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BYLAWS AND POLICIES

Bylaw 0100 - Definitions (Revised)

This bylaw has been revised to reflect the provisions of H.B.4141 (Public Act 2 - 2026) which prohibit students from using a wireless communications device on school grounds during instructional time. The definition of "wireless communications device (WCD)" was added to this bylaw and the definition of "personal communications device (PCD)" was modified to include WCDs.

Revisions to this bylaw should be adopted to maintain current and statutorily compliant policies.

Policy 1410 - Staff Ethics (New)

This new policy is provided at the request of clients in order to establish the overall expectation of ethical behavior of all district staff.

Specifically, the intent of Policy 1410 - Staff Ethics is to ensure an effective educational program by establishing high standards of integrity, ideals, and professional conduct for all administrators. The policy outlines key ethical responsibilities across five (5) areas: the profession itself, professional competence, relationships with students, engagement with the school community, and the responsible use of technology. Ultimately, this framework is designed to promote the well-being of students and the district community while upholding the highest levels of professional and ethical practice, including an explicit prohibition on inappropriate staff-student relationships.

This policy is consistent with Policy 3210 - Staff Ethics and Policy 4210 - Staff Ethics. This adoption should be considered in order to maintain consistent expectations for all employees.

Policy 2370.01 - Online/Blended Learning Program (Revised)

The policy establishes an Online/Blended Learning Program to offer eligible students the option of participating in courses that use online or distance education technology. Its primary purpose is to make instruction available to students in both traditional and nontraditional classroom settings, including courses where the student and teacher may be separated by time or location. Furthermore, the District is responsible for ensuring all eligible students and their parents or guardians are made aware of this program.

This policy has been revised to reflect the latest provisions in the School Aid Act regarding Online/Blended Learning Programs (Section 21f). The Act eliminated the provision for a district to provide online instruction for not more than fifteen (15) days per school year.

This revision should be adopted in order to reflect current provisions of state law.

Policy 2417 - Comprehensive School Health Education (Revised)

Policy 2417 provides a comprehensive health education program to help students become "health literate" and develop the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices and avoid damaging behaviors. The Board must comply with state law by adopting and implementing a research- and evidence-based, medically accurate, and developmentally appropriate curriculum. This program is extensive, covering Pre-K through grade twelve with a goal of at least fifty (50) hours of instruction per grade, focusing on critical health behaviors, social-emotional skills, and utilizing a collaborative approach with families.

This policy has been revised to expand the program's scope by explicitly addressing self-efficacy, a broader range of social-emotional skills, and the use of valid and reliable health information, and also introduces mandates for safe, trauma-responsive, inclusive, and culturally responsive learning environments. Key additions include a new focus on incorporating personal safety skills and the prevention of child sexual abuse, alongside more detailed guidance for implementation, such as specific teacher endorsements and the provision for parental opt-out from sex education.

This revision should be adopted in order to reflect best practice and current provisions of state law.

Policy 2418 - Sex Education (Revised)

Policy 2418 is in accordance with Michigan statute which authorizes Boards of Education to provide elective instruction in sex education, covering topics such as human sexuality, consent, and the prevention of STIs. The policy requires the instruction to be medically accurate, developmentally appropriate, and stress abstinence as the only 100% effective prevention method. Furthermore, it mandates advance parental notification and the right for a student to be excused from the course without penalty or loss of academic credit.

The revised policy broadens the scope of instruction to include topics such as gender identity, sexual orientation, and consent education, while also structuring the curriculum into detailed content areas appropriate for specific grade spans (3-5, 6-8, 9-12). Additionally, the policy strengthens its position on abstinence, stating it is the only 100% effective protection, and includes new requirements for secondary-level teacher endorsements, aligning with the Michigan Health Education Standard Guidelines and the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

This revision should be adopted in order to reflect best practice and current provisions of state law.

Policy 3120.09/4120.09 - Volunteers (Renumbered/Rescind) **Policy 8120.09 - Volunteers (Renumbered/Revised for Policies 3120.09/4120.09)**

The purpose of the volunteer policies is to enhance District programs and activities by strategically utilizing community volunteers who possess helpful knowledge or skills, with the Superintendent responsible for their appropriate recruitment and placement. A critical component of the policy is ensuring student and staff safety by mandating criminal history and registry checks for all volunteers, especially those who work with or have access to students. Additionally, the policy requires the Superintendent to inform volunteers of their obligation to follow District policies and the understanding that the District provides liability coverage but no health insurance for injuries sustained during their service.

Policies 3120.09 and 4120.09 have both been deleted and replaced by one policy that has been placed in the 8000 series. Much of the content remains the same. The change to a different series recognizes that volunteers are not considered employees of the district, but rather function more to support general district operations. School districts should keep in mind that this policy governs unpaid volunteers. Teaching and nonteaching employees who receive supplemental contracts/stipends to supervise extracurricular activities are covered by other policies.

In the future, any revisions to the volunteer policy will be made in Policy 8120.09 only. As a result, the revisions to these policies are highly recommended.

Policy 4210 - Staff Ethics (NEW)

As described above in Policy 1410 - Staff Ethics, this new parallel policy is provided at the request of clients in order to establish the overall expectation of ethical behavior of all district staff. This policy is consistent with Policy 1410 - Staff Ethics and Policy 3210 - Staff Ethics.

This adoption should be considered in order to maintain consistent expectations for all employees.

Policy 5136 - Wireless Communications Devices (WCDs) (Replacement)

This replacement policy reflects the provisions of S.B. 495 (Public Act 1 - 2026) and H.B. 4141 (Public Act 2 - 2026) which were signed by Governor Whitmer on February 10, 2026. This legislation prohibits students from using a wireless communications device on school grounds during instructional time, allows for specific exemptions, and requires a protocol for when and how pupils are permitted to use wireless communications devices during an emergency be included in the District's emergency operations plan.

This replacement policy should be adopted in order to reflect current provisions of state law.

Policy 5336 - Diabetes (NEW)

The intent of this new policy is to provide clear guidance so that all diabetic students receive required, physician-ordered care at school, including blood glucose/ketone checks, insulin/glucagon administration, and oral medication. It allows trained staff to administer medication, permits authorized student self-care, and requires informing parents about potential Section 504 Plan eligibility. This new policy is offered in response to client requests for authorization for the use of glucagon and for more guidance regarding the care of students with diabetes.

This policy is highly recommended, but not required.

Policy 6320 - Purchasing (Revised)

The primary intent of Policy 6320 is to ensure all procurement of supplies, materials, equipment, and services using District funds complies with federal and state laws, encourages full and open competition, and is conducted with sound business judgment. It establishes a structured system for purchasing by setting various levels for procurement—from seeking informal price quotations to requiring formal competitive bids—and defining the specific financial thresholds at which Board involvement and approval are required.

This policy has been revised to include language specific to bidding requirements and processes. Additionally, the drafting note reflects current bidding thresholds issued each year by the Michigan Department of Education, as required by law.

This revised policy should be adopted to maintain accurate policies.

Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)

The primary intent of Policy 6325 is to ensure that all procurement of supplies, materials, equipment, and services paid for with Federal funds or District matching funds complies with all applicable Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations, as well as the terms of the Federal grant. It mandates that procurement transactions must be conducted with full and open competition, sound business judgment, and includes requirements for a contract administration system that incorporates affirmative steps for various small and minority business enterprises.

This policy is revised to reflect revised threshold amounts for micro-purchases (not to exceed \$15,000), small purchases (not to exceed \$350,000), and price analysis requirement threshold (\$350,000 effective October 1, 2025). Revisions to this policy should be adopted in order to be consistent with Federal regulations.

This revised policy should be adopted to maintain accurate policies.

Policy 7540.09 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Replacement)

Replacement Policy 7540.09 acknowledges the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and operations, emphasizing a balanced, people-centered approach that supports its responsible and innovative use to enhance, but not replace, human interaction and instruction. It establishes a framework for ethical use,

transparency, and content responsibility, mandating that all AI-driven decisions require human review and that the District only approves the use of carefully vetted, Closed AI tools.

This replacement policy should be adopted as it provides all staff with clear direction on AI use, as well as provides the district with clear and current legal guidance. around AI use.

Policy 8402 - Emergency Operations Plan (Revised)

This policy has been revised to reflect the requirement in S.B. 495 (Public Act 1 - 2026) to include a protocol for when and how pupils are permitted to use wireless communications devices during an emergency.

Revisions to this policy should be adopted in order to reflect current provisions of state law.

Policy 8655 - Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs (NEW)

The intent of this new policy is to ensure that students with an Individualized Education Program ("IEP") receive specialized transportation as a related service when it is necessary for them to access a Free Appropriate Public Education ("FAPE") in the Least Restrictive Environment ("LRE"). The IEP Team is responsible for determining the need for specialized transportation based on the student's individual needs, considering all options to keep the student with their peers, and without cost being a factor in the determination.

This new policy is recommended but not required for adoption.