that occurs between two (2) successive academic years or terms. This applies if the employee performed such services in the first year or term and has reasonable assurance of performing them in the second.

Issuance of a notice of reasonable assurances to any employee as described in this policy shall not constitute a guarantee of employment in any successive academic term.

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#### **4213 - STUDENT SUPERVISION AND WELFARE**

Support staff members may be confronted with situations which, if handled incorrectly, could result in liability to the District, personal liability to the staff member, and/or harm to the welfare of the student(s). It is the intent of the Board to direct the preparation of guidelines that would minimize that possibility.

A support staff member, or a person who works or volunteers with children, who is found to have had sexual contact with any student shall be referred to the proper authorities and be subject to discipline up to and including discharge.

This policy should not be construed as affecting any obligation on the part of staff to report suspected child abuse under 48.981, Wis. Stats., and Policy 8462 - Child Abuse and Neglect.

Each District support staff member shall maintain a standard of care for the supervision, control, and protection of students commensurate with their assigned duties and responsibilities which include, but are not limited to, the following standards:

- A. A support staff member shall report immediately any accident or safety hazard about which they are informed or detect to their supervisor as well as to other authorities or District staff members as may be required by established policies and procedures.
- B. A support staff member shall report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities, or threat of these activities by students to the Superintendent and local public safety agencies and/or school officials in accordance with Policy 8420 School Safety and Reporting of Crime Statistics.
- C. Support staff should not volunteer to take on responsibilities they are not reasonably qualified or able to perform. Voluntarily assuming such duties carries the same level of accountability as formally assigned responsibilities.
- D. A support staff member shall not send students on any personal errands.
- E. A support staff member shall not associate with students at any time in a manner which gives the appearance of impropriety, including, but not limited to, the creation or participation in any situation or activity which could be considered abusive or sexually suggestive or involve illegal substances such as tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. Any sexual or other inappropriate conduct with a student by any staff member will subject the offender to potential criminal liability and District discipline up to and including termination of employment.

This provision should not be construed as precluding a support staff member from associating with students in private for legitimate or proper reasons or to interfere with familial relationships that may exist between staff and students.

F. A support staff member shall not disclose personally identifiable information about a student to third parties unless specifically authorized by law or the student's parent(s) to do so.

- G. A support staff member shall not transport students for school-related activities in a private vehicle without the approval of their immediate supervisor and consistent with the provisions of Policy 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicle for District-Sponsored Activities or Trips. This does not apply to any student who is a support staff member's family member.
- H. A student shall not be required to perform work or services that may be detrimental to their health.
- I. Staff members shall not engage students in social media and online networking media (see also Policy 7544 Use of Social Media), except for appropriate academic, extra-curricular, and/or professional uses consistent with Policy 7540 Technology, Policy 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, and/or Policy 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety.
- J. Staff members are expressly prohibited from posting any picture, video, meme, or other visual depiction, or comment pertaining to any student on personal or unauthorized social networking media or similar forums. This provision of the policy does not apply to pictures and/or videos taken of public events that may involve, or incidentally include, depictions of students participating in or observing such events where the purpose of the photo or video is to depict the event, not a particular student. This section does not apply to depictions of a support staff member's own child or other relative.

Since most information concerning a child in school, other than directory information described in Policy 8330 - Student Records, is a confidential student record under Federal and State laws, any staff member who shares confidential information with another person not authorized to receive the information may be subject to discipline and/or civil liability. This includes, but is not limited to, information concerning assessments, grades, behavior, family background, and alleged child abuse.

Pursuant to the laws of the State and Board Policy 8462 - Child Abuse and Neglect, each support staff member shall report to the proper legal authorities immediately, any sign of suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

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#### 4431 - EMPLOYEE LEAVES

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## E. Leave for Jury Duty

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Leave taken for this purpose is unpaid, however, an employee is eligible to substitute available accrued paid leave for all or some of the leave taken under this policy. An employee must provide as much advance notice as possible so as not to unduly disrupt the District's operations. The employee will be returned to the same position upon return or if that position is no longer available an equivalent position and shall not lose any benefits during leave, including the right to continue health insurance coverage as provided for in the District's FMLA policy, Policy 4430.01.

## F. Leave for Voting

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#### G. Election Official Leave

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1. If the proceeding relates to matters under Chapters 48 or 938 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Wis. Stats., the employee may not be discharged from employment for absences due to testifying, provided that the employee immediately notifies the Superintendent of receipt of the subpoena (see Policy 8325 - Receipt of

Legal Documents by District Employees);.

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- 3. Any employee subpoenaed to testify in a matter that involves a crime committed against the employer or against the employee in the course of employment (including an act committed by a juvenile that would be a crime if committed by an adult), or any proceeding involving matters arising within the employee's course of employment shall be provided paid time off to do so such that no loss of wages or benefits occurs as a result of compliance with the subpoena. Any employee who is issued a subpoena for matters described in this section shall immediately notify the Superintendent of receipt of the subpoena (see Policy 8325 Receipt of Legal Documents by District Employees).

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#### 4432 EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE

Employees are eligible to use paid sick leave in accordance with this policy. Any employee that is sick and will not be able to attend work on a scheduled work day shall inform the District by using the published attendance protocol. Sick leave is available for use by employees as specified in the Employee Handbook.

The Superintendent or Principal may request a health care provider's note verifying the employee's illness in any case. In any case in which an illness causes absence from work in excess of three (3) working days, the employee will be required to provide certification from a health care provider of the illness. Absences of more than three consecutive work days may be counted as leave under the FMLA (See Policy 4430.01).

## Carryover of Unused Sick Leave

Unused sick days may be carried over for use by the employee in future years as specified in the Employee Handbook.

### **Accrued Sick Leave at End of Employment**

Accrued but unused sick leave will be paid out to the employee as specified in the Employee Handbook.

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#### 5112 - ENTRANCE AGE

The Board shall establish student entrance age requirements which are consistent with Wisconsin Law and sound educational practice and which ensure equitable treatment.

## A. Kindergarten

- 1. A child is eligible for entrance into four (4) year old kindergarten if s/hethe child attains the age of four (4) on or before September 1<sup>St</sup> of the school year in which s/he applies for entrance the child is being enrolled and meets the residency requirements.
- 2. A child is eligible for five (5) year old kindergarten when syhethe child attains the age of five (5) on or before September 1st of the school year in which syhe applies for entrancethe child is being enrolled and meets the residency requirements. The child may not be placed in an alternative program without the permission of the parent.

#### B. First Grade

A child must be six (6) years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> in the school year in which student enrolls. The student must also have completed a kindergarten program or must received a waiver of this requirement.

Any student who has not completed a five (5) year old kindergarten program, but seeks to enroll into first grade must receive a waiver of the requirement. The following students are eligible to receive a waiver:

- 1. Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country where completion of a five (5) year old kindergarten program is a prerequisite to enrollment in first grade and that student has received a waiver of the requirement in <a href="https://herthe.com/his/herthe">his/herthe</a> prior state or country.
- 2. Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country that does not require the completion of five (5) year old kindergarten prior to enrollment in first grade.
- 3. Any student who, at the discretion of the building pPrincipal, in consultation with the first grade teacher(s) of the District, determines that, notwithstanding that the student has not completed a five (5) year old kindergarten program, the student has demonstrated sufficient aptitude in all core competencies normally required of kindergarten students in the District upon completion of the kindergarten program.

The Principal shall perform any required testing to establish the student's academic capabilities and shall prepare a written evaluation that either grants or denies the waiver and provides an explanation as to the

decision.

## C. Appeal of Denial of Waiver

The parents of any student denied a waiver under this section by the building pPrincipal may appeal that decision to the Superintendent by submitting a written request to the Superintendent within ten (10) calendar days of the decision of the pPrincipal.

The decision of the Superintendent is final.

## D. Initial Entry

Each child who is entitled to admittance into a public school in the District must have a school entry health examination. The school health services plan shall contain provisions to assist students in obtaining health examinations. Such examinations shall be conducted consistent with Policy 5310 Health Services. Children entering the District for the first time must comply with State law. Students must have an immunization record or a properly submitted waiver on file at the school. Any student who does not have the proper immunization records or appropriate waiver within thirty (30) days of enrollment may be excluded or permitted to remain in school pursuant to Policy 5320 - Immunization.

Any student, and/or his/herthe student's parent(s), who enters the District for the first time must disclose prior or pending school expulsions at the time of enrollment.

#### E. Verification of Residence

Verification of a parent's residence shall be required at the time the child registers in a District school. Verification of residence may also be required at any other time at the discretion of the Superintendent.

## F. Early Admission

The District shall prescribe procedures, conditions, and standards for early admission to four (4) year old kindergarten, five (5) year old kindergarten, and first grade.

The District does not allow early entrance to four (4) year old kindergarten.

# G. Older Students

A person who is a resident of the District and over twenty (20) years of age may enroll providing the Superintendent does not think his/hersuch enrollment will interfere with the education of the other students.

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## 5330 - ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION/EMERGENCY CARE

The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of medication to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication were not administered during school hours, or a student with disabilities requires medication to benefit from the student's educational program.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall be used:

"Practitioner" shall include any physician, naturopathic doctor, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, physician assistant, and advanced practice nurse prescriber who is licensed in any state.

"Medication" shall include all drugs including those prescribed by a practitioner and any nonprescription drug products.

"Administer" means the direct application of a nonprescription drug product or prescription drug, whether by injection, ingestion, or other means, to the human body.

"Nonprescription drug product" means any non-narcotic drug product which may be sold without a prescription order and which is prepackaged for use by consumers and labeled in accordance with the requirements of State and Federal law.

# **Administration of Prescription Drug Products by School Staff**

Before any prescribed medication may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written instructions from the child's practitioner accompanied by the written authorization of the parent. Such documentation shall be kept on file in the school office. Prescription medication must be provided in the original container with the prescription label showing the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's name, the name of the physician, the name of the drug, and the dosage to be administered.

All prescription medication shall be secured and appropriately stored (allowing for quick access and retrieval before, during, and after school hours), unless the medication is an emergency medication that the student is authorized to carry by Administration and self-administer by authorization of both the student's parent(s) and practitioner, and the possession of such medication by the student in school is not prohibited by law or regulation.

#### **Administration of Nonprescription Drug Products by School Staff**

Nonprescription drug products may be administered to any student during school hours only with the prior written consent of the parent. Such documentation shall be kept on file in the school office. Substances, that are not FDA approved (i.e., natural products, food supplements) will not be administered by District staff. Nonprescription drugs that are provided by the parent may be administered by school staff only if the nonprescription drugs are supplied in the original

manufacturer's package which lists the ingredients, recommended therapeutic dosage in a legible format, and the student's name. Any dosage of nonprescription medication other than that listed on the medication's packaging must be authorized in writing by a medical practitioner.

#### **Student Possession of Medication**

Unless authorized as specified below, students are prohibited from possessing, using, carrying, or distributing in school, at school-sponsored events, or on school grounds any drugs or other products which, even though not defined as a drug, are used or marketed for use for medicinal purposes, such as to relieve pain or to relieve the symptoms of an underlying medical condition (including aspirin, ibuprofen, dietary supplements, etc.).

High school students may possess and self-administer their own nonprescription medications at school, if the appropriate medication authorization form is filed in the school office, provided the student is in possession and self-administers in compliance with relevant District policies.

The provisions of this policy are to be viewed together with the Board Policy 5530 - Student Use or Possession of Intoxicants, Drugs, or Paraphernalia.

#### **CBD Products at Schools**

No CBD products are permitted for use at school or at school-sponsored events.

#### **General Provisions**

Parents may administer medication at school or at school-sponsored events.

No student is allowed to provide or sell any type of medication to another student. Violations of this rule will be considered violations of the Student Code of Conduct and Policy 5530 - Student Use or Possession of Intoxicants, Drugs, or Paraphernalia.

Any staff member or volunteer, authorized in writing by the Superintendent, is immune from liability for acts or omissions in administering medication including, but not limited to glucagon, an opioid antagonist, and epinephrine, unless the act or omission constitutes a high degree of negligence and, in the case of any staff member or volunteer who administers an opioid antagonist, the staff member or volunteer contacts emergency medical services as soon as practicable after administering the drug to report the suspected overdose. Such immunity does not apply to healthcare professionals.

The Board shall permit the administration by staff of any medication requiring a delivery method other than oral ingestion when both the medication and the procedure are prescribed by a practitioner and the delivery is under the supervision of a licensed nurse, provided that the staff member has completed any necessary training and that staff member voluntarily agrees to deliver the medication. No staff member, other than a health care professional, may be required to administer medications that are administered by means other than oral ingestion.

Any staff member or volunteer who, in good faith, renders emergency care to a student is immune from civil liability for acts or omissions in rendering such emergency care.

Any administrator or principal who authorizes an employee or volunteer to administer a nonprescription drug product or prescription drug to a student is immune from civil liability for the act of authorization unless it constitutes a high degree of negligence or the administrator or Principal authorizes a person who has not received the required Department of Public Instruction training to administer the nonprescription drug product or prescription drug to a student. School nurses, as District employees, are regulated by the Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act and are therefore not necessarily immune from civil liability.

Any time a student, or a group of students, participates in a school event not on District premises, District staff responsible for organizing and/or supervising the event will take steps so that Emergency Medical Information Forms, Health Plans, or Section 504 Plans are available in the event of an emergency. This includes, and is not limited to, all school-sponsored or school-related activities, including music trips, athletic trips, field trips, and academic contests. This does not include student spectators at events.

The school nurse(s) providing services or consultation on the District's Emergency Nursing Services Plan has provided assistance in the development of this policy and will also provide a periodic review of the written instructions, consent forms, and the Medications Administration Daily Log(s).

#### **Opioid Antagonist Plan**

The District's Emergency Nursing Service Plan shall state whether and to what extent the District will retain opioid antagonists for use in the event an authorized employee or volunteer observes an apparent overdose.

## **Epinephrine Auto-Injectors**

The Board is responsible for adopting a plan for managing students with life-threatening allergies so as to permit each school to obtain a school prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors and to permit each school nurse and designated school personnel to administer them. Accordingly, the Board directs the Superintendent to develop a plan that meets the following:

- A. specifies those designated school personnel that have agreed to receive training and that will be trained and authorized to perform the functions of the plan;
- B. identifies the specific training program that will be implemented to prepare each school nurse and designated school personnel to identify the signs of anaphylaxis and to provide or administer epinephrine auto-injectors accordingly;
- C. delineates the permissible scope of usage to include providing District-owned epinephrine auto-injectors to students who have a prescription on file with the school in the event the student is experiencing an anaphylactic event and/or administering epinephrine auto-injectors to such students, and/or administering epinephrine auto-injector treatment to any student, regardless of whether the student has a prescription on file or the staff member so trained is not aware of whether the student has a prescription on file, but believes in good faith the student is suffering from anaphylaxis, provided that the staff member immediately contacts emergency medical services;
- D. identifies the number and type of epinephrine auto-injectors each school will keep on-site and identifies a member of the nursing staff or other school official who will be responsible for maintaining the epinephrine auto-injectors supply;
- E. is approved by a physician licensed in the State of Wisconsin;
- F. notes that the school and any school nurse or designated school personnel that provide or administer epinephrine auto-injectors under this plan are immune from civil liability for any harm that may result, regardless of whether there is a parental or medical provider authorization, unless the administration was a result of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct;
- G. is published on the District's website is made available to any person upon request until such time as the District has a website on which it can be published.

### **Stock Bronchodilators for School Districts**

The Board recognizes that asthma is a leading cause of hospitalization of children and is responsible for many missed school days every year. Accordingly, the Board directs the school nursing staff, in consultation with the Superintendent, to develop a plan that meets the following:

- A. specifies those designated school personnel that have agreed to receive training and that will be trained and authorized to perform the functions of the plan;
- B. identifies the specific training program that will be implemented to prepare each school nurse and designated school personnel to identify the signs of respiratory distress and to provide or administer bronchodilators accordingly;
- C. delineates the permissible scope of usage to include providing a District-owned bronchodilator to students who have a prescription on file with the school in the event the student is experiencing a respiratory event and/or administering a bronchodilator to such students, and/or administering a bronchodilator to any student or other person, regardless of whether there is a prescription on file, but believes in good faith the person is suffering from respiratory distress;
- D. is approved by a physician, an advanced practice nurse prescriber, or a physician assistant licensed in the State of Wisconsin;
- E. notes that the school and any school nurse or designated school personnel that provide or administer bronchodilators under this plan are immune from civil liability for any harm that may result, regardless of whether there is a parental or medical provider authorization, unless the administration was a result of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct;
- F. is published on the District's website.

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#### 5411 - THIRD GRADE PROMOTION AND RETENTION: AT-RISK STUDENTS

#### Introduction

This policy governs the promotion of students from 3rd grade to 4th grade in accordance with 118.33, Wis. Stats. The policy applies to all students being considered for promotion from 3rd to 4th grade, effective on September 1, 2027.

The District intends to make promotion decisions based on a thorough and equitable process that considers individual student needs in reading. For any student who has not completed their personal reading plan by the end of 3rd grade, a team will determine whether retention or promotion to 4th grade, with intensive instructional support, progress monitoring, and supports to remediate the identified areas of deficiency, is in the student's best interest. The determination process will consider relevant factors such as reading proficiency, social and emotional development, and available supports.

## **Definitions**

"Personal Reading Plan" means a reading plan provided for five (5) year-old-kindergarten to third grade students that are identified as at risk based on a universal screening assessment or diagnostic assessment, in accordance with 118.016(5), Wis. Stats.

"Limited English-Proficient Student" means a student whose ability to use the English language is limited because of the use of a non-English language in the student's family or the student's daily, non-school surroundings, and who has difficulty in performing ordinary classwork in English as a result of such limited English proficiency.

"Completed" - means a student who has "completed" their personal reading plan if the student's parent(s) and the District agree that the student has met the goals outlined in the personal reading plan and the student scores at grade level in reading on a summative assessment. a 3rd grade student who has a personal reading plan is considered to have completed the personal reading plan if the student's parent and the student's school agree that the student has met the goals outlined in the personal reading plan and the student scores at grade-level in reading on a summative assessment, as defined by the Department of Education (DPI).

# **Promotion of Third Grade Students with Personal Reading Plans**

For any student who has not completed their personal reading plan by the end of the student's third grade year, the District will engage in a process to determine whether to promote that student to the fourth grade. The District will not promote a student from third to fourth grade who has not completed their personal reading plan by the end of third grade unless the District, in consultation with the student's parent(s), believes retention is not in the best interest of the student.

In reaching the decision to promote or retain the student, the District will carefully consider all relevant factors. Primarily, a team of interested individuals (see Policy 5410 - Promotion, Placement, and Retention) including the parent(s) of the student and school representatives who have knowledge of the reading instruction, supports, and interventions provided to the student, will determine if promotion is in the best interest of the student.

Other factors that may be considered by the promotion team include the following:

- A. All relevant and available data demonstrating the student's response or progress to reading instruction and intervention, and data demonstrating the student's progress towards meeting personal reading plan goals;
- B. Why the student has not completed their personal reading plan;
- C. Whether or which alternatives to retention can help support the student to achieve reading proficiency;
- D. Any other factor(s) relevant in deciding whether to retain or promote a student;
- E. Those factor(s) or conditions considered elsewhere in District policy or administrative guidelines pertaining to student promotion and retention;
- G. Whether the student is eligible for an exception contained under this policy;
- H. The potential long-term adverse risks of retention.

Based on the comprehensive evaluation of factors above, the District's promotion team will make one of the following determinations:

- A. Promotion: Promotion to fourth grade with applicable supports and services is more appropriate than retention to third grade.
- B. Promotion: The student's non-completion of their personal reading plan was not primarily due to the student's lack of reading proficiency.
- C. Promotion: The District recommends retention with applicable supports and services but the student's parent(s) do not agree with the District's recommendation.
- D. Retention: The District determined that, in consultation with the student's parent(s), retention with applicable supports and services is more appropriate than promotion to fourth grade.

## **Promoting Students with Incomplete Personal Reading Plans**

If the District promotes a third-grade student who has not completed their personal reading plan by the end of third grade, the District shall conduct all of the following post-promotion requirements:

- A. In the following and subsequent school year(s) provide intensive instructional services, progress monitoring, and supports to remediate the identified areas of deficiency until the student scores at grade level in reading on a summative assessment;
- B. Notify the student's parent(s), in writing, that the student did not complete their personal reading plan, including a description of the instructional services and supports that will be provided to the student to remediate the identified areas of deficiency; and
- C. Provide the student with an intensive summer reading program each summer until the student scores at grade-level in reading on a summative assessment.

## **Exceptions to Post-Promotion Requirements**

The following are good cause exceptions. Any student who meets one or more of the following good cause exceptions may be exempt from the promotion policy, the intensive summer reading program, and/or the intensive reading intervention requirements:

- A. The student is identified as a Limited-English Proficient student as per the definition included in this policy;
- B. The student has an individualized education plan (IEP) that indicates that neither taking the universal reading screener nor the State summative assessment in reading is appropriate for the student;
- C. The student scores as proficient in reading on the alternative Statewide standardized summative assessment;

D. The student has an IEP or Section 504 plan under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that indicates that the student has received intensive intervention in reading for more than two (2) years if the student continues to demonstrate a deficiency in reading and was previously retained in 5K, grades one, two, or three;

E. The student has received intensive reading interventions for two (2) or more school years, continues to demonstrate a deficiency in reading, and was previously retained in 5K, grades one, two, or three for a total of two (2) years.

### Mid-Year Enrollment/Transfers

Any student who enrolls as a third-grade student late in the school term without any accompanying record of a personal reading plan shall be promoted to fourth grade under the criteria that the student did not have a personal reading plan in effect at the end of third grade.

If a student transfers into a school enrolled as a fourth-grade student and the provided records indicate the student may have met requirements to be retained in third grade (e.g., incomplete personal reading plan), the District shall provide all supports and services that the student would have otherwise received as a post-promotion requirement including intensive instructional services, progress monitoring and supports to remediate the identified areas of deficiency, parent notification, and an intensive summer reading program each summer until the pupil scores at grade-level in reading on a summative assessment.

#### **Parental Notification**

No later than fifteen (15) days after the reading readiness assessment is scored, the Board shall provide the results of the reading readiness assessment, in writing containing at least all of the following information to the student's parent in the parent's native language:

- A. the student's score on the reading readiness assessment;
- B. the student's score in each early literacy skill category assessed by the assessment;
- C. the student's percentile rank score on the reading readiness assessment, if available;
- D. the definition of "at-risk" and the score on the reading readiness assessment that would indicate the student is at-risk;
- E. a plain language description of the literacy skills the reading readiness assessment is designed to measure

If the diagnostic assessment indicates that a student is at-risk, the Board shall include information about how to make a special education referral under 115.777, Wis. Stats., with the diagnostic assessment results provided.

If the Board is required to assess a student's early literacy skills using a diagnostic assessment, the Board shall provide all of the following, in writing, to the student's parent:

- A. a description of the common indicators and characteristics of dyslexia;
- B. information about appropriate interventions and accommodations for students with characteristics of dyslexia.

The Board shall post its early literacy remediation plan (including the parent notification policy) on the School District website.

If a student is identified as at risk based on a universal or diagnostic assessment, the Board shall:

- A. provide a copy of the student's personal reading plan to the student's parent and obtain a copy of the personal reading plan signed by the student's parent (acknowledgement rather than consent);
- B. after ten (10) weeks of providing the student with the interventions in the student's personal reading plan, notify the student's parent of the student's progress, as determined under the student's personal reading plan.

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### **5464 - EARLY GRADUATION**

The Board acknowledges that some students are pursuing educational goals which include graduation from high school at an earlier date than their designated class.

Application for early graduation will be submitted to the Hhigh School Principal in accordance with school regulations.

The <u>Superintendent</u>District may honor this request if all conditions for graduation are met and the student fulfills the graduation requirements. The <u>Superintendent shall</u> make the final decision regarding an application for early graduation.

The student may participate in the graduation ceremonies with his/her the student's designated class. If the student will be participating in any District activities or programming, including the District's graduation ceremony, then the student must abide by all Board policies and school rules.

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### 5505 - ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Board values honesty and expects integrity in the District's students. Violating academic honesty expectations erodes the trust between teachers and students as well as compromises the academic standing of other students. So that each student learns the skills being taught, and is judged solely on their own merits, the Board prohibits any student from presenting someone else's work as their own, using artificial intelligence platforms in place of one's own work, providing unauthorized assistance to another student, and cheating in any manner.

All school work submitted for the purpose of meeting course requirements must be the individual student's original work or the original work of a group of students for group projects. It is prohibited for any student to unfairly advance their own academic performance or that of any other student. Likewise, no student may intentionally limit or impede the academic performance or intellectual pursuits of other students.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- A. plagiarism (of ideas, work, research, speech, art, music, etc.);
- B. forgery of another's work;
- C. presenting the results that are the product of an artificial intelligence (AI) platform as one's own where the use of AI was not specifically allowed by the teacher as part of the assignment;
- D. downloading or copying information from other sources and presenting it as one's own;
- E. using language translation work of someone else or using technology when the expectation is doing one's own translation;
- F. copying another person's work;
- G. allowing another person to copy one's own work;
- H. stealing another person's work;
- I. doing another person's work for them;
- J. distributing copies of one's work for use by others;
- K. distributing copies of someone else's work for use by others for academic gain or advantage;

- L. intentionally accessing another's work for the purpose of presenting it as one's own for academic gain or advantage;
- M. distributing or receiving answers to assignments, quizzes, tests, assessments, etc.;
- N. distributing or receiving questions from guizzes, tests, assessments, etc.

## Use of Artificial Intelligence/Natural Language Processing Tools For School Work

In order to ensure the integrity of the educational process and to promote fair and equal opportunities for all students, except as outlined below, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools (collectively, "AI/NLP tools") is strictly prohibited for the completion of school work. The use of AI/NLP tools, without the express permission/consent of a teacher, undermines the learning and problem-solving skills that are essential to academic success and that the staff is tasked to develop in each student. Students are encouraged to develop their own knowledge, skills, and understanding of course material rather than relying solely on AI/NLP tools and they should ask their teachers when they have questions and/or need assistance. Unauthorized use of AI/NLP tools is considered a form of plagiarism and any student found using these tools without permission or in a prohibited manner will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. (See Policy 7540.08 - Artificial Intelligence (AI))

Notwithstanding the preceding, students can use AI/NLP tools in the school setting if they receive prior permission/consent from their teacher, so long as they use the AI/NLP tools in an ethical and responsible manner. Teachers have the discretion to authorize students to use AI/NLP tools for the following uses:

- A. Research assistance: AI/NLP tools can be used to help students quickly and efficiently search for and find relevant information for their school projects and assignments.
- B. Data Analysis: AI/NLP tools can be used to help students to analyze, understand, and interpret large amounts of data, such as text documents or social media posts. This can be particularly useful for research projects or data analysis assignments e.g., scientific experiments and marketing research.
- C. Language translation: AI/NLP tools can be used to translate texts or documents into different languages, which can be helpful for students who are learning a new language or for students who are studying texts written in a different language.
- D. Writing assistance: AI/NLP tools can provide grammar and spelling corrections, as well as suggest alternative word choices and sentence structure, to help students improve their writing skills. Proper citation when using AI/NLP tools is required when AI/NLP generated content is incorporated into any work product.
- E. Accessibility: AI/NLP tools can be used to help students with disabilities access and understand written materials. For example, text-to-speech software can help students with specific learning disabilities or visual impairments to read texts and AI-powered translation tools can help students with hearing impairments understand spoken language.

Staff and Administration have the responsibility for monitoring students' work for compliance with this policy.

When enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Early College Credit Programs (ECCP), or any other third-party, District-sponsored programming, students are expected to follow the corresponding policies and quidelines regarding the use of AI/NLP.

Students who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Parents shall be contacted as soon as practicable to report any alleged acts of academic dishonesty by their child.

Student and/or parent appeals shall be handled in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

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## 5530 - STUDENT USE OR POSSESSION OF INTOXICANTS, DRUGS, OR PARAPHERNALIA

The Board recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the entire school community.

As the educational institution of this community, the schools should strive to prevent drug abuse and help drug abusers by educational, rather than punitive, means.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall mean:

- A. all dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Wisconsin statute;
- B. all derivates of hemp, except CBD products permitted by the school (see Policy 5330 Administration of Medication/Emergency Care);

This includes Delta-8-THC, Delta-9-THC, Delta-10-THC, Delta-11-THC, THC-0, and all other forms that cause psychosis; in all forms of delivery (i.e., inhalation, ingestion, injection, etc.)

- C. all chemicals which release toxic vapors;
- D. all alcoholic beverages;
- E. any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy;
- F. "look-alikes";
- G. essential oils and oil like products that may be mistaken for a drug;
- H. anabolic steroids;
- I. any misuse of over-the-counter drugs or medications;
- J. any other illegal substance so designated and prohibited by law.;
- K. any substance, no matter its chemical composition, that is represented as or packaged in such a manner so as to give the appearance that the substance is a drug otherwise defined in this policy.

The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of any drug and any drug-paraphernalia at any time on District property or at any District-related event.

The Superintendent shall prepare guidelines for the identification, amelioration, and regulation of drug use in the schools, including education, prevention and standards of conduct. Education shall be intended to develop awareness of: drug abuse, including prescription drug abuse, and prevention; the relationship between highway safety and the use of alcohol and controlled substances, including prescription drugs; and the relationship between youth suicide and the use of alcohol and controlled substances, including prescription drugs.

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### 5830 - STUDENT FUND-RAISING

The Board acknowledges that the solicitation of funds from students must be limited since compulsory attendance laws make the student a captive donor and may also disrupt the program of the schools.

For purposes of this policy "student fund-raising" shall include the solicitation and collection of money from students for any purpose and shall include the collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers, or any other goods or services for approved student activities.

# Student-Led Fund-Raising for School-Related Organizations

The Board will permit student fund-raising by students in school, on school property, or at any school-sponsored event only when the profit therefrom is to be used for school purposes or for an activity connected with the schools. The Board requires that fund-raisers by student clubs and organizations that involve the sale, to students, of food and/or beverage items that will be consumed on campus, the food and/or beverage items to be sold comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the Smart Snack Rules. Each student organization shall be permitted two (2) fund-raising exceptions per school year where foods and beverages that are not allowable under the Smart Snack Rules can be sold. If approved, fund-raisers that involve the sale, to students, of food items or beverages to be consumed on District property shall not compete directly with the sale of reimbursable meals. Each exempt fund-raiser cannot be longer than two (2) consecutive weeks.

Fund-raising by approved school organizations, those whose funds are managed by the District, may be permitted in school and/or off-campus by the Principal Superintendent.

Fund-raising by students on behalf of school-related organizations whose funds are not managed by the District may be permitted on school grounds by the Superintendent. If the fund-raising activity will involve students under age twelve (12), such students' parents must provide written permission for the student to participate in the fund-raising activity. Any student under nine (9) years of age, or each group containing one (1) or more students under nine (9) years of age, must be physically accompanied by a parent or a person at least sixteen (16) years of age.

All other fund-raising shall be done in accordance with Board Policy 9700.

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## 7230 - GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS

The Board is appreciative of public interest in and good will toward the schools manifested through gifts, grants, and bequests. The Board reserves the right, however, to specify the manner in which gifts are made; to define the type of gift, grant, or bequest which it considers appropriate; and to reject those which it deems inappropriate or unsuitable. If accepted, the Board will attempt to carry out the wishes of the donor.

The Board shall not discriminate in the approval and administration of gifts, grants, and bequests on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex (including gender status, change of sex, or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes"). Complaints of discrimination in the acceptance or administration of gifts, grants, or bequests are governed by the complaint procedure outlined in Policy 2260.

All gifts or bequests having a value of more than \$\frac{45}{15},000\$ that are approved by the Board will be formally acknowledged at a Board meeting. The Superintendent may accept for the Board gifts or bequests of lesser value on the Board's behalf.

Board approval is required for any grants that are conditioned on such approval. The Superintendent may approve other grants on the Board's behalf.

The administration shall provide written acknowledgement to the donor of any accepted cash donation of \$250 or more and any non-cash donation the value of which is \$250 or more. Such acknowledgment shall include the amount of cash or a description of any non-cash donation along with a good faith estimate of the value of such non-cash donation.

The Board shall provide any donor with appropriate tax forms in compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Gifts, grants, and bequests shall become the property of the Board and will be subject to use by the District as determined by the policies and administrative guidelines applying to all properties, equipment, materials, and funds owned by the Board, subject to the Board's effort to comply with any specific wishes of the donor.

Any equipment proposed to be purchased by a parent organization or non-district entity for use in the school, on District property, or at a District-related event shall be submitted to the Superintendent for analysis prior to purchase, for any recommendation to the Board for consideration of approval.

The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept and thus prohibit the use of the equipment by students or District employees during any District-sponsored activity or on any property owned, leased, or used by the District.

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Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Americans with Disabilities Act

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# 7440.03 - SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONES)

The Board prohibits the operation of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), commonly known as drones, at any time on a property that is owned or leased or contracted for by the Board at any time by any individual who is not authorized to do so by the Superintendent.

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's (Association) Administrative Policies, the Board also prohibits the operation of an sUAS (drone) at any Association event conducted on property owned or leased or contracted for by the Board. If sUAS (drones) are used during high school athletic activities and/or events, the use will adhere to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's (WIAA) administrative policies and procedures.

To be authorized to operate a drone on property owned or leased or contracted for by the Board, a staff member or administrator or vendor employed by the Board\_must meet all criteria for the operation of and comply with all requirements and restrictions pertaining to the operation of any sUAS established by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

(See AG AG 7440.03 - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems)

Failure to adhere by applicable regulations and AG 7440.03 may result in loss of authorization to operate a drone on property owned or leased or contracted for by the Board, referral to local law enforcement, and/or further disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

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### 7450 - PROPERTY INVENTORY

As steward of this District's property, the Board recognizes that efficient management and full replacement upon loss requires accurate inventory and properly maintained property records.

The Board shall maintain a continuous inventory of all District-owned equipment and supplies, including computing devices.

For purposes of this policy, equipment shall mean tangible personal property (including information technology systems), a unit of furniture or furnishings, an instrument, a machine, an apparatus, or a set of articles which retains its shape and appearance with use, is nonexpendable, having a useful life of more than one (1) year and a per-unit cost that equals or exceeds \$5,000 as a single unit and does not lose its identity when incorporated into a more complex unit. When defining supplies for inventory purposes, no items will be counted whose total value is less than \$5,000.

### Capital assets include equipment as well as the following:

- A. land, buildings (facilities), and intellectual property (including software) whether acquired by purchase, construction, manufacture, lease purchase, exchange, or through capital leases
- B. additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance)

Capital expenditures, which are expenditures for capital assets, require prior written approval in order to be allowable in certain situations. General purpose equipment, buildings, and land, as well as improvements to land, buildings, or equipment which materially increase their value or useful life, are unallowable as direct charges unless the Federal awarding agency or pass through entity provides prior written approval. Whereas capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$5,000 or more have the prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency or pass through entity.

When defining supplies for inventory purposes, no items will be counted whose total acquisition cost is less than \$5,000.

"Computing devices" are machines used to acquire, store, analyze, process, and publish data and other information electronically, including accessories for printing, transmitting and receiving, or storing electronic information. Examples of computing devices include laptops, smartphones, tablets, etc. Computing devices are classified as equipment if their acquisition cost meets the above mentioned equipment threshold. Computing devices that do not meet the acquisition cost threshold are considered supplies. Regardless of whether a computing device is classified as an equipment or supply, it must be counted during the inventory.

It shall be the duty of the **Business Manager**Assistant Superintendent to ensure that inventories are recorded systematically and accurately and property records of equipment are updated and adjusted annually by reference to purchase orders and withdrawal reports.

Major items of equipment shall be subject to annual spot check inventory to determine loss, mislocation, or depreciation; any major loss shall be reported to the Board.

The District is responsible for maintaining and updating property records when there is a change in the status of the property.

Equipment and computing devices acquired in whole or in part under a Federal award will vest upon acquisition to the District, subject to the following conditions:

- A. The equipment shall be used for the authorized purposes of the award project during the period of performance or until the equipment is no longer needed for the purposes of the project.
- B. While the equipment is being used for the originally-authorized purpose, the District (or subrecipient) must not dispose of or encumber its title or other interests without the approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity.
- C. The equipment may only be used and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Federal agency or the pass-through entity and Policy 7300 Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property and Policy 7310 Disposition of Surplus Personal Property.
- D. The District must use equipment for the project or program for which it was acquired and for as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by the Federal award. The District must not encumber the equipment without prior approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity.
- E. When no longer needed for the original project or program, the equipment may be used in other activities in the following order of priority:
  - activities under other Federal awards from the Federal agency that funded the original program or project;
     then
  - 2. activities under Federal awards from other Federal agencies. These activities include consolidated equipment for information technology systems.
- F. During the time that equipment is used on the project or program for which it was acquired, the District must also make the equipment available for use on other programs or projects supported by the Federal Government, provided that such use will not interfere with the purpose for which it was originally acquired. First preference for other use of the equipment must be given to other programs or projects supported by the Federal agency that financed the equipment. Second preference must be given to programs or projects under Federal awards from other Federal agencies. Use for non-Federally funded projects is also permissible, provided such use will not interfere with the purpose for which it was originally acquired. The District should consider charging user fees as appropriate. If the District does use equipment to earn program income, it must not charge a fee that is less than a private company would charge for similar services unless specifically authorized by Federal statute.
- G. When acquiring replacement equipment, the District may either trade-in or sell the equipment and use the proceeds to offset the cost of the replacement equipment.
- H. Property records shall be maintained that include a description of the equipment, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the equipment (including the Federal Award Identification Number ("FAIN")), title holder, acquisition date, cost of the property, percentage of Federal agency contribution towards the original purchase, the location, use, and condition of the property, and ultimate disposition data, including date of disposal and sale price of the property.
- I. A physical inventory of the property must be conducted and results reconciled with property records at least once every two (2) years.
- J. A control system shall be in place to provide safeguards for preventing loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any such loss, damage, or theft of the property must be investigated. The District must notify the Federal agency or pass-through entity of any loss, damage, or theft of equipment that will have an impact on the program.
- K. Regular maintenance procedures shall be implemented to keep the property in proper working condition.

L. Proper sales procedures shall be established to ensure the highest possible return in the event the District is authorized or required to sell the equipment/property.

M. When equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed for the original project/program or for activities currently or previously supported by a Federal agency, the District shall request disposition instructions from the Federal agency or the pass-through entity if required by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. Disposition of the equipment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200.313.

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### 7455 - ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR CAPITAL ASSETS

The Board shall maintain a capital asset accounting system. The capital asset system shall maintain sufficient information to permit the following:

- A. the preparation of year-end financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
- B. adequate insurance coverage
- C. control and accountability

Capital assets are defined as those tangible assets of the District:

- A. with a useful life in excess of one (1) year;
- B. with an initial cost equal to or exceeding the amount determined periodically by the District in Policy 7450 Property Inventory;
- C. which are capitalized in accordance with GAAP; and
- D. which the District intends to hold or continue in use for an extended period of time.

Further, some items may be identified as "controlled" assets that, although they do not meet all capital asset criteria, are to be recorded on the capital asset system to maintain control.

Capital assets shall be classified as follows:

- A. land, buildings (facilities), equipment, and intellectual property (including software) whether acquired by purchase, construction, manufacture, exchange, or through a lease accounted for as a financed purchase under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards or a finance lease under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) standards; and
- B. additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance).

Leased capital assets and assets which are jointly-owned shall be identified and recorded on the capital asset system.

Capital assets shall be recorded at historical cost or, if that amount is not practicably determinable, at estimated historical cost. The method(s) to be used to estimate historical cost shall be established by the <a href="Director of Finance and Operations">Director of Finance and Operations</a> Assistant Superintendent.

The purchase of capital assets, the transfer of capital assets between buildings, and the disposal of fixed assets shall be approved by the <u>Director of Finance and Operations</u> Assistant Superintendent. An asset to be disposed of by sale shall be done in accordance with Policy 7300 - Disposition of Real Property or Policy 7310 - Disposition of Personal Property.

In accordance with GAAP, assets must be depreciated over their estimated useful lives and approved by the auditor.

## Such useful lives by asset class as per GASB are as follows:

- A. site improvement 20 years;
- B. buildings 10-50 years;
- C. furniture and equipment 3-50 years;
- D. leased equipment 3-50 years.

Accumulated depreciation shall be calculated on a straight-line basis and be recorded for general capital assets.

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#### 7460 - CONSERVATION OF NATURAL AND MATERIAL RESOURCES

The increasing Board recognizes the need to manage costs of natural energy resources, explore opportunities to conserve energy usage, and to explore use of renewable and sustainable energy resources. coupled with the growing need to inhibit pollution mandate, The District implements strategies which:

- A. will conserve all forms of energy used;
- B. ensure proper recycling provide for the separation of recyclable or of reusable materials from other refuse;
- C. evaluate energy conservation and efficiency measures available in facilities' projects, including construction, renovation, or maintenance projects;
- D. evaluate the efficacy of alternative energy vehicles when purchased for District use, to include consideration of CNG or EV-powered vehicles.

The District's efforts in energy conservation will prioritize sustainable energy when available at comparable long-term cost. All such considerations must balance the value of energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy source usage with the needs of the District both fiscally and programmatically.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop and implement both immediate and long range plans to meet these concerns evaluate District energy usage and needs and, where appropriate, propose measures to reduce such usage consistent with programming needs. It expects that the administrative guidelines and procedures established will be properly observed by all members of the staff and strongly supported both in the educational program and in staff interactions with students.

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#### 7530.02 - STAFF AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Use of personal communication devices ("PCD") (as defined in Bylaw 0100 - Definitions) has become pervasive in the workplace. Whether the PCD is Board-owned and assigned to a specific employee or school official or personally-owned by the employee or school official (regardless of whether the Board pays the employee or school official an allowance for his/hertheir use of the device, the Board reimburses the employee or school official on a per use basis for their business-related use of his/hertheir PCD, or the employee or school official receives no remuneration for his/hertheir use of a personally-owned PCD, the employee or school official is responsible for using the device in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with this policy and its accompanying guideline, as well as other pertinent Board policies and guidelines.

### **Conducting District Business Using a PCD**

Employees and school officials are permitted to use personally-owned PCD to make/receive calls and/or send/receive e-mails that concern District business of any kind. To remain in compliance with State public records law, employees and school officials may use District technology resources to send/receive messages that concern District business. Texting with District technology resources and/or personally-owned PCDs is permitted only when using the District's software which is archived for records retention.

Employees and school officials are responsible for archiving such communication(s) in accordance with the District's requirements. Individuals are responsible for retaining text messages, instant messages, and other written communications that are not archived by the District; such records shall be retained in accordance with State requirements.

# Safe and Appropriate Use of a PCD

Employees and school officials whose job responsibilities include regular or occasional driving and who use a PCD for business use are expected to refrain from using their device while driving. Safety must come before all other concerns. Regardless of the circumstances, including slow or stopped traffic, employees and school officials should pull off to the side of the road and safely stop the vehicle before placing or accepting a call. Reading or sending a text message, instant message or e-mail, or browsing the Internet using a PCD while driving is a violation of State law and is strictly prohibited. If acceptance of a call is unavoidable and pulling over is not an option, employees are expected to keep the call short, use hands-free options (e.g., headsets or voice activation or speaker phone) if available, refrain from the discussion of complicated or emotional topics, and keep their eyes on the road. Special care should be taken in situations where there is traffic, inclement weather, or the employee is driving in an unfamiliar area. In the interest of safety for employees, school officials, and other drivers, employees and school officials are required to comply with all applicable State laws and local ordinances while driving, including any laws that prohibit texting or using a cell phone or other PCD while driving.

In situations where job responsibilities include regular driving and accepting of business calls, the employee or school official should use hands-free equipment to facilitate the provisions of this policy.

Employees and school officials may not use a PCD in a way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated.

# Duty to Maintain Confidentiality of Student Personally Identifiable Information - Public and Student Record Requirements

Employees and school officials are subject to all applicable policies and guidelines pertaining to protection of the security, integrity, and availability of the data stored on a PCD regardless of whether they are Board-owned and assigned to a specific employee or personally-owned by the employee.

PCD communications, including calls, text messages, instant messages, and e-mails sent or received may not be secure. Therefore, employees should use discretion when using a PCD to relay confidential information, particularly as it relates to students.

Additionally, PCD communications, including text messages, instant messages, and e-mails sent and/or received by a public employee or school official using a PCD may constitute public records.

Further, PCD communications about students, including text messages, instant messages, and e-mails sent and/or received by a District employee or school official using his/her PCD may constitute education records if the content includes personally identifiable information about a student.

Communications, including text messages, instant messages, and e-mails sent and/or received by a District employee or school official using his/hertheir PCD, that are public records or student records are subject to retention and disclosure, upon request, in accordance with Policy 8310 - Public Records. Cellular/Wireless communications that are student records should be maintained pursuant to Policy 8330 - Student Records.

It is the responsibility of the District employee or school official who uses a PCD for District business-related use to archive all text messages, instant messages, and e-mails sent and/or received using his/hertheir PCD in accordance with the District's requirements.

Cellular/Wireless communications and other electronically stored information (ESI) stored on the staff member's or school official's PCD may be subject to a litigation hold pursuant to Policy 8315 - Information Management. Staff and school officials are required to comply with District requests to produce copies of cellular/wireless communications in their possession that are either public records or education records or that constitute ESI that is subject to a litigation hold.

At the conclusion of an individual's employment (whether through resignation, nonrenewal, or termination), the employee is responsible for verifying all public records, student records, and ESI subject to a litigation hold that are maintained on the employee's PCD are transferred to the District's custody (e.g., server, alternative storage device). The District's IT department/staff is available to assist in this process. Once all public records, student records, and ESI subject to a litigation hold are transferred to the District's custody, the employee is required to delete the records/ESI from his/her PCD. The employee will be required to sign a document confirming that all such records/information has been transferred to the District's custody and deleted from his/her PCD.

Similarly, if an employee intends to dispose of, or otherwise stop using, a personally-owned PCD on which syhethe employee has maintained public records, student records, and/or ESI that is subject to a litigation hold, the employee must transfer the records/ESI to the District's custody before disposing of, or otherwise ceasing to use, the personally-owned PCD. The employee is responsible for securely deleting such records/ESI before disposing of, or ceasing to use, the personally-owned PCD.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disciplinary action.

If a PCD is lost, stolen, hacked, or otherwise subjected to unauthorized access, the employee or school official must immediately notify the Superintendent so a determination can be made as to whether any public records, students records, and/or ESI subject to a litigation hold has been compromised and/or lost. Pursuant to Policy 8305 - Information Security and its accompanying guideline, the Superintendent shall determine whether any security breach notification laws may have application to the situation. Appropriate notifications will be sent unless the records/information stored on the PCD was encrypted.

The Board prohibits employees and school officials from maintaining the following types of student, staff, or District records and/or information on their PCDs:

- A. social security numbers
- B. driver's license numbers

- C. credit and debit card information
- D. financial account numbers
- E. student personally identifiable information
- F. information required to be kept confidential pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- G. personal health information as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Employees and school officials are responsible for making sure no third parties (including family members) have access to records and/or information, which is maintained on a PCD in their possession, that is confidential, privileged, or otherwise protected by State and/or Federal law.

## **Privacy Issues**

Except in emergency situations or as otherwise authorized by the Superintendent or as necessary to fulfill their job responsibilities, employees and school officials are prohibited from using PCDs to capture, record, and/or transmit the words or sounds (i.e., audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member, or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity. Using a PCD to capture, record, and/or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted.

PCDs, including but not limited to those with cameras, may not be activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include, but are not limited to, gymnasiums, locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms, and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes. The Superintendent and Building Principals are authorized to determine other specific locations and situations where use of a PCD is absolutely prohibited.

## **Potential Disciplinary Action**

Violation of any provision of this policy may constitute just cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Use of a PCD in any manner contrary to local, State, or Federal laws may also result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

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## 8120 - VOLUNTEERS

The Board recognizes that certain programs and activities can be enhanced through the use of volunteers who have particular knowledge or skills that will be helpful to members of the staff responsible for the conduct of those programs and activities.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for recruiting community volunteers, reviewing their capabilities, and making appropriate placements. The Superintendent shall not be obligated to make use of volunteers whose abilities are not in accord with District needs.

Board members and any other individuals who volunteer to work in the schools must submit to a criminal history records and background check before being allowed to participate in any activity or program.

Any person who volunteers to work with the District shall be screened through the Internet site for the Sex Offenders Registry (SOR) list, which may include the use of visitor management software, prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.

Any volunteer who works with or has access to students shall be screened through the Internet site for the Sex Offenders Registry (SOR) list, which may include the use of visitor management software, prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.

A Board member may serve as a volunteer coach or supervisor of an extra-curricular activity if the provisions of 120.20, Wis. Stats., and this policy are satisfied. (See also Bylaw 0144.3 - Conflict of Interest)

A Board member may serve as a volunteer bus driver for the District if the provisions of 120.20, Wis. Stats., and the policy are satisfied. (See also Bylaw 0144.3 - Conflict of Interest)

A volunteer who transports students in a private vehicle for school-sponsored activities or trips must abide by the guidelines in Policy 8660 - Transportation by Private Vehicle for District-Sponsored Activities or Trips.

## Each volunteer:

- A. shall agree to abide by all Board policies and District guidelines while on duty as a volunteer;
- B. will be covered under the District's liability policy but the District cannot provide any type of health insurance to cover illness or accident incurred while serving as a volunteer, nor is the person eligible for workers' compensation;
- C. will be asked to sign a form releasing the District of any obligation should the volunteer become ill or receive an injury as a result of their volunteer services;

D. in accepting the role of a volunteer, agrees to verification that a satisfactory background check may be conducted through appropriate State agencies or other applicable means.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for informing each volunteer of the District's appreciation for the volunteer's time and efforts in assisting the operation of the schools.

Policy 9800.01 - Veterans as Classroom Volunteers outlines veteran volunteer's requirements for recognition from the District and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

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# 8420 - SCHOOL SAFETY AND REPORTING OF CRIME STATISTICS

The Board recognizes that its responsibility for the safety of students extends to its reaction to possible natural and manmade disasters and that such emergencies are best met by preparedness, planning, and training as determined by the Superintendent consistent with the Board approved school safety plan.

Each school shall develop a school safety plan in accordance with State requirements, and each school's safety plan shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Board. The plan contains guidelines and procedures to address school violence and attacks, threats of school violence and attacks, bomb threats, fire, weather-related emergencies, intruders, parent-student reunification, and threats to non-classroom events, including recess, concerts and other performances, athletic events, and any other extra-curricular activity or event. The plan shall contemplate the use of tools to mitigate threats of school violence, including video surveillance, school resource officers, metal detectors, and other such preventative safety measures in addition to responsive measures.

The school safety plan shall include the manner of scheduling, conducting, and reviewing required drills, including fire drills, tornado or other hazard drills, school safety incident drills, and school violence drills. Each school safety plan shall specify for each type of required drill how many and how frequently they will be conducted for each building in compliance with State law requirements for the performance of such drills. The plan shall designate the responsible administrator for each building for assuring that required drills are completed, reviewed, and reported as required by law. Records of drills and related reports shall be maintained for a period of not less than seven (7) years, consistent with Board Policy 8310 - Public Records.

The Board must submit the following to the Wisconsin Office for School Safety prior to January 1st of each year:

- A. Aa copy of its school safety plan.;
- B. The date(s) of the required annual school violence event drill or drills conducted in accordance with each building's school safety plan during the previous year;
- C. Ecertification that the Board reviewed a required written evaluation of the drill or drills-;
- D. The date of the most recent school training on school safety and the number of attendees.
- E. The most recent date the Board reviewed and approved the school safety plan;
- F. The most recent date the Board consulted with a local law enforcement agency to conduct on-site safety assessments.

School administrators and staff are mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect pursuant to 48.981 (2)(a), Wis. Stats. The Board also requires all employees to receive training regarding mandatory reporting of school violence threats pursuant to 175.32(2) and (3), Wis. Stats. If the threat constitutes a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a student or school employees or the public, it shall be reported to law enforcement. A good faith standard exists for reporting threats made by an individual seen in the course of professional duties. These obligations and procedures are covered by Board Policy 8462 - Child Abuse and Neglect, as well as Policy 8462.01 - Threats of Violence. All threats to the safety of District facilities shall be identified by appropriate personnel and responded to promptly in accordance with the school safety plan.

In response to public records requests for school safety documents, after consultation with the District legal counsel and local law enforcement authorities, the Superintendent shall redact such information that may be sensitive safety or security information that is in the public's interest to remain confidential.

## **Annual Crime Statistics Reporting**

Annually, prior to July 31, the Board shall report in a manner directed by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) crimes specified below that occurred during school hours, during a school-sanctioned event, during the transportation of students to or from school, and occurred on property owned or leased by the District on which the high school is located or on any form of transportation provided by the school or District.

The report shall only contain those occurrences that were reported to law enforcement and for which a charge or citation was issued.

The following category of occurrence must be reported if all of the above apply: homicide, sexual assault, burglary, robbery, theft, battery, substantial batter, aggravated battery, arson, use or possession of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a controlled substance analog, possession of a firearm, municipal ordinance violation of disorderly conduct.

Covered incidents should be included in the annual report after the District becomes aware of the charge or citation, and has obtained sufficient information to determine that the incident is covered by the reporting requirement. School administrators who become aware of credible information regarding a potentially covered incident shall notify the Principal who will notify the Superintendent and will request pertinent information from the involved law enforcement agency.

The Superintendent shall determine, based on receipt of appropriate documents, whether any incident is a reportable incident and shall compile the report for the Board's review. All conduct confirmed as requiring reporting on or before June 30 shall be reported on the next July 31 annual report. Incidents identified for reporting after June 30 shall be reported on the following year's annual report. The DPI's guidance may be consulted to determine whether information must be further evaluated and whether any incident requires reporting. The guidance can be found here: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/118.124\_School\_Guidance.pdf.

The Board shall approve the report prior to submission. The report may not include the identity of any students.

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# 8452 - AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

The Board has determined that it may enhance school safety to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) placed in building(s) within the School District.

An AED is a heart monitor and defibrillator that:

- A. is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia and determining without intervention by an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed;
- B. charges and, at the command of the operator, delivers an electrical impulse to an individual's heart.

The AED device(s) will be located at school buildings for use by individuals with proper AED training in appropriate situations for emergencies.

In accordance with Wisconsin Statute 118.076(3)(b), students in grades seven (7) to twelve (12) will be provided instruction about automated external defibrillators (see Policy 2413 - Health Education).

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### 8500 - FOOD SERVICES

The Board shall provide cafeteria facilities in all school buildings where space permits, and will provide food service for the purchase and consumption of lunch for all students.

This policy only applies to those schools in the District that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Schools that do not participate in the NSLP shall abide by all applicable State and Federal regulations.

The Board shall also provide a breakfast program in accordance with procedures established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Breakfast Program.

The food-service program may participate in the Farm to School Program using locally grown food in school meals and snacks.

The food-service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the selection, preparation, delivery, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages, including but not limited to the current USDA school meal pattern requirements and the USDA's Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, as well as to the fiscal management of the program. Further, the food-service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the fiscal management of the program as well as all the requirements pertaining to food service hiring and food service manager/operator licensure and certification. In addition, as required by law, a food safety program based on the principles of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system shall be implemented with the intent of preventing food-borne illnesses. For added safety and security, access to the facility and the food stored and prepared therein shall be limited to food service staff and other authorized persons.

The Board shall approve and implement nutrition standards governing the types of food and beverages that may be provided and sold on the premises of its schools and shall specify the time and place each type of food or beverage may be sold. In adopting such standards, the Board shall:

- A. consider the nutritional value of each food or beverage;
- B. consult and incorporate to the maximum extent possible the Dietary Guidelines for Americans jointly developed by the USDA and the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and
- C. consult and incorporate the USDA's Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines.

The District's food service program shall serve only food items and beverages determined by the Food Service Department to be in compliance with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines. Any competitive food items and beverages that are available for sale to students a la carte in the dining area between midnight and thirty (30) minutes following the end of the school day shall also comply with the current USDA

Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines, and may only be sold in accordance with Board Policy 8550 - Competitive Food Sales. Foods and beverages not associated with the food-service program may be vended in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in Board Policy 8540 - Vending Machines.

The Superintendent will require that the food service program serve foods in the schools of the District that are wholesome and nutritious and reinforce the concepts taught in the classroom.

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing the food service program in accordance with the adopted nutrition standards and shall provide a report to the Board at one of its regular meetings, annually, regarding the District's compliance with the standards.

No food or beverage may be sold on any school premises except in accordance with the standards approved by the Board.

## **Dietary Modifications**

#### **Modifications Based on Compliant Medical Documentation**

An adult student or student's parent requesting special dietary accommodations for a student with a disability that restricts the diet must provide the Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs signed by a State authorized medical authority, which is a medical professional authorized in the State of Wisconsin to write prescriptions. The request must contain the following information and must be submitted on DPI Form PI-6314, Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs:

- A. an explanation of how the student's physical or mental impairment restricts the diet;
- B. the food(s)/type(s) of foods to be avoided;
- C. the food(s)/type(s) of foods to be substituted;
- D. additional pertinent information, if any, that will assist in accommodating the student's needs.

If a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs is incomplete, unclear, or lacks sufficient detail, the special dietary accommodation coordinator or food service director shall request that the student or parent/guardian request that the medical authority supplement the response so that a safe meal can be provided. In situations where a medical statement or Individual Education Plan (IEP) is not immediately available, is incomplete, or requires additional clarification, the meal modification should still be made if there is enough information to provide a safe meal.

A special dietary accommodation for a student who has a disability that restricts the student's diet must be supported by a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs, which should be submitted to the Food Service Director who shall serve as the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator, whose contact information is: 414-604-4450 or FoodServiceDirector@wawmsd.org.

A student with a disability may have an IEP or 504 plan that requires specific instruction, services, or accommodation related to the student's nutritional needs. If a student's IEP or 504 plan contains the same information that is required on a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs, then it is not necessary to obtain and submit a separate Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs. Form PI-6314 can be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction (https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/forms/pdf/f6314-english.pdf) or upon request to the District's Food Service Director or Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator.

The individual making an initial request for such substitutions must inform the Food Service Director or Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator that the student has a disability that restricts the student's diet. The School District will honor the request upon receipt of the required documentation from a State authorized medical authority. In situations where a medical statement or IEP is not immediately available, is incomplete, or requires additional clarification, USDA regulations require that the meal modification still be made if there is enough information to provide a safe meal. If the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator is unable to grant a requested accommodation following receipt of the medical authority's statement, the student or parent shall be provided with an explanation of the basis for the decision. Compliant requests shall be immediately implemented.

## **Disability Accommodation Grievance Procedure**

The following procedure is intended to provide prompt and equitable resolution to any concern or disagreement regarding the food service program's administration of meal modifications made or requested on the basis of a student's disability. None of the procedures described in this policy section shall prevent a student or parent from pursuing a complaint with any State or Federal agency, including the USDA, using the procedures described at the end of this policy.

A. If an initial request for accommodation in the form of substituted meals is denied, the student or parent may request review of that decision by the Assistant Superintendent and shall provide any communications between the student or parent and food service officials concerning the accommodation request, any documentation provided by a medical authority, and any additional information the student or parent believes is pertinent to the decision. A review of the materials provided and of the initial decision shall be completed and a response provided to the student or parent as soon as practicable following receipt of the request for review. If the initial decision is reversed, including due to additional information provided on review, the dietary accommodations shall be implemented without delay. If the initial decision is affirmed the decision may appealed to the Superintendent whose decision is final.

B. Any other complaint or disagreement with the food service administration concerning implementation of special dietary accommodations based on a student's disability shall be presented to the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator. The student or parent shall specify the nature of the concern and any requested remedy in writing. The Coordinator shall promptly review the grievance and either contact the student or parent for any required clarification of the request or to seek to reach an agreement regarding how to best address the concern. If no agreement is reached, the Coordinator shall make a determination and notify the student or parent in writing as soon as practicable. If the grievance is affirmed in any respect, the Coordinator shall propose a plan for implementing appropriate remedial measures. If the student or parent is dissatisfied with the Coordinator's determination, the student or parent may submit a written request to the Building Principal or Superintendent for review. The administrator's determination shall be final.

# **Modifications Based on Noncompliant Medical Requests**

On a case-by-case basis, substitutions to the standard meal requirements may be made, at no additional charge, for students who provide a signed statement from a qualified medical authority that the student cannot consume certain food items due to medical or other special dietary needs, but which does not comply with the requirements above. To qualify for such consideration and substitutions the medical statement must identify:

- A. the medical or dietary need that restricts the student's diet; and
- B. the food(s) to be omitted from the student's diet and the food(s) or choice of foods that may be substituted.

# IMPLEMENTATION AND DISCONTINUATION

#### **Review**

Upon receipt of a request for a special dietary accommodation, the Food Service Director or Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator shall review the request to ensure it is supported as required by Federal law and District policy and if not, shall request additional or clarifying information from the student or parent making the request.

## **Implementation**

When the need for a special dietary accommodation is supported by a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs signed by a State authorized medical authority, the District will offer a reasonable modification that effectively accommodates the student's disability. Following USDA Child Nutrition Program regulations, the School District may consider factors such as cost and efficiency and is not required to prepare a specific meal, provide a specific brand of food, or provide a meal beyond the meals provided to other students.

For students who have an IEP or 504 plan that requires specific food related accommodations, the School District shall provide the accommodation as required by law, seeking clarifying medical information, as necessary.

A special dietary request will be approved and implemented upon submission of a completed authorized Mmedical Statement. In situations where a medical statement or IEP is not immediately available, is incomplete, or requires additional clarification, USDA regulations require that the meal modification still be made if there is enough information to provide a safe meal.

## **Student Absence**

If a student receiving a special dietary accommodation is absent or does not wish to participate in school lunch on a day an accommodation is planned, the student or parent shall contact the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator by 9:00 a.m. the same day.

## **Renewing A Special Dietary Request**

An authorized Medical Statement does not need to be updated annually. However, the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator may annually seek clarification or updates on special dietary requests.

## **Discontinuation of a Special Dietary Request**

A special dietary request or part of a request may be discontinued by a parent by submitting the request in writing to the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator or shall be discontinued consistent with the medical authorities recommendation provided with the Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs.

### **Meal Charges**

Lunches sold by the school may be purchased by students and staff members and community residents in accordance with the rules of the District's school lunch program.

The operation and supervision of the food-service program shall be the responsibility of the Food Service Director. Food services shall be operated on a self-supporting basis with revenue from students, staff, Federal reimbursement, and surplus food. The Board shall assist the program by furnishing available space, initial major equipment, and utensils. Maintenance and replacement of equipment is the responsibility of the program.

A periodic review of the food-service accounts shall be made by the Director of Finance and Operations Assistant Superintendent. Any surplus funds from the National School Lunch Program shall be used to support the operation and improvement of the school meal program(s) through allowable expenditures as determined by the Superintendent. Surplus funds from a-la-carte foods purchased using funds from the nonprofit food service account must accrue to the nonprofit food service account.

# Bad Debt Unpaid Meal Charges

Bad debtUnpaid meal charges incurred through the inability to collect lunchmeal payment from students is not an unallowable cost to the nonprofit school food service account. chargeable to any Federal program.

Delinquent debt is when payment for unpaid meal charges is overdue to the nonprofit school food service account. It is considered collectable while efforts are being made to collect it. The delinquent debt remains on the accounting documents until it is either collected or written off. Delinquent debt may be carried over year to year as long as the student is still enrolled at the school food authority (SFA).

Bad debt is when local officials have determined that further collection efforts of unpaid meal charges are uncollectable. When this happens, the delinquent debt must be re-classified as bad debt and written off as an operating loss. Since the nonprofit school food service account cannot be used to cover the bad debt, a transfer from the general fund, state or local funds, school or community organizations such as the PTA or from donated funds must be made to cover the total amount of bad debt. When delinquent debt is converted to bad debt, records of this must be kept in accordance with the records retention requirement in 7 CFR 210.9(b) (17) and 7 CFR 210.15(b).

Any related collection cost, including legal cost, arising from such bad debt after they have been determined to be uncollectable are also unallowable. District efforts to collect bad debt shall be in accordance with Policy 6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges.

Bad debt is uncollectable/delinquent debt that has been determined to be uncollectable no sooner than the end of the school year in which the debt was incurred. If the uncollectable/delinquent debt cannot be recovered by the School Meals Program in the year when the debt was incurred, then this is classified as bad debt. Once classified as bad debt, non-federal funding sources must reimburse the NSFSA for the total amount of the bad debt. The funds may come from the District general fund, State or local funding, school or community organizations such as the PTA, or any other non federal source. Once the uncollectable/delinquent debt charges are converted to bad debt, records relating to those charges must be maintained in accordance with the record retention requirements in 7 C.F.R. 210.9(b) (17) and 7 C.F.R. 210.15(b).

# **Negative Account Balances**

Students will be permitted to purchase meals from the District's food service using either cash on hand or a food service account. A student may be allowed to incur a negative food service account balance subject to the following conditions.

Students may be permitted to accumulate negative food service account balance. A student shall not be permitted to purchase a la carte items without sufficient account balance or cash on hand. Likewise, any student that has a negative account balance may not purchase a la carte items with cash unless the student is also able to bring their account current.

A student who has exceeded the permissible negative balance amount in their account and does not have cash on hand sufficient to purchase a meal will be treated respectfully. The District will provide meals to students with unpaid meal balances without stigmatizing them, will provide parents of students who charge meals with notification when a student charges a meal, and will make efforts to collect the charges incurred by the students so that the unpaid charges are not classified as bad debt at the end of the school year.

If a student has reached the permissible level of negative lunch account balance, they shall be provided a regular reimbursable meal that follows the USDA meal pattern, the cost of which shall continue to accrue to the negative lunch account balance.

This policy and any implementing guidelines shall be provided in writing to all All households shall be notified about this policy and any implementing guidelines at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the school or School District during the school year, as well as informed about access to this policy and any implementing guidelines. The policy and implementing guidelines will also be provided to all All District staff with responsibility for enforcing the policies shall be notified about the provisions of this policy and any implementing guidelines, as well as provided access to this policy and any implementing guidelines. The policy and guidelines will be posted on the District website.

The food service program may participate in the Farm to School Program using locally grown food in school meals and snacks.

#### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. The District's nondiscrimination statement below is complementary to the District's nondiscrimination policies, including Policy 2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Opportunity and Policy 1422/Policy 3122/Policy 4122 Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf or https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/sfa-civil-rights-complaints-procedure-template.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

#### 1. Mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

# 2. Fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

## 3. E-mail:

program.intake@usda.gov.

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SP 32-2015 Statements Supporting Accommodations for Children with Disabilities in the Child Nutrition Programs

SP 59-2016 Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in the School Meal Program

OMB Circular No. A-87 USDA Smart Snacks in School Food Guidelines (effective July 1, 2014)

Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.

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### 8510 - **WELLNESS**

As required by law, the Board for the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District establishes the following wellness policy.

### **Policy Preamble**

The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the District's students. Furthermore, research suggests that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and the student's ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school.

Schools alone, however, cannot develop in students healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits.

The Board sets the following goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition choices to:

- A. promote nutrition education with the objective of improving students' health;
- B. improve the health and well-being of our children, increase consumption of healthful foods during the school day, and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits;
- C. promote nutrition guidelines, a healthy eating environment, child nutrition programs, and food safety and security on each school campus with the objective of promoting student health;
- D. provide opportunities for every student to develop the knowledge and skills for specific physical activities, maintain physical fitness, regularly participate in physical activity, and understand the short and long-term benefits of a physically active lifestyle;
- E. promote the health and wellness of students and staff through other school based activities.

## **Wellness Policy Leadership**

The Superintendent shall implement and ensure compliance with the policy by leading the review, update, and evaluation of the policy and is authorized to designate a staff member or members with responsibility to assure that wellness initiatives are followed in the District's schools.

## **Required Public Involvement**

The Superintendent shall obtain the input of District collaborators to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the policy. The collaborators may include parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, educational staff (including physical education teachers), school health professionals, Board members, members of the public, medical/health care professionals, and other school administrators. School-level health advisory or wellness committees may assist in the planning and implementation of these Wellness initiatives.

### **District Wellness Committee**

#### **Committee Formation**

The District shall convene a Wellness Committee that meets at least four (4) times during the school year to establish goals and oversee school health policies and programs, including development, implementation, and periodic review and update of this Wellness Policy.

#### **Committee Representatives**

The District shall invite a diverse group of collaborators to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the Wellness Policy.

Collaborators may include:

- A. administrator(s);
- B. Board member(s);
- C. classroom teacher(s);
- D. physical education teacher(s);
- E. school food service representative(s);
- F. school nurse(s);
- G. community member/parent(s);
- H. student(s);
- I. medical/health care professional(s);
- J. school counselor(s).

#### **Nutrition Standard for All Foods**

The District is committed to serving healthy meals to our students. The school meal programs aim to improve the diet and health of school children, model healthy eating patterns, and support healthy choices while accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs.

## **School Meal Programs**

## Standards and Guidelines for School Meal Programs

- A. All meals meet or exceed current nutrition requirements established under the Healthy Hunger-free Kids Act of 2010. (https://www.fns.usda.gov/nslp/national-school-lunch-program-meal-pattern-chart)
- B. Drinking water is available for students during mealtimes.
- C. All schools in the District participate in USDA child nutrition programs, including NSLP, SBP, FFVP, SMP, SFSP.
- D. All meals are accessible to all students.
- E. Withholding food as a punishment shall be strictly prohibited.

- F. Students are provided at least ten (10) minutes to eat breakfast and at least twenty (20) to eat lunch after being seated
- G. Menus shall be posted on the District website and will include nutrient content.
- H. Menus shall be created/reviewed by a Registered Dietitian or other certified nutrition professional.
- I. All school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff shall meet or exceed hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA professional standards for child nutrition professionals.

## **School Meal Program Participation**

The District:

- A. shall notify parents of the availability of the breakfast, lunch, and summer food programs and shall be encouraged to determine eliqibility for reduced or free meals;
- B. shall allow students the opportunity to provide input on menu items;
- C. shall restrict the scheduling of club/organizational meetings during the lunch period unless students are allowed to purchase lunch to be consumed during the meetings;
- D. shall explore the use of nontraditional breakfast service models (such as breakfast in the classroom) to increase breakfast participation.

## Standards for Foods and Beverages Sold Outside of School Meals

All food and beverages sold and served outside of the school meal programs ("competitive" foods and beverages) shall, at a minimum, meet the standards established in USDA's Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools

A. (Smart Snacks) rule.

https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/smartsnacks.pdf

B. All food and beverages sold to students during before and after school programs shall meet the USDA Smart Snack nutrition standards.

# Foods Offered/Provided but Not Sold

The District encourages foods offered on the school campus to meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards including those provided at celebrations and parties and classroom snacks brought by staff or family members. Non-food celebrations will be promoted and a list of ideas is available.

#### **Fund-Raising**

- A. Schools will restrict food and beverage marketing to only those foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards set forth by USDA's Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools (Smart Snacks) rule.
- B. The District adheres to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction fundraiser exemption policy and allows two (2) exempt fundraisers per student organization per school per year. All other fundraisers sold during the school day will meet the Smart Snacks nutrition standards. No restrictions are placed on the sale of food/beverage items sold outside of the school day.

# Marketing

Schools will restrict food and beverage marketing to only those foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards set forth by USDA's Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools (Smart Snacks) rule. Marketing includes brand names, trademarks, logos, or tags except when placed on a food or beverage product/container; displays, such as vending machine exteriors; corporate/brand names, logos, trademarks on cups, posters, school supplies, education materials, food service equipment, and school equipment (e.g. message boards, scoreboards, uniforms); advertisements in school publications/mailings; sponsorship of school activities, fund-raisers, or sports teams; educational incentive programs such as contests or programs; and free samples or coupons displaying advertising of a product.

## **Nutrition Education**

A. The primary goal of nutrition education is to influence students' lifelong eating behaviors. Nutrition education, a component of comprehensive health education, shall be offered every year to all students of the District. The District aims to teach, model, encourage, and support healthy eating by providing nutrition education.

- B. Nutrition education shall be included in the Health curriculum so that instruction is sequential and standards-based and provides students with the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to lead healthy lives.
- C. Nutrition education shall be incorporated into the Health curriculum and other aspects of the curriculum, including science, math, language arts, and elective courses.
- D. Nutrition education shall be included in the sequential, comprehensive health curriculum in accordance with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Model Academic Standards for Nutrition.
- E. Nutrition education shall be integrated into other subject areas of the curriculum, when appropriate, to complement, but not replace, the standards and benchmarks for health education.
- F. Nutrition education shall be provided to families via handouts, newsletters, postings on the website, presentations, and workshops.

#### **Nutrition Promotion**

The District is committed to providing a school environment that encourages students to practice healthy eating and physical activity. Students shall receive consistent nutrition messages that promote health throughout schools, classrooms, cafeterias, and school media.

## **Physical Activity**

- A. Children and adolescents should participate in sixty (60) minutes of physical activity every day. The District shall provide students with physical education, using an age-appropriate, sequential physical education curriculum consistent with national and State standards for physical education. The District shall also provide opportunities for students to participate in physical activity in addition to physical education.
- B. The District shall provide students with age and grade-appropriate opportunities to engage in physical activity.
- C. The District shall develop a comprehensive, school-based physical activity program (CSPAP), that includes the following components: physical education, recess; classroom-based physical activity; walk to school, and out-of-school time activities.
- D. Physical activity during the school day shall not be withheld as punishment. Participation on sports teams may be exempt from this rule if related to failure to meet WIAA or other school codes, e.g. academic or attendance requirements.
- E. Physical activity and movement shall be integrated, when possible, across the curricula and throughout the school day.
- F. Schools shall encourage families to provide physical activity outside the regular school day, such as outdoor play at home, participation in sports sponsored by community agencies or organizations, and in lifelong physical activities like bowling, swimming, or tennis.
- G. The school shall provide information to families to encourage and assist them in their efforts to incorporate physical activity into their children's daily lives.
- H. In addition to planned physical education, the school shall provide age-appropriate physical activities (e.g., recess during the school day, intramurals and clubs before and after school, and interscholastic sports) that meet the needs of all students, including males, females, students with disabilities, and students with special health care needs.
- I. All before/after-school programs shall provide developmentally appropriate physical activity for the students who participate.

### **Physical Education**

A. A sequential, comprehensive physical education program shall be provided for students in K-12 in accordance with the physical education academic content standards and benchmarks adopted by the State.

- B. The sequential, comprehensive physical education curriculum shall provide students with opportunities to learn, practice, and be assessed on developmentally appropriate knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to engage in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.
- C. Planned instruction in physical education shall be sufficient for students to achieve a proficient level with regard to the standards and benchmarks adopted by the State.
- D. All District elementary students in each grade shall have physical education a minimum of three (2) times per week.
- E. All District middle school students are required to take the equivalent of one (1) academic year of physical education each year.
- F. All-District high school students are required to receive at least 1.5 credits of physical education prior to graduation unless the District allows for the substitution of 0.5 credit per Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements.
- G. Planned instruction in physical education shall promote participation in physical activity outside the regular school day.
- H. The physical education curriculum shall provide sequential instruction related to the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to participate in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.
- I. Physical education classes shall provide students with opportunities to learn, practice, and be assessed on developmentally appropriate knowledge and attitudes necessary to engage in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.
- J. The sequential, comprehensive physical education curriculum shall stress the importance of remaining physically active for life.
- K. All physical education classes are taught by licensed teachers who are certified to teach physical education.
- L. Physical education staff shall receive professional development on a yearly basis.
- M. In health education classes, the District shall include topics of physical activity, including: the physical, psychological, or social benefits of physical activity; how physical activity can contribute to a healthy weight; how physical activity can contribute to the academic learning process; how an inactive lifestyle contributes to chronic disease; and decreasing sedentary activities.
- N. Planned instruction in physical education shall teach cooperation, fair play, and responsible participation.
- O. Planned instruction in physical education shall meet the needs of all students, including those who are not athletically gifted.

### Other Activities That Promote School Wellness

- A. Students, parents, and other community members shall have access to, and be encouraged to use, the school's outdoor physical activity facilities outside the normal school day.
- B. As appropriate, schools shall support students, staff, and parents' efforts to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

## **Staff Wellness**

The District will implement the following activities below to promote healthy eating and physical activity among school staff.

An organized wellness program shall be available to all staff.

# **Community Engagement**

- A. The District shall inform and invite parents to participate in school-sponsored activities throughout the year.
- B. The District shall actively inform families and the public about the content of and any updates to the policy through www.wawmsd.org.

## **Additional Strategies for Consideration:**

A. The schools shall schedule mealtimes so there is minimum disruption by bus schedules, recess, and other special programs or events.

- B. The school shall provide attractive, clean environments in which the students eat.
- C. Activities, such as tutoring or club meetings, shall not be scheduled during mealtimes, unless students may eat during those meetings.
- D. Schools in our system utilize electronic identification and payment systems, therefore, eliminating any stigma or identification of students eligible to receive free and/or reduced meals.
- E. Students are discouraged from sharing their foods or beverages with one another during meal times, given concerns about allergies and other restrictions on some students' diets.

Furthermore, with the objectives of enhancing student health and well being, the following guidelines are established:

- A. In accordance with Policy 8500 Food Service, the food service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the selection, preparation, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages as well as to the fiscal management of the program.
- B. As set forth in Policy 8531 Free and Reduced Price Meals, the guidelines for reimbursable school meals are not less restrictive than the guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
  - All foods available on campus during the school day shall comply with the current USDA nutrition guidelines, including competitive foods that are available to students a la carte in the dining area, as classroom snacks, from vending machines, for classroom parties, or at holiday celebrations.
- C. The food service program will provide all students affordable access to the varied and nutritious foods they need to be healthy and to learn well, regardless of unpaid meal balances without stigma.
- D. The food service program will strive to be financially self-supporting; however, if it is necessary to subsidize the operation, it will not be through the sale of competitive foods—with minimal nutritious value.
- E. The food service program shall be administered by a qualified nutrition professional.
- F. The food service program shall be administered by a director who is properly qualified, certificated, licensed, or credentialed, according to current professional standards.
- G. All food service personnel shall receive pre-service training in food service operations.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation - Triennial Assessment**

The District will evaluate compliance with the Wellness Policy no less than once every three years. The assessment will include the extent to which each school is in compliance with the policy, progress towards meeting policy goals, and how the policy compares to a model policy, as established by the USDA. The District will use the Wisconsin Local Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment Report Card to fulfill the triennial assessment requirement. The results of the triennial assessment will be made available to the public.

## **Update/Inform the Public**

The District will actively inform and update the public about the content of and any updates to the policy through the District website and Board meetings.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for informing the public, including parents, students, and community members, on the content and implementation of this policy. In order to inform the public, the Superintendent shall include information in the student handbook, and post the wellness policy on the District's website, including the assessment of the implementation of the policy prepared by the District.

### **Record Retention**

The Superintendent shall require that the District retains documentation pertaining to the development, review, evaluation, and update of the policy, including:

- A. copy of the current policy;
- B. documentation pertaining to the most recent assessment of implementation of wellness initiatives identified in the policy;
- C. documentation of efforts to review and update the policy, including identification of the participating and invited collaborators.

### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

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## School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al.

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Title FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

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### 8531 - FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

The Board recognizes the importance of good nutrition to each student's educational performance.

The Board shall provide eligible children with breakfast and lunch at a reduced rate or at no charge to the student, as well as free milk for qualifying students, if the District participates in the Wisconsin School Day Milk Program.

If the District participates in the Wisconsin School Day Milk Program, qualifying students shall receive milk at no charge.

Children, eligible for free or reduced-price meals, shall be determined by the criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program. These criteria are issued annually by the Federal government through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) administration of the School Nutrition Programs.

The Board designates the Superintendent to determine in accordance with Board standards, the eligibility of students for free and/or reduced-price meals.

The schools shall at At least once annually close to at the beginning of the each school year, the school shall notify all families of the availability, eligibility requirements, and for application procedure for free and reduced-price meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the school. The notice shall contain all information required by State and Federal regulation.

The District shall seek out and apply for such Federal, State, and local funds as may be applied to the District's program of free and reduced-price meals.

Any student identified as homeless, a foster child, a runaway, a migrant, or who is enrolled in Head Start shall be considered eliqible for free meals and free milk.

Students receiving free or reduced meals or milk shall not be subjected to any of the following actions related to their receipt of meal service:

- A. the District shall not publish or otherwise publicize names of children receiving free or reduced meals or milk;
- B. the District's meal service will not use special tokens or tickets that identify students as receiving free or reduced meals or milk;
- C. no student shall be required to work or perform any service in order to receive food service;
- D. students receiving free or reduced price meal service shall not be required to use a separate line or separate eating area, nor shall they be required to receive meals at a different time based on eligibility for the free or reduce

program;

E. all students shall have the same choices for meals and milk regardless of whether the student is paying full price or receiving free or reduced meal service benefits.

The Superintendent shall regularly evaluate the free and reduced lunch program to determine whether the District or school may qualify for special assistance certification or Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to reduce the paperwork burden on families qualifying for free and reduced meals. Any schools identified as CEP eligible shall be notified.

If the District has received approval to extend free meals to all students in one (1) or more of the District's schools through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), such participation in CEP means that all students attending those qualifying schools receive free meal service on an equal basis, and that no individual household applications may be collected, except as frequently as required by law to continue CEP eligibility. If any school is found in any fourth year of CEP to have a a free or reduced lunch eligible student percentage less than twenty-five percent (25%) but more than fifteen percent (15%), the Assistant Superintendent shall notify DPI and request an additional year of CEP eligibility prior to recertification through a grace year.

Unless exempted by DPI, annually prior to a date established by the Department of Agriculture and/or the DPI, the Assistant Superintendent shall notify DPI of any school in the District that has twenty-five percent (25%) free and reduced lunch eligible or that has less than twenty-five percent (25%) but more than fifteen percent (15%) identified student percentage.

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### **8540 - VENDING MACHINES**

The Board recognizes that vending machines can produce revenues which are useful to augment programs and services to students and staff. It will, therefore, authorize their use in District facilities providing that the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. no food or beverages are to be sold or distributed which will compete with the District's food-service program;
- B. food items and beverages available for sale to students in vending machines for consumption on campus shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and Smart Snack Rules Requirements.

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#### **8550 - COMPETITIVE FOOD SALES**

The food-service program will comply with the provisions set forth in Federal law regarding sale of competitive food-and foods of minimal nutritional value.

Only the food-service program shall sell food and beverages to students in elementary schools during regular school hours.

In secondary schools, the food-service program shall be the sole provider of food and beverage items sold until thirty (30) minutes following the last lunch period, at which time student clubs and organizations and/or District support organizations may request approval to sell foods and beverage items in accordance with the Board's policies and administrative guidelines. Accordingly, all food items and beverages for sale to students for consumption on campus from vending machines, from school stores, or as fundraisers by student clubs and organizations and/or District support organizations shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and Smart Snack Rules, and shall only be available between thirty (30) minutes following the last school lunch period and thirty (30) minutes after the close of the regular school day.

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Title USE OF CAMERAS AND OTHER RECORDING DEVICES IN LOCKER ROOMS

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#### 9151 - USE OF CAMERAS AND OTHER RECORDING DEVICES IN LOCKER ROOMS

The Board recognizes the importance of protecting the privacy interests of the District's students and is committed to safeguarding students' privacy in the locker room facilities.

As required by law, the Board establishes the following this locker room privacy policy.

To protect the privacy of students, non-staff access to locker rooms for the purpose of interviewing or seeking information from any student in the locker room is prohibited. No member of the media is allowed access to school locker rooms before, during, or after any school athletic event or practice. Coaches and student-athletes may be available for interviews outside the locker room, consistent with school rules.

(**NOTE**: Encourage the local press and student reporters to wait outside the doors of the locker room to get necessary interview/photograph.)

The following recording devices will be permitted in the locker room and for the particular use described:

- A. Audiotape recorders may be used by staff or students for otherwise appropriate purposes, provided the recording is purely audio and contains no video or still photo component.
- B. Video recording devices of any type may be used in the locker room provided that no students are present in the locker room when the recording device is being used.
- C. Video recording devices may be used for school projects involving video production or other video or pictorial presentation by student(s) provided that a District staff member verifies prior to allowing such equipment in a locker room that no student(s) is/are using the locker room to change and thus could be caught in an exposed condition by recording equipment. The staff member must notify anyone inside the locker room that a recording device will be brought in and the purpose of the device with sufficient warning to allow any occupants to depart the locker room.
- D. Covert surveillance video may be used to investigate suspected illegal behavior or behavior by students that violates school rules. Use of such surveillance must be approved by the Superintendent. Approved usage must be in writing and specify the date and time of the surveillance, the method used, who will have access to include law enforcement if appropriate, and the information justifying the use of the equipment.

Parents may enter the locker room on a limited basis, with prior approval of the coach or teacher. The parent is not permitted to interview or seek information from any student or use a recording device to record or transfer images. A "recording device" means a camera, a video recorder, cell phone with video and/or photograph capabilities, or any other device that may be used to capture, record or transfer images.

No images of a nude or partially nude person in the locker room may be captured, recorded, or transferred under any circumstances by any individual.

To protect the privacy of the District's students, parents, other adult residents of the community, and any public that may utilize the locker room facilities, no person may use a cell phone to capture, record, or to transfer a representation of a nude or partially nude person in the locker room in the School District or in use for District purposes.

Furthermore, the Board believes that safety is of the utmost importance. Therefore, notwithstanding the provisions of this policy, if necessary, emergency rescue personnel will be permitted into the locker room and will be given access to any tools necessary to do their job.

District officials may refer any violations of this policy to law enforcement for possible criminal prosecution of anyone who violates State law.

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