

School Board Workshop:

August 10, 2026

Subject:

PRIDE Handbook

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Review

DESCRIPTION:

Administration of the PRIDE Transition Program has returned to BHM Schools. As a result, the program handbook has been updated to align with current district policies, procedures, and practices. In addition, the handbook has been reorganized from its previous version to improve clarity and usability. The specific content revisions are outlined below.

PRIDE Handbook:

- Cover Page-updated to reflect age 22 and year 26-27
- Welcome Letter updated
- Table of Contents Added
- Order of information and formatting changes
- Two Hour Late Start Schedule Removed
- Nutritional Services Section Content Updated to include information about the free meals program.
- Language Access Plan Added
- Academic Information Content Updated to reflect services until the age of 22 and to reflect legislative changes regarding acceptance of a diploma and special education services.
- Grading Policy Updated to include report cards annually.
- Cell Phones/Smartwatches and Earbuds or Headphones Content Updated including adding specific restrictions and addressing extenuating circumstances.
- Added Student Driving Responsibilities Section
- Removed State Tournament Attendance Policy
- Activities Section Content Updated to reflect an updated list of potential options for activities within the community. Wording updated to include the importance of engaging in community-based activities.

ATTACHMENT:

- PRIDE Student Handbook 2026_2027