



Date: July 28, 2026

To: Dr. Jon Graff
Saint Peter School Board

From: Darin Doherty

Re: Student/Parent Handbook
Revision for 2026-27 SY

In preparation for the 2026–2027 school year, North Elementary has made several targeted updates to the Student/Guardian Handbook to improve clarity, align with district policies, and support safe and consistent expectations for students, families, and visitors. Below is a summary of the key changes:

1. Updated curriculum and learner support information - The handbook clarifies how screening, progress monitoring, enrichment, Special Education, and broad mnMTSS tiered support may help students.
2. PBIS and social-emotional learning clarified - The handbook retains Super Saints and North's building themes - Be Responsible, Show Grit, and Be a Leader - while explaining their connections to Character Strong's Be Well, Be Strong, and Be Kind themes.
3. Attendance procedures updated - Attendance is taken once each school day between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. by the homeroom teacher. Students arriving from 8:00 through 8:15 a.m. are coded tardy; students arriving after 8:15 a.m. are coded absent for attendance-status purposes, with actual arrival time and minutes present recorded. Attendance rates are tracked by the minute across the seven-hour instructional day.
4. Transportation and bus safety requirements have expanded - The handbook adds annual family notice language, complete bus-stop and riding expectations, the privilege-based nature of transportation, and policy-aligned consequences for misconduct. The prior unsupported fixed offense matrix is removed.
5. Existing building decisions preserved - The revision retains North's approved manual edits and building practices and adds specifics, including Thrillshare communications, Seesaw and Infinite Campus references, No Child Left Inside, Saints Ready, the attendance clerk contact, and the North Elementary Excused Absence form.

These changes aim to enhance communication, safety, and clarity for our North Elementary community. Please review the updated handbook and reach out if you have any questions.