

Dunlap Community Unit School District 323
Board of Education Meeting
March 12, 2025

ACTION ITEM

TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Cheryl Wooden, *Assistant Principal, Hickory Grove Elementary School*
Jennifer Wilke, *Assistant Principal, Dunlap Middle School*
Brian Bishop, *Assistant Principal, Dunlap Valley Middle School*
Amelia Roberts, *Assistant Principal, Dunlap High School*
Mandy Ellis, *Director of Student Services*
Matt Andrews, *Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, & Human Resources*

SUBJECT: 2025-26 School-Year Student Handbooks

PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board of Education should approve the handbooks as presented.

UPDATES FROM FEBRUARY:

- Proposed DHS Handbook language no longer included language on suspensions preventing a student from achieving valedictorian status.
- Added language in Middle School Handbook on page 19 in regard to high-school-credit coursework and the policies/procedures that apply to middle school students taking such courses.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Attached are the proposed, red-line copies of the 2025-26 School Year Dunlap CUSD #323 Student Handbooks for:

- [Elementary Schools](#)
- [Middle Schools](#)
- [Dunlap High School](#)

Proposed changes can be noted in red to either delete or add specific verbiage. A large portion of the revisions are due to new or updated legislation or policies as presented in the Model Student Handbook, a publication provided by the Illinois Principals Association. **A summary of changes for the middle and high schools has also been included below:**

- [Middle Schools](#)
- [High School](#)

Student handbook meetings occurred on the following dates and included Board Member(s), district-level and appropriate building-level administration, teacher representatives, parent representatives, and student representatives (middle and high school levels only):

- Middle Schools: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in the DVMS Library at 9:00 a.m.
- High School: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in the DHS Town Center at 1:30 p.m.
- Elementary Schools: Monday, January 27, 2025, via Google Meet, at 3:00 p.m.

Please contact the appropriate individual(s) listed above with any questions.