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0142.7 - ORIENTATION

The Board believes that the preparation of each Board member for the performance of Board duties is essential to the effective functioning of the Board. The Board shall encourage each new Board member to understand the functions of the Board, acquire knowledge of matters related to the operation of the District, and learn Board procedures. Accordingly, the Board shall give to each new Board member no later than his/her first regular meeting as a Board member, for his/her use and possession during the term on the Board, the following items:

- A. a copy of the Board policy manual
- B. a copy of the employee handbook
- C. the current budget pertinent log in information for electronic Board packets

Each new Board member shall be invited to meet with the Board President, District Administrator, and Business Manager to discuss Board functions, policies, and procedures.

The Board shall encourage the attendance of each new Board member at orientation and training meetings.

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0144.1 - **COMPENSATION**

~~Board members shall receive compensation as approved by the electors at the Annual Meeting.~~

As approved by the electors at the annual meeting, Board members shall receive an annual salary or an amount for each ~~School~~ Board meeting the member actually attended ~~as approved by the electors at an Annual Meeting~~, unless the member has provided timely annual notice of refusal to accept the salary. Notice must be provided prior to taking the oath of office and performing any service for the initial year of election or appointment, and may be renewed for subsequent years by notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the member's taxable year, unless statutory exceptions apply.

Expenses of a Board member when authorized by the Annual Meeting shall be reimbursed when incurred in the performance of his/her duties or in the performance of functions authorized by the Board and duly vouchered.

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0152 - OFFICERS

The Board shall elect, from among its members, a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and a Clerk. Such election shall occur at the Annual Reorganization Meeting on or within thirty (30) days after the fourth (4th) Monday in April.

19.88(1), Wis. Stats.

Election of officers shall be by a majority of the full Board. Secret ballots may be utilized only for election of officers. ~~Where~~ no such majority exists on the first ballot vote, a second vote shall be cast for the two (2) candidates who received the greatest number of ballot votes.

Except for those appointed to fill a vacancy, officers shall serve for one (1) year and until their respective successors are elected and shall qualify.

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2261.01 - PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ~~PARTICIPATION~~ IN TITLE I PROGRAMS

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1118 of Title I, programs supported by Title I funds must be designed and implemented in consultation with parents and families of the students being served.

~~Development of Administrative Guidelines for Parent Participation~~

The District Administrator shall ensure that the Title I plan under Section 6312 contains administrative guidelines which have been developed and approved by the District and parents of participating students and distributed to parents. The guidelines shall describe how:

- A. the District expects and encourages parents and families to be engaged ~~involved~~ in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including their participation in the development of the plan under Section 1112 and the process for school review and improvement under Section 1116;
- B. meetings will be conducted with parents and families including provision for flexible scheduling and whatever assistance the District may be able to provide parents in order to better ensure their attendance at meetings, and for providing information in a language the parents can understand;
- C. meetings will include review and explanation of the curriculum, means of assessment, and the proficiency levels students are expected to achieve and maintain;
- D. opportunities will be provided for parents and families to formulate suggestions, interact and share experiences with other parents, and participate appropriately in the decision-making about the program and revisions in the plan;
- E. information concerning school performance profiles and their child's individual performance will be communicated to parents;
- F. parents will be provided with assistance (e.g., literacy training and technology) in providing help to their children in achieving the objectives of the program by such means as ensuring regular attendance, monitoring television-watching, providing adequate time and the proper environment for homework; guiding nutritional and health practices, and the like;
- G. timely responses will be given to parental or family questions, concerns, and recommendations;
- H. the District will provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist Title I schools to develop effective parental participation activities to improve academic achievement and school performance;
- I. an annual evaluation of the parental and family engagement ~~involvement~~ plan will be conducted with parents, identifying any barriers to greater parental involvement (such as limited English, limited literacy, economic disadvantage, disability, etc.) and how strategies will be devised to improve parental and family engagement ~~involvement~~ and to revise, if necessary, this policy;
- J. the parental and family engagement ~~involvement~~ plan will be coordinated with other programs, such as Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Parents as Teachers, and Home Instruction for Preschool Youngsters;
- K. other activities will be conducted as appropriate to the plan and State and Federal requirements.

The District Administrator shall also ensure that the guidelines include a school-parent compact developed jointly by the District and parents, which outlines the responsibilities of the school staff, the parents and family, and the student for academic improvement. The school- parent compact shall include provisions addressing:

- A. the school's responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive, effective learning environment;
- B. parent's responsibility for such things as monitoring attendance, homework, extra-curricular activities, and excessive television watching; volunteering in the classroom; and positive use of extra-curricular time; and
- C. the importance of parent-teacher communication on an on-going basis through at least annual parent teacher conferences to discuss achievement and the compact; frequent progress reports to parents; reasonable access to staff; and to opportunities to observe and participate in classroom activities.

Informing Parents and Families of Their Right to be Engaged~~Involved~~ in Development and Administration of this Policy

The District Administrator shall also assure that each Title I participating school develops a specific plan, with parental and family engagement~~involvement~~, which:

- A. convenes an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which parents and families of participating children are invited and encouraged to attend, to explain the school's involvement under Title I, the requirements to develop this policy, and the parents' right to be involved;
- B. engages ~~involves~~ parents and families in an organized, on-going and timely way in the development, review, and improvement of parent involvement activities;
- C. provides participating students' parents with:
 - 1. timely information about the Title I programs;
 - 2. an explanation of the curriculum, the forms of academic assessment, and the proficiency levels expected;
 - 3. regular meetings, upon request by a parent, to make suggestions and receive response regarding their student's education.

Notice to Parents and Updating the Policy

The District will notify all parents of this policy, the guidelines, and the school-parent compact in a language understandable to the parents and families, to the extent practicable. Additionally, this policy will be made available to the local community and will be updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents, families, and the school.

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2271 - EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM~~YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM~~

The Board ~~of Education~~ recognizes the value to students and to the District of students participating in programs offered by University of Wisconsin system institutions, ~~Technical Colleges~~, tribally controlled colleges and private, non-profit higher education institutions in Wisconsin.

The Board will allow any high school student ~~juniors and seniors~~ who satisfiesy the eligibility requirements to participate in the Early College Credit Program (ECCP) ~~under the Youth Options Program statute and the administrative rules of the Department of Public Instruction~~ to enroll in an approved course at an ECCP approved institution of higher education while attending in the District. Students will be eligible to receive college and high school credit for completing course(s) at authorized institutions of higher education provided they complete the course(s) and receive a passing grade.

The School District's responsibility to pay for tuition, fees, books and other necessary materials shall be limited to eighteen (18) postsecondary credits per student.

The District Administrator shall establish administrative guidelines to ensure that the District's Early College Credit ~~Youth Options~~ Program comports with applicable State law and the administrative rules of the Department of Public Instruction. The District Administrator shall also ensure that high school students ~~in grades 9-11~~ and their parents are provided with information regarding the Program by October 1st each year.

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2460.03 - **INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION (IEE)**

An independent educational evaluation (IEE) is an evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not an employee of this District. A parent has the right to an IEE at public expense if the parent disagrees with an evaluation that the District conducted. For purposes of this policy, "evaluation" means the procedures used to determine whether a child has a disability and the nature and extent of the special education and related services the child needs. In the event the District receives a parent request for an IEE, the District must either provide the IEE at District expense pursuant to this policy or request a due process hearing to show that its evaluation is appropriate. The IEE must meet District criteria for IEEs, which is the same criteria that the District uses when it conducts its own evaluations. If the District requests a due process hearing and the hearing officer determines that the District's evaluation is appropriate, the parent still has the right to an IEE, but not at public expense. Parents may only request one publicly funded IEE for each evaluation completed by the District.

Procedures to Obtain an IEE at Public Expense

- A. The parent should submit to the District a written request for an IEE, and should include in such request an explanation of their reasons for objecting to the evaluation obtained by the District. However, the District will not deny parents a publicly funded IEE because they fail to provide the District with such a written request or fail to provide reasons for requesting an IEE.
- B. If a parent requests an IEE, the District will provide the following information:
 1. A list of the names and addresses of IEE examiners located in the area. The list will consist of IEE examiners who, in the District's judgment, are qualified to perform the evaluation requested by the parents. If a qualified examiner is not located in the area, the District will identify a qualified examiner elsewhere in the State of Wisconsin.
 2. A description of the District's criteria for selection of IEE examiners.
- C. Minimum qualifications for IEE examiners. The District will not pay for an IEE unless the IEE complies with the following criteria or the parents can show unique circumstances that justify a publicly funded IEE that does not meet the criteria.
 1. The prospective IEE examiner (the "examiner") must hold a valid license from the State of Wisconsin in the field related to the known or suspected disability. The examiner must have extensive training in the evaluation of the area(s) of concern and be able to interpret instructional implications of the evaluation results. In instances where no "applicable license" exists, the evaluator must provide documentation of extensive and recent training and experience related to the known or suspected disability.
 2. The examiner must be located within 100 miles of the District, and must conduct the evaluation within District boundaries.
 3. The examiner may only charge fees for educational evaluation services that, in the sole judgment of the District, are reasonable.
 4. The examiner must be permitted to directly communicate and share information with members of the IEP Team. The examiner must also agree to release the assessment and results, including parent and teacher surveys, prior to receipt of payment for services.
 5. If the District evaluation included an observation of the child in one (1) or more educational settings, the IEE shall include at least one (1) observation in that setting. Evaluators shall make at least one (1) contact with the child's general education teacher for the purpose of determining how the student is progressing in the general curriculum. In

addition, evaluators are encouraged to make additional contacts with other involved general or special education teachers. If the purpose of the evaluation is to address a learning disability, an observation of the child is a required evaluation component.

6. The same criteria apply to both public and independent examiners.
- D. The maximum allowable cost for an examiner will be the average cost per day or per hour for a similarly qualified staff member employed by the District during the current school year, as determined by the Director of Student Services (not to exceed \$400.00). In the unusual event the examiner is one (1) not typically employed by the District, such as a medical doctor, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, or other similar professional, reimbursement of costs will be limited to reasonable and customary charges as determined by the District and its insurance carrier. The District shall not be responsible for reimbursement of travel costs or other related costs incurred by the parents in connection with their arrangement of, or their attendance at the IEE, unless the parent can demonstrate that necessary services are not available in the community.
- E. The District will permit parents to show that unique circumstances justify an IEE that exceeds the maximum allowable cost. If the total cost of the IEE exceeds the maximum allowable costs and if, in the District's sole judgment, there is no justification for the excess cost, the cost of the IEE will be funded up to the District's maximum allowable cost and no further. The parents shall be responsible for any remaining cost.

For more information, parents may request a copy of Bulletin 99.02 "Independent Educational Evaluations (IEEs)" from the District or from the Department of Public Instruction, Division of Learning Support: Equity and Advocacy.

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3120.01 - JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Board of Education recognizes that it is essential for District and employee accountability for each staff member to be fully aware of the duties and responsibilities of his/her position. Job descriptions document and describe the essential functions for professional staff positions and thereby promote organizational effectiveness and efficiency. Therefore, the District Administrator shall maintain a current comprehensive, and coordinated set of job descriptions for professional staff positions. Job descriptions of licensed personnel, and any revisions thereof, shall be approved by the Board and maintained by the District Administrator.

The job description of the District Administrator shall be included in the Board policy manual.

All other job descriptions shall be approved by the Administration and will be maintained in the District Office.

As long as the provisions of the job descriptions are not inconsistent with Board policies, or with Federal/State law, they will be considered to be an extension of the policy manual and binding upon all employees.

Each job description shall contain the following provision:

"The employee shall remain free of any alcohol or illegal substance in the workplace in compliance with Policy 3122 throughout his/her employment in the District."

Employees will be evaluated, at least in part, against their job descriptions.

Job descriptions shall be brief, factual, and, wherever possible, generically descriptive of similar jobs.

Upon employment by the Board, the staff member shall receive a copy of the current job description for the position for which s/he has been employed. The employee's immediate supervisor shall review this job description with the staff member as part of the employment orientation process.

From time-to-time, the Board further recognizes that the District Administrator may find it necessary to revise job descriptions.

Following the revision of a job description, staff members who hold the positions for which the essential functions are described in that revised job description shall be provided access to the updated version and the opportunity to discuss the revisions therein with their immediate supervisor.

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3140 - TERMINATION AND NON-RENEWAL

TERMINATION AND NON-RENEWAL

Teacher contracts may be terminated or non-renewed upon a majority vote of the full membership of the Board of Education.

All employees are at will employees ~~who~~that may be terminated or whose contracts may be non-renewed for any reason provided that the decision is not arbitrary or capricious, or in violation of any applicable law.

In the event the District Administrator intends to recommend the non-renewal of a teacher's contract, he or she shall comply with applicable statutory non-renewal procedures. No teacher may be terminated or non-renewed solely on the basis of the results of mandatory student examinations.

Any decision to terminate or non-renew a staff member's employment contract shall be subject to review consistent with the grievance procedure in Policy 3340-Grievance Procedure.

RESIGNATION

A professional staff member may resign in accordance with the terms of his/her employment contract. A resignation, once submitted and accepted by the Board, is final and may not be rescinded without approval by the Board.

An administrator who is not employed pursuant to an employment contract governed by Section 118.24, Wis. Stats., other than a business manager, principal, or assistant principal, may resign by filing a written resignation with the District Administrator, and such resignation once accepted by the District Administrator may not be rescinded.

[.] A resignation, once accepted, may not then be rescinded.

[.] The District Administrator may act for the Board in the acceptance of a resignation.

The District Business Manager, Principal, and any assistant principals employed by the District, as well as any other administrator employed pursuant to a contract governed by section 118.24, Wis. Stats. may resign employment with the District in accordance with the terms of his/her contract. A resignation, once submitted and accepted by the Board, may not be rescinded without further action by the Board.

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3160 - PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The Board ~~of Education~~ requires any candidate, as a condition of employment, to submit to an examination, including a ~~test for~~ tuberculosis screening questionnaire, subject to further tests, in order to determine the physical capacity to perform assigned duties. Such examinations shall be done in accordance with 118.25 Wis. Stats., the District Administrator's guidelines, and/or the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

Employees will be required to execute a release that complies with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act in order to allow the report of the medical examination to be released to the Board/District Administrator and to allow the District Administrator or his/her designee to speak to the health care provider who conducted the medical examination in order to get clarification

Reports of all such examinations or evaluations shall be delivered to the District Administrator, who shall protect their confidentiality. Reports will be discussed with the employee or candidate. In compliance with the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) and Board Policy 3122.02, the successful candidate who is required to submit to a medical examination, as well as the health care provider that is designated by the Board to conduct the examination, are directed not to collect genetic information or provide any genetic information, including the candidate's family medical history, in the report of the medical examination.

Employees will be notified of the results of the medical examination upon receipt. Any and all reports of such examination will be maintained in a separate confidential personnel file in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended ("ADA") and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA).

In the event of a report of a condition that could influence job performance, the District Administrator shall base a nonemployment recommendation to the Board upon a conference with the examining physician and substantiation that the condition is directly correlated to defined job responsibilities and reasonable accommodation will not allow the employee or prospective employee to adequately fulfill those responsibilities. Freedom from tuberculosis in a communicable form is a condition of employment.

The Board shall assume the fees for examinations.

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Legal	118.25, Wis. Stats.
	29 C.F.R., Part 1630
	29 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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3217 - WEAPONS

The Board ~~of Education~~ prohibits professional staff members from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the District including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the District, a school-sponsored event, or in a District vehicle,

to the extent permitted by law.

~~without the permission of school administration.~~

Concealed Carry Permit Holders

Nothing in this policy prohibits an employee with a properly issued permit to carry a concealed weapon from exercising his/her rights consistent with Wisconsin's concealed carry law and the State and Federal gun free school zones laws. However, a staff member who is the holder of a concealed carry permit license issued or recognized by the State of Wisconsin may not, by virtue of Wis. Stat. 948.605(2)(b)1r, possess a concealed weapon anywhere in or on school grounds, including parking areas.

A staff member who is a concealed carry permit licensee may not carry a concealed weapon or otherwise store a weapon or ammunition in his or her personal vehicle while transporting students for school sponsored events or school-related purposes in his or her own vehicle. This does not apply to the transportation of students related by blood or marriage to the staff member if only such students are being transported.

Definition of "Weapon"

For this policy, the term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms (including, but not limited to, firearms as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)), guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, (subject to the exceptions below) razors, with unguarded blades, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

Exceptions to this policy include:

- A. weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel while on duty, or off duty if there is an appropriate agreement between the District and the employer of the law enforcement personnel;

~~cased, unloaded firearms in a locked vehicle driven or parked in any part of school grounds used as a parking facility, and ammunition for such firearms;~~

- B. items approved by administration as part of a class or individual presentation under adult supervision, including but not limited to hunters' education courses, if used for the purpose of and in the manner approved (working firearms, except those protected at all times by a cable or trigger lock, and live ammunition shall never be approved);
- C. theatrical props used in appropriate settings;
- D. starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events; and
- E. ~~a lockback knife having a blade no longer than three (3) inches in length,~~ a knife lawfully used for food consumption or preparation, or a knife used for a lawful purpose within the scope of the person's employment.

The District Administrator may refer a staff member who violates this policy to law enforcement officials. The staff member may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, as permitted by applicable Board policy.

Any staff member who has reason to believe that a person has or will violate this policy shall report to the school principal or their supervisor immediately. Failure to report such information may subject the staff member to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. The staff member may also confront the person if the staff member believes the risk of injury to self or others is minimal or if immediate action is necessary to prevent injury to any person.

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Legal	120.13(1), Wis. Stats.
	175.60, Wis. Stats.
	943.13, Wis. Stats.
	948.605, Wis. Stats.
	18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)
	18 U.S.C. 922
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4217 - WEAPONS

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5517 - STUDENT ANTI-HARASSMENT

Prohibited Harassment

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maintain an educational environment that is free from all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment. This commitment applies to all District operations, programs, and activities. All students, administrators, teachers, staff, and all other school personnel share responsibility for avoiding, discouraging, and reporting any form of harassment. This policy applies to conduct occurring in any manner or setting over which the Board can exercise control, including on school property, or at another location if such conduct occurs during an activity sponsored by the Board.

The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate actions to eliminate it, including suspension or expulsion of students and disciplinary action against any other individual in the School District community. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our students.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against harassment based on the traits of sex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or state civil rights laws (hereinafter referred to as "Protected Characteristics"), and encourages those within the School District community as well as third parties, who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify such problems. Additionally, the Board prohibits harassing behavior directed at students for any reason, even if not based on one of the Protected Characteristics, through its policies on bullying (See Policy 5517.01 – Bullying).

Harassment may occur student-to-student, student-to-staff, staff-to-student, male-to-female, female-to-male, male-to-male, or female-to-female. The Board will investigate all allegations of harassment and in those cases where harassment is substantiated, the Board will take immediate steps designed to end the harassment, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects. Individuals who are found to have engaged in harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

For purposes of this policy, "School District community" means individuals students, administrators, teachers, staff, and as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

For purposes of this policy, "third parties" include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams parent), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

Other Violations of the Anti-Harassment Policy

The Board will also take immediate steps to impose disciplinary action on individuals engaging in any of the following prohibited acts:

- A. Retaliating against a person who has made a report or filed a complaint alleging harassment, or who has participated as a witness in a harassment investigation.
- B. Filing a malicious or knowingly false report or complaint of harassment.
- C. Disregarding, failing to investigate adequately, or delaying investigation of allegations of harassment, when responsibility for reporting and/or investigating harassment charges comprises part of one's supervisory duties

Definitions

Bullying

Bullying is prohibited by Board Policy 5517.01 – Bullying. It is defined as deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions, intended to cause fear, intimidation, or harm. Bullying may be a repeated behavior and involves an imbalance of power. Furthermore, it may be serious enough to negatively impact a student's educational, physical, or emotional well-being. Bullying need not be based on any Protected Characteristic. Bullying behavior rises to the level of harassment when the prohibited conduct is based upon the student's sex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation of physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or State civil rights.

Harassment

Harassment means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student based on one or more of the student's Protected Characteristics that:

- A. places a student in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property;
- B. has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits; or
- C. has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.

Sexual Harassment

"Sexual harassment" is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

- A. submission to that conduct or communication is made a term or condition, either explicitly or implicitly, of access to educational opportunities or program;
- B. submission or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's education;
- C. that conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's education, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.

Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of either gender against a person of the same or opposite gender.

Prohibited acts that constitute sexual harassment may take a variety of forms. Examples of the kinds of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- A. unwelcome verbal harassment or abuse;
- B. unwelcome pressure for sexual activity;
- C. unwelcome, sexually motivated or inappropriate patting, pinching, or physical contact, other than necessary restraint of students by teachers, administrators, or other school personnel to avoid physical harm to persons or property;
- D. unwelcome sexual behavior or words including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's educational status;
- E. unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's educational status;
- F. unwelcome behavior or words directed at an individual because of gender;

Examples are:

1. repeatedly asking a person for dates or sexual behavior after the person has indicated no interest;
2. rating a person's sexuality or attractiveness;
3. staring or leering at various parts of another person's body;
4. spreading rumors about a person's sexuality;
5. letters, notes, telephones calls, or materials of a sexual nature;
6. displaying pictures, calendars, cartoons, or other materials with sexual content.

G. inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the District community into a student's personal space and personal life;

H. remarks speculating about a person's sexual activities or sexual history, or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history; and

I. verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex-stereotyping that does not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

It is further the policy of the Board that a sexual relationship between staff and students is not permissible in any form or under any circumstances, in or out of the work place, in that it interferes with the educational process and may involve elements of coercion by reason of the relative status of a staff member to a student.

Not all behavior with sexual connotations constitutes sexual harassment. Sex-based or gender-based conduct must be sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent such that it adversely affects, limits, or denies an individual's education, or such that it creates a hostile or abusive educational environment, or such that it is intended to, or has the effect of, denying or limiting a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the educational program or activities.

In addition to investigating and taking appropriate corrective action in instances of harassment, or of sexual harassment or other sexual misconduct, the District shall make available to the victim of such harassment or misconduct resources to assist the student with coping with the effects of victimization. The school counseling services shall identify available resources in the community and provide assistance to students in contacting such resources, if desired by the student. The District will not directly provide or pay for assistance unless such services are available in the District program or the Board otherwise approves. ~~Race~~/Color Harassment

Prohibited racial harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's race or color and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's educational performance; of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment; or of interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's race or color, such as racial slurs, nicknames implying stereotypes, epithets, and/or negative references relative to racial customs.

Religious (Creed) Harassment

Prohibited religious harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's religion or creed and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work or educational performance; of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment; or of interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's religious tradition, clothing, or surnames, and/or involves religious slurs.

National Origin Harassment

Prohibited national origin harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's national origin and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's educational performance; of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working and/or learning environment; or of interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's national origin, such as negative comments regarding customs, manner of speaking, language, surnames, or ethnic slurs.

Disability Harassment

Prohibited disability harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's physical, mental, emotional or learning disability and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's educational performance; of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment; or of interfering with one's ability to

participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's disabling condition, such as negative comments about speech patterns, movement, physical impairments or defects/appearances, or the like.

Reporting Procedures

Students and all other members of the School District community, as well as third parties, are encouraged to promptly report incidents of harassing conduct to a teacher, administrator, supervisor, or District employee or official so that the Board may address the conduct before it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent. Any teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee or official who receives such a complaint shall file it with the District's Anti-Harassment Compliance Officer at his/her first opportunity.

Students who believe they have been subjected to harassment are entitled to utilize the Board's complaint process that is set forth below. Initiating a complaint will not adversely affect the complaining individual's participation in educational or extra-curricular programs unless the complaining individual makes the complaint maliciously or with knowledge that it is false.

If, during an investigation of a reported act of bullying in accordance with Policy 5517.01 – Bullying, the principal determines that the reported misconduct may have created a hostile learning environment and may have constituted harassment based on sex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or state civil rights laws, the principal will report the act of bullying to one of the Compliance Officers who shall assume responsibility to investigate the allegation in accordance with this policy.

Reporting procedures are as follows:

- A. Any student who believes s/he has been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy will be encouraged to report the alleged harassment to any District employee, such as a teacher, administrator, or other employee.
- B. Any parent of a student who believes the student has been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy is encouraged to report the alleged harassment to the student's teacher, building administrator or District Administrator.
- C. Teachers, administrators, and other school officials who have knowledge or received notice that a student has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy shall immediately report the alleged harassment to the Compliance Officer and the building principal or District Administrator.
- D. Any other person with knowledge or belief that a student has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited by this policy shall be encouraged to immediately report the alleged acts to any District employee, such as a teacher, administrator or other employee.
- E. The reporting party or complainant shall be encouraged to use a report form available from the principal of each building or available from the District office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Use of formal reporting forms shall not be mandated. However, all oral complaints shall be reduced to writing.
- F. To provide individuals with options for reporting harassment to an individual of the gender with which they feel most comfortable, each school's building principal shall be advised to designate both a male and a female Compliance Officer~~Complaint Coordinator~~ for receiving reports of harassment prohibited by this policy. At least one (1) Compliance Officer~~Complaint Coordinator~~ or other individual shall be available outside regular school hours to address complaints of harassment that may require immediate attention.

District Compliance Officers

The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District's "Compliance Officers" (hereinafter referred to as the "COs").

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The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually in the staff handbooks, on the School District's web site, and on each individual school's web site.

A CO will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to harassment, to assist students, other members of the School District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct, or to intercede informally on behalf of the student.

Any Board employee who directly observes harassment of a student is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to one of the COs within two (2) business days. Thereafter, the COs must contact the student, if over age eighteen (18) or the student's parents if under the age eighteen (18), within two (2) business days to advise s/he/them of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged misconduct, including the obligation of the compliance officer to conduct an investigation following all the procedures outlined in the complaint procedures.

The COs are assigned to accept complaints of harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a visitor to the District, or to receive complaints that are initially filed with a school building administrator. Upon receipt of a complaint, either directly or through a school building administrator, a CO will begin review and investigation or the CO will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process. The CO will prepare recommendations for the District Administrator or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All members of the School District community must report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the Compliance Officer as soon as possible, but always within no more than two (2) calendar days of learning of the incident.

Investigation and Complaint Procedure

Any student who believes that s/he has been subjected to harassment may seek resolution of his/her complaint through the procedures described below. Further, a process for investigating claims of harassment and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the claim of harassment was substantiated are set forth below.

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of harassment, time lines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. Once the complaint process is begun, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the complaint being received).

If at any time during the investigation process the investigator determines that the complaint is properly defined as Bullying, under Policy 5517.01 - Bullying and not Harassment under this Policy, because the conduct at issue is not based on a student's Protected Characteristics, the investigator shall transfer the investigation to the appropriate building principal.

Complaint Procedure

A student who believes she/he has been subjected to harassment hereinafter referred to as the "complainant", may file a complaint, either orally or in writing with a teacher, principal, or other District employee at the student's school, the CO, District Administrator, or other District employee who works at another school or at the District level. Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of harassment, time lines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a complainant informs a teacher, principal, or other District employee at the student's school, the CO, District Administrator, or other District employee, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of harassment, that employee must report such information to the CO within two (2) business days.

Throughout the course of the process as described herein, the CO should keep the parties informed of the status of the investigation and the decision making process.

All complaints must include the following information to the extent it is available: the identity of the individual believed to have engaged in, or to be actively engaging in, harassment; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based; and a list of potential witnesses.

If the complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the Compliance Officer shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the complainant from further harassment or retaliation including but not limited to a change of class schedule for the complainant or the alleged harasser, or possibly a change of school for either or both of the parties. In making such a determination, the Compliance Officer should consult the Principal prior to any action being taken. The complainant should be notified of any proposed action prior to such action being taken.

As soon as appropriate in the investigation process, the CO will inform the individual alleged to have engaged in the harassing conduct, hereinafter referred to as the "respondent", that a complaint has been received. The respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations and a copy of these administrative procedures and the Board's anti-harassment policy shall be provided to the respondent at that time. The respondent must also be provided an opportunity to respond to the complaint.

Within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate a formal investigation to determine whether the complainant has been subject to offensive conduct/harassment. A principal will not conduct an investigation unless directed to do so by the Compliance Officer.

Although certain cases may require additional time, the Compliance Officer will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the formal complaint. The investigation will include:

- A. interviews with the complainant;
- B. interviews with the respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who may reasonably be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations;
- D. consideration of any documentation or other evidence presented by the complainant, respondent, or any other witness which is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator which summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of harassment as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the complainant has been subject to harassment. In determining if harassment occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within ten (10) business days of receiving the report of the CO, the District Administrator must either issue a final decision regarding whether or not the complaint of harassment has been substantiated or request further investigation. A copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be delivered to both the complainant and the respondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within ten (10) business days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above.

The decision of the District Administrator shall be final. If the complainant feels that the decision does not adequately address the complaint s/he may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of harassment regardless of whether the member of the School District community or third party alleging the harassment pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board.

Additional School District Action

If the evidence suggests that the harassment at issue is a crime or requires mandatory reporting under the Children's Code (Sec. 48.981, Wis. Stat.), the CO or District Administrator shall report the harassment to the appropriate social service and/or law enforcement agency charged with responsibility for handling such investigations and crimes.

Any reports made to the local child protection service or to local law enforcement shall not terminate the CO's obligation and responsibility to continue to investigate a complaint of harassment. While the COs may work cooperatively with outside agencies to conduct concurrent investigations, in no event shall the harassment investigation be inhibited by the involvement of outside agencies without good cause after consultation with the District Administrator.

Confidentiality

The District will make all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the complainant and the respondent. The District will respect the privacy of the complainant, the respondent, and all witnesses in a manner consistent with the District's legal obligations under State and Federal law. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed however. All complainants proceeding through the investigation process should be advised that as a result of the investigation, the respondent may become aware of the complainant's identity.

During the course of an investigation, the CO will instruct all members of the School District community and third parties who are interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of a harassment investigation is expected not to disclose any information that s/he learns or that s/he provides during the course of the investigation.

All public records created as a part of an investigation of a complaint of harassment will be maintained by the CO in accordance with the Board's records retention policy.([see Policy 8310](#))-Any records which are considered student records in accordance with the state

or Federal law will be maintained in a manner consistent with the provisions of the law.

Sanctions and Monitoring

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further such harassment. While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable law. When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved. In those cases where harassment is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior remedial action has been taken against a member of the School District community, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects.

Reprisal

Submission of a good faith complaint or report of harassment will not affect the complainant's status or educational environment. However, the Board also recognizes that false or fraudulent claims of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such claims may be filed. The Board reserves the right to discipline any person filing a false or fraudulent claim of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such a claim.

The District will discipline or take appropriate action against any member of the School District community who retaliates against any person who reports an incident of harassment prohibited by this policy or participates in a proceeding, investigation, or hearing relating to such harassment. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.

Education and Training

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of discriminatory practices. The District Administrator will develop a method of discussing this policy with the School District community. Training on the requirements of non-discrimination and the appropriate responses to issues of harassment will be provided to the School District community at such times as the Board in consultation with the District Administrator determines is necessary or appropriate.

This policy shall be reviewed at least annually for compliance with local, State, and Federal law.

The District shall conspicuously post a notice including this policy against harassment in each school in a place accessible to the School District community and members of the public. This notice shall also include the name, mailing address and telephone number of the Compliance Officer ~~Complaint Coordinators~~, the name, mailing address and telephone number of the State agency responsible for investigating allegations of discrimination in educational opportunities, and the mailing address and telephone number of the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

A summary of this policy shall appear in the student handbook and shall be made available upon request of parents, students, and other interested parties.

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48.981, Wis. Stats.

118.13, Wis. Stats.

P.I. 9, 41 Wis. Admin. Code

Fourteenth Amendment, U.S. Constitution

20 U.S.C. 1415

20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., Title IX of Education Amendments Act

29 U.S.C. 794, Rehabilitation Act of 1973

42 U.S.C. 1983

42 U.S.C. Section 2000 et seq., Civil Rights Act of 1964

42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.

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Section 5000 Students

Title Vol. 26, No. 2 Revised STUDENT FUNDRAISING

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5830 - STUDENT FUNDRAISING

The Board of Education 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 fundraising" 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.

The Board will permit student fundraising 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 fundraisers by student clubs and organizations that involve the sale to students food items and/or beverage that will be consumed on campus, the food and/or beverages 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) fundraising exceptions per school year where foods and beverages that are not allowable under the Smart Snack Rules can be sold. If approved, fundraisers 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.

Fundraising by approved school organizations, those whose funds are managed by the District, may be permitted in school by the Principal.

Fundraising off school grounds may be permitted by the District Administrator.

~~[] In accordance with Policy 2430, use of the name, logo, or any assets of the District, including but not limited to facilities, technology, or communication networks, is prohibited without the specific permission of the~~

~~() Board.~~

~~() Superintendent.~~

~~[OPTION #1]~~

~~[] The Board of Education does not permit or sanction the use of crowdfunding for District or specific school programs or activities, including co-curricular or extra-curricular activities.~~

~~[END OF OPTION #1]~~

~~OR~~

~~[OPTION #2]~~

~~[] Crowdfunding activities aimed at raising funds for a specific classroom or school activity, including extra-curricular activity, or to obtain supplemental resources (e.g., supplies or equipment) that are not required to provide a free, appropriate, public education to any students in the classroom may be permitted, but only with the specific approval~~

~~() of the Superintendent.~~

~~OR~~

~~() of the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.~~

~~All crowdfunding activities are subject to AG 6605.~~

~~[END OF OPTION #2]~~

Fundraising by students on behalf of school-related organizations whose funds are not managed by the District may be permitted on school grounds by the District Administrator. If the fundraising activity will involve students under age twelve (12), such students'

parents must provide written permission for the student to participate in the fundraising 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 fundraising shall be done in accordance with Board Policy 9700.

The District Administrator shall establish administrative guidelines for the solicitation of funds which shall:

- A. specify the times and places in which funds may be collected;
- B. describe permitted methods of solicitation which do not place undue pressure on students;
- C. limit the kind and amount of advertising for solicitation;
- D. ensure proper distribution or liquidation of monies remaining in a student activity account when the organization is defunct or disbanded;
- E. limit the number of fundraising events.

The District Administrator shall distribute this policy and any administrative guidelines which implement it to each organization granted permission to solicit funds.

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Section 6000 Finances

Title COST PRINCIPLES - SPENDING FEDERAL FUNDS

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6114 - COST PRINCIPLES - SPENDING FEDERAL FUNDS

The District Administrator is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of grant funds through the application of sound management practices. Such funds shall be administered in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, the associated agreements/assurances, program objectives and the specific terms and conditions of the grant award.

Cost Principles

Except where otherwise authorized by statute, costs shall meet the following general criteria in order to be allowable under Federal awards:

- A. Be necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration of the Federal award and be allocable thereto under these principles.

To determine whether a cost is reasonable, consideration shall be given to:

1. whether a cost is a type generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the operation of the District or the proper and efficient performance of the Federal award;
2. the restraints or requirements imposed by such factors as sound business practices, arm's length bargaining, Federal, State, local, tribal and other laws and regulations;
3. market prices for comparable goods or services for the geographic area;
4. whether the individuals concerned acted with prudence in the circumstances considering their responsibilities;
5. whether the cost does not represent any significant deviation from the established practices or Board policy which may increase the expense.

Whether an expenditure is necessary is determined based on the needs of the program. The expenditure must be necessary to achieve an important program objective and it must be established that the expenditure addresses and existing need.

When determining whether a cost is necessary, consideration may be given to whether:

- a. the cost is needed for the proper and efficient performance of the grant program;
- b. the cost is identified in the approved budget or application;
- c. there is an educational benefit associated with the cost;
- d. the cost aligns with identified needs based on results and findings from a needs assessment
- e. the cost addresses program goals and objectives and is based on program data.

A cost is allocable to the Federal award if the goods or services involved are chargeable or assignable to the Federal award in accordance with the relative benefit received.

- B. Conform to any limitations or exclusions set forth as cost principles as required by law or in the terms and conditions of the Federal award.

- C. Be consistent with policies and procedures that apply uniformly to both Federally-financed and other activities of the District.
- D. Be afforded consistent treatment. A cost cannot be assigned to a Federal award as a direct cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances has been assigned as an indirect cost under another award.
- E. Be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles
- F. Be representative of actual cost, net of all applicable credits or offsets.

The term "applicable credits" refers to those receipts or reductions of expenditures that operate to offset or reduce expense items allocable to the Federal award. Typical examples of such transactions are: purchase discounts; rebates or allowances; recoveries or indemnities on losses; and adjustments of overpayments or erroneous charges. To the extent that such credits accruing to or received by the State relate to the Federal award, they shall be credited to the Federal award, either as a cost reduction or a cash refund, as appropriate.

- G. Be not included as a match or cost-share, unless the specific Federal program authorizes Federal costs to be treated as such.
- H. Be adequately documented:

1. in the case of personal services, the District Administrator shall implement a system for District personnel to account for time and efforts expended on grant funded programs to assure that only permissible personnel expenses are allocated;
2. in the case of other costs, all receipts and other invoice materials shall be retained, along with any documentation identifying the need and purpose for such expenditure if not otherwise clear.

Selected Items of Cost

The District shall follow the rules for selected items of cost at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E when charging these specific expenditures to a Federal grant. When applicable, District staff shall check costs against the selected items of cost requirements to ensure the cost is allowable. In addition, State, District and program-specific rules, including the terms and conditions of the award, may deem a cost as unallowable and District personnel shall follow those rules as well.

Cost Compliance

The District Administrator shall require that grant program funds are expended and are accounted for consistent with the requirements of the specific program and as identified in the grant application. Compliance monitoring includes accounting for direct or indirect costs and reporting them as permitted or required by each grant.

Determining Whether a Cost is Direct or Indirect:

- A. Direct costs are those costs that can be identified specifically with a particular final cost objective, such as a Federal award, or other internally or externally funded activity, or that can be directly assigned to such activities relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy.

These costs may include: salaries and fringe benefits of employees working directly on a grant-funded project; purchased services contracted for performance under the grant; travel of employees working directly on a grant-funded project; materials, supplies, and equipment purchased for use on a specific grant; and infrastructure costs directly attributable to the program (such as long distance telephone calls specific to the program, etc.).

- B. Indirect costs are those that have been incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. Costs incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances shall be treated consistently as either direct or indirect costs.

These costs may include: general data processing, human resources, utility costs, maintenance, accounting, etc.

Federal education programs with supplement not supplant provisions must use a restricted indirect cost rate. In a restricted rate, indirect costs are limited to general management costs. General management costs do not include divisional administration that is limited to one component of the District, the governing body of the District, compensation of the District Administrator, compensation of the chief executive officer of any component of the District, and operation of the immediate offices of these officers.

The salaries of administrative and clerical staff should normally be treated as indirect costs. Direct charging of these costs may be appropriate only if all of the following conditions are met:

1. Administrative or clerical services are integral to a project or activity.
2. Individuals involved can be specifically identified with the project or activity.
3. Such costs are explicitly included in the budget or have the prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency.
4. The costs are not also recovered as indirect costs.

Where a Federal program has a specific cap on the percentage of administrative costs that may be charged to a grant, that cap shall include all direct administrative charges as well as any recovered indirect charges.

Effort should be given to identify costs as direct costs whenever practical, but allocation of indirect costs may be used where not prohibited and where indirect cost allocation is approved ahead of time by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) or the pass-through entity (Federal funds subject to 2 CFR Part 200 pertaining to determining indirect cost allocation).

Timely Obligation of Funds

When Obligations are Made

Obligations are orders placed for property and services, contracts and subawards made, and similar transactions during a given period that require payment by the non-Federal entity during the same or a future period.

The following table illustrates when funds are determined to be obligated under the U.S. Department of Education regulations:

If the obligation is for:	The obligation is made:
Acquisition of Property	On the date the District makes a binding written commitment to acquire property
Personal services by an employee of the District	When the services are performed
Personal services by a contractor who is not an employee of the District	On the date the District makes a binding agreement to obtain the services
Public utility services	When the District receives the services
Travel	When the travel is taken
Rental property	When the District uses the property
A pre-agreement cost that was properly approved by the Secretary under federal regulations, 2 CFR part 200, Subpart E	On the first day of the project period

Period of Performance

All obligations must occur on or between the beginning and ending dates of the grant project. This period of time is known as the period of performance.

In the case of a State-administered grant, obligations under a grant may not be made until the grant funding period begins or all necessary materials are submitted to the granting agency, whichever is later. In the case of a direct grant, obligations may begin when the grant is awarded, unless otherwise stated in the grant.

For both State-administered and direct grants, regardless of the period of availability, the District shall liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than ninety (90) days after the end of the funding period unless an extension is authorized, or other terms are provided for in the grant. Any funds not obligated within the period of performance or liquidated within the appropriate timeframe are said to lapse and shall be returned to the awarding agency. Consequently, the District shall closely monitor grant spending throughout the grant cycle.

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2 C.F.R. 200.403-.406, 200.413(a)-(c), 200.430(a), 200.431(a) and 200.474(b)

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Book	Policy Manual
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6605 - CROWDFUNDING

This policy applies to the use of any form of crowdfunding utilizing an online service or website-based platform for the financial benefit or gain of the District – be it a specific classroom, grade level, department, school, or curricular or extra-curricular activity. “Crowdfunding” refers to a campaign to collect typically small amounts of money from a large number of individuals to finance a project or fundraise for a specific cause. Through the use of personal networking, social media platforms, and other Internet based resources, funds are solicited or raised to support a specific campaign or project.

~~[DRAFTING NOTE: SELECT OPTION #1 or OPTION #2]~~

~~[] [OPTION #1]~~

~~The Board of Education does not permit or sanction the use of crowdfunding for District or specific school programs or activities, including co-curricular or extra-curricular activities.~~

~~[END OF OPTION #1; END OF POLICY]~~

~~OR~~

~~[] [OPTION #2]~~

Crowdfunding activities aimed at raising funds for a specific classroom or school activity, including extra-curricular activity, or to obtain supplemental resources (e.g., supplies or equipment) that are not required to provide a free, appropriate, public education to any students in the classroom may be permitted, but only with the specific approval

~~() of the Superintendent.~~

~~OR~~

~~() of the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.~~

~~All crowdfunding activities are subject to AG 6605.~~

~~[END OF OPTION #2; END OF POLICY]~~

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8320.01 - UNAUTHORIZED ACQUISITION OF STAFF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The District Records Officer (DRO) will maintain a personnel file, a payroll file, an I-9 file, and a medical file for each employee. The files will be maintained in separate, secure locations. The files will be maintained in both electronic and paper format.

If the DRO becomes aware of the unauthorized acquisition of "Personal Information" the DRO shall make reasonable efforts to notify each affected staff member that their personal information has been accessed. "Personal Information" includes the individual's social security number, driver's license number, State identification number, the number of financial accounts or access codes, the individual's deoxyribonucleic acid profile, or the individual's unique biometric data including fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or any other unique physical representation.

No such notification is required if either (a) the acquisition of data does not create a material risk of identity theft or fraud to the individual; or (b) the personal information was acquired in good faith by a District employee or agent, and was used only for lawful purposes.

The notice shall be issued within a reasonable time, not to exceed forty-five (45) days after the District learns of the acquisition of the personal information. The notice shall indicate that the District knows of the unauthorized acquisition of personal information pertaining to the staff member. The notice shall be by mail or by a method the District has previously employed to communicate with the staff member.

Required Notice for Unauthorized Acquisition of Information

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If, as the result of a single incident, the District is required to notify 1,000 or more individuals, the DRO shall without unreasonable delay notify all consumer reporting agencies that compile and maintain files on consumers on a nationwide basis of the timing, distribution, and content of the notices sent to the staff members.

Upon written request from a staff member who has received a notice, the District shall identify the personal information that was acquired.

A law enforcement agency may, in order to protect an investigation or homeland security, ask the District not to provide a notice for any period of time and the District's notification process shall begin at the end of that time period.

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Section	9000 Relations
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9700 - RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Any request from civic institutions, charitable organizations, or special interest groups which involve such activities as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to and by students, sending promotional materials home with students, graduation prizes, fund raising, and free teaching materials must be carefully reviewed to ensure that such activities promote student interests without advancing the special interests of any particular group.

It is the policy of the Board of Education that students, staff members, and District facilities not be used for advertising or promoting the interests of any nonschool agency or organization, public or private, without the approval of the Board or its delegated representative; and any such approval, granted for whatever cause or group, shall not be construed as an endorsement of said cause or group by this Board.

School District Referendum Advocacy

This policy applies expressly to any outside organization's advocacy concerning School District referenda. Any such organization, whether advocating in favor of or in opposition to a referendum question must clearly identify themselves as independent of the School District and may not, under any circumstances, use School District logos, mascots, slogans or other such items that are protected by or regularly used and identified with the District. School District officials may not advocate for a position on a referendum in any manner in which such advocacy is in the individual's capacity as a School District official or may reasonably be perceived as such. School District officials may always provide factual information concerning any referendum question.

Prizes/Scholarships/Other Awards

The Board is appreciative of the generosity of organizations which offer scholarships, prizes, or other awards to deserving students in this District.

In the administration of scholarships, prizes, or other awards, the District shall not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

Administration of scholarship or award programs appropriately designated under this policy to benefit individuals in a particular group that has not traditionally been represented does not violate this policy.

It will be the District's practice to provide all outside agencies and organizations notification of the nondiscrimination policy in awarding prizes, scholarships, or other aids, benefits, or services.

The District may administer or assist in the administration of scholarships, fellowships, or other forms of financial assistance established by a domestic or foreign will, trust, bequest, or similar legal instrument that requires the award to go to a student of a particular sex, race, color, national origin, or with a particular disability. Such restricted awards must not lead to discrimination in access to the total amount of prizes, scholarships, or other awards available.

The District will periodically review their procedures for awarding scholarships, prizes, and other awards. This review will require that the District's procedure does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, or disability in the overall effect of the scholarships, prizes, and other awards given to students.

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