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FSPS 2023 DISTRICT HANDBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEE

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2023 FSPS District Handbook Review Committee

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ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT PAGE 1

FSPS protocol will change as a result of modifications in ASBA policy 4.2/4.4/ & 4.5.

Two significant change are...

- An expelled student from another district may seek a hearing before the board and;
- Legal Transfers (B2B) student are allowed 5 minutes to present their request to the Board.



PAGE 4—INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Adoption of ASBA policy 4.2 into student handbook will allow a greater number of International Exchange Students to enroll in Fort Smith Public Schools.




PAGE 9—VIRTUAL STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Adoption of ASBA policy 4.7 into student handbook states that virtual students are accountable for attending live learning sessions and independent learning sessions.

PAGES 9 - 10—FSPS VIRTUAL STUDENT ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING

The FSPS Virtual school updated its attendance procedures after their initial year taking into account live sessions and small group meetings held online.



PAGES 10 - 12—ABSENCES

- Adoption of ASBA policy 4.7 expands the list of excused absences to include at least 10 excused absences for pregnancy or parenting for both the mother and father of a child.
- Also provides excused absence when a student accompanies the parent to vote in a scheduled election.

PAGE 13—UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Students with 10 consecutive unexcused absences shall be dropped on the 11th day. Students will be allowed to reenroll, however space is not guaranteed upon reenrollment. A.C.A § 6-18-213



PAGES 20 - 21—EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF ANTI-OPIOID

- An opioid rescue kit will be placed in all AED stations on HS campuses.

PAGE 21—EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF EMERGENCY ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY MEDICATION

- New protocol

PAGES 21 - 22—SEIZURE DISORDER MEDICATIONS

- New protocol



PAGE 22—GROWTH & MATURITY

This removal from the student handbook takes into account the inclusion of this topic in Human Growth and Development Curriculum standards.



PAGE 23—STUDENT WELL BEING: EMOTIONAL

Provides new 988 number associated with Suicide Prevention Lifeline.



PAGE 24—HEARING & VISION SCREENING

When applicable, Medicaid will be filed for hearing and vision screening. Parents will have the ability to opt out by returning the hearing/vision notification to their school before the screening.



PAGES 32-34 —SMART CORE CURRICULUM & COURSE OF STUDY

The new Smart Core curriculum and student course of study for classes will be included in the handbook on the website.

PAGE 35-36 —STUDENT PROMOTION & RETENTION

Adds section 4.55 Student Promotion and Retention into the Student Handbook.


- Elementary
- Middle
- High School



PAGE 39—COCURRICULAR & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Adds provision from both 4.55 and 4.56 that a student who willfully does not put forth a good faith effort or purposely misses statewide assessments/makeup days loses eligibility.


PAGES 40 - 41—OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFERS

- School choice transfers students into Fort Smith (grades 7-12) who wish to participate in extracurricular activities must complete a Changing Schools Athletic Participation form (CSAP) by July 1.
 - THE CSAP form will affirm the student was not recruited or transferring for athletic purposes. Form will be signed by both superintendents and the parent.
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PAGE 45—BEHAVIOR IN USE

This policy provides clarity to students...Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school digital devices or when utilizing any district-issued or school issued account or digital resource.





PAGE 56—STUDENT USE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY ROOM

Direct inclusion of ASBA policy 4.61

PAGE 56—STUDENT NAME, TITLE, PRONOUN

Direct inclusion of ASBA policy 4.62



PAGE 61 - 62—SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Updates Sexual harassment policy in accordance of ASBA policy 4.27



QUESTIONS

