

Date: July 1, 2025

To: Faribault Public Schools Board

Re: 2025-2026 Student Handbook Changes/Updates

1. Update to 2025-2026 on the cover page.
2. Updated language in Section 2 - Attendance/Arrival Dismissal Times: Students who do not ride the bus should arrive no later than 8:15 a.m. Students will be greeted by their teacher each morning at their designated entrance at 8 a.m. There will be adult supervision at each entrance until 8:15 a.m., after that time, students must enter through the main entrance (door #1).
3. Updated language in Section 3 - Student Expectations/Communication: Classroom teachers communicate regularly with families regarding important information from the classroom. (Changed from "Classroom teachers send weekly peeks to communicate important information from the classroom.")
4. Updated language in Section 3 - Student Expectations/Changes in Student/Family Information: Removed "It is important for you to communicate important information with us such as: change of address, telephone numbers, place of employment, and emergency contacts. Updated to: It is critical that school personal have current emergency/family information such as current address, updated phone numbers for home and work, and all emergency contact information for your student/s.
5. Updated language under Section 3 - Student Expectations/Gifts & Parties/Snacks & Treats: Updated language to include "Families are no longer allowed to bring in snacks for the entire class" & "You may provide snacks for your child but, please keep in mind that snacks should meet the school district's wellness policy and be healthy in nature. A copy of the district's wellness policy and/or list of healthy snack suggestions can be provided by the school office upon request." Changed third bullet point

“No birthday celebration snacks for the entire class.”

6. Removed language “Fire, and severe weather drills are practiced during the school year. With the state-of-art fire/smoke detection devices and sprinkler system, Defend in Place procedures will be followed for fire drills.” Updated language to: Each year we will conduct 5 evacuation fire drills, 5 lockdown drills, and 1 severe weather drill.”
7. Added language under Section 7 - Student Activities/Community School: “At Jefferson Elementary, we are committed to supporting the growth and success of every student. As part of this commitment, a Continual Learning Plan (CLP) will be developed for each child. A CLP is a personalized plan designed to help identify specific goals tailored to your child’s unique needs. These goals may focus on areas such as academic progress, attendance or social-emotional development. The CLP will be reviewed regularly with both students and families throughout the school year to monitor progress and discuss strategies for continued growth.”
8. Removed Positive School Expectations language due to Policy 537 being rescinded in the spring of 2025.

Suggestions to consider and decide on...

Could we reduce the number of pages of our handbook by providing a link to the following information, rather than adding pages:

- MN Department of Education Statewide Assessments
Parent/Guardian Participation Guide and Refusal Information
- Integrated Pest Management Notification 2024-25
- Wellness Policy (Food in Classroom) as this information is already provided in the handbook under Student Expectations/Gifts & Parties/Snacks & Treats
- Any/all other policies???
- Pledge of Allegiance Policy - if we have to include it, can we not just add a “synopsis” of the policy as we do the other policies rather than add another whole page?

- E Learning Day page