

**School Board Meeting:**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Subject:**

BCMS Student Handbook

**Presenters:**

**Katie Gohl, Assistant Principal  
Buffalo Community Middle School**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Review

**DESCRIPTION: Changes or additions to our current handbook are listed below.**

**Page 6 – CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PED's)**

Handheld devices such as cell phones and other electronic devices may be appropriately used before school until 8:50 AM. By 8:50 AM when the school day begins, all devices must be turned off and properly stowed away in lockers and students need to be in their first period class ready to begin. Personal devices may be used during passing times, as well as, after 3:25 PM. Teachers may allow students the use of phone's during instructional time for instructional purposes only. If students choose to bring a phone to school, the school is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft. If technology misuse is an issue, the student's parent may be required to pick the item up at school and the student may lose the privilege of bringing their device to school. Operation of all electronic devices are prohibited in bathroom and locker room areas.

**Page 9 – STUDENT SURVEYS – PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC  
NOTICE**

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose ISD 877 gives notice to parents of students currently in attendance in the school district, eligible students currently in attendance in the school district, and students currently in attendance in the school district of their rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations.

1. Parents, eligible students, and students are hereby informed that they have the following rights:
  - a. All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any

survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any program funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education, shall be available for inspection by parents or guardians of students.

- b. No student shall be required, as part of any program funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education, without the prior consent of the student (if the student is an adult or emancipated minor), or in the case of an unemancipated minor, without the prior written consent of the parent, to submit to a survey that reveals information concerning:

- (1) political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
- (2) mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- (3) sex behavior or attitudes;
- (4) illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- (5) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- (6) legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- (7) religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent; or
- (8) income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

- c. A parent, on behalf of a student or an eligible student, has the right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt the student out of participating in:

- (1) Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information, or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose.
- (2) The administration of any third-party survey (non-Department of Education funded) containing one or more of the items contained in Paragraph 1.b., above.
- (3) Any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening that

is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical examination or screening permitted or required under state law.

- d. This notice does not preempt applicable state law that may require parental notification.
- e. The school district has developed and adopted a policy, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes.
- f. The school district will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes.
- g. The school district will directly notify parents and eligible students, at least annually at the start of each school year, of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:
  - (1) Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
  - (2) Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education.
  - (3) Any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of  
Education 400 Maryland  
Avenue SW Washington,  
DC 20202-5920