

Becker Middle School Handbook Recommendations - July 2022

The following areas of addition, modification, and deletion are based on recommendations from the MSHSL, updated MN Statutes, and current patterns of student behaviors. Upon approval, the handbook would be updated with the designated information and formatting and page numbers would be adjusted.

P. 4 - Adjusted Welcome Letter

P. 6 - Adjusted School Board Members and Director of Curriculum & Instruction

P. 10 - Adjusted wording on Midterm Reporting information.

P. 12 - Attendance - added the sentence - "Communication, written or spoken, must include the reason for requesting an excused absence." and "Please note that all absences are the responsibility of administration to approve".

P. 14 - Added statement - Behavior Expectations of All Becker Middle School Students: The policies, expectations, and disciplinary actions within this handbook serve as a guide for students in all of these settings.

P. 15 - Added statement- Becker Middle School utilizes a Discipline Matrix to guide decision making on disciplinary actions. Administration utilizes discretion based on the specific occurrence.

P.18 - Small bags/shoulder bags/purses are not to be worn or carried during school hours (8:10 am to 2:55 pm) unless a medical need is warranted or has been approved by building administration.

P. 18 - Added statement - Pajamas, capes, costumes, flags are not to be worn. ~~with the exception of~~ "Pajama Day" or "Costume Day" are the only exceptions specifically designated spirit week days indicated by student council and administration approval.

P. 20 - Added & Deleted Statements

- School lockers are the property of the school district. At no time does the school district relinquish its exclusive control of lockers provided for the convenience of students. Inspection of the interior of lockers may be conducted by school authorities for any reason at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant. The personal possessions of students within a school locker may be searched only when school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law or school rules. As soon as practicable after the search of a student's personal possessions, the school authorities must provide notice of the search to students whose lockers were searched unless disclosure would impede an ongoing investigation by police or school officials

P. 23 - Added Statements -

- Willful violation of any reasonable school board regulation. Such regulation must be clear and definite to provide notice to pupils that they must conform their conduct to its requirements;
- Willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education, or the ability of school personnel to perform their duties, or school sponsored extracurricular activities; or
- Willful conduct that endangers the pupil or other pupils, or surrounding persons, including school district employees, or property of the school.

P. 29 - Added Statements

- Becker Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs and activities, and the School District is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and its implementing regulations not to discriminate in such manner. This nondiscrimination requirement extends to admission and employment. Moreover, Becker Public Schools does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, public assistance status, sexual orientation, or disability.
- To manage its compliance with Title IX, the School District has designated a Title IX Coordinator. Questions about the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations should be directed to the District's Title IX Coordinator:

- Director of Human Resources 12000 Hancock Street 763-261-4502
Questions relating to Title IX may also be directed to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.
- More information on Title IX, including the School District's grievance procedures, the process for submitting a complaint of sex discrimination, the process for submitting a formal complaint of sexual harassment, and the School District's response to complaints is detailed in District Policy 522 (Sex Nondiscrimination), a copy of which is publicly accessible on the School District's website: www.becker.k12.mn.us.