

2025-2026 Student Handbook

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Community Investment

- Board Policy
- Community and City Partners
- District Attendance Pilot Team
- Minnesota School Boards Association
(student model handbook)
- Parents
- State and Federal Law
- Students
- Superintendent and District Level Staff
- Teachers, Support Staff, and Administrators



Significant Changes

- Superintendent Letter
 - New letter and photo from Dr. Daniels - page 2
- Policy 503 - Student Attendance
 - Updated information under District Policies to know - page 5
 - Updated Types of Attendance under General District Information - page 7
- Policy 524 - Personal Communication Devices
 - Added Policy 524 to District Policies to know - page 5
 - Updated cell phone information under General District Information - page 8



Incremental Changes

- Human Growth and Development - page 9
 - Removed grade 6
- Student Data Privacy - page 12
 - Remove the word “gender” as part of directory information - it is not listed as such in Policy 515
- Level 4 - Support, Administrative Response - page 19
 - Added “or Law Enforcement”
- Dress Code - Policies 504, 506 - page 22
 - Added new language to dress code section



Incremental Changes

- Behavior Level Response Matrix
 - Removed level 2 from Bullying - Policy 514 - page 21
 - Removed level 2 from Harassment - Policies 413, 506 - page 23
 - Removed level 2 from Threat/Intimidation - Policy 506 - page 24
 - Removed level 3 from Weapons - Policy 501 - page 25
 - Added examples of weapons - Policy 502 - page 25



Next Steps

- Ensure each site has an effective communication plan for:
 - Staff
 - Students
 - Families
- Keep the handbook accessible online and at the sites
- Ongoing collaboration and training for administration and teaching staff
 - Data collection, reflection and impact analysis
- Continue to analyze and refine policy
- Bring team together again for 26-27 development



[Thank you]