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# 5113 - OPEN ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (Inter-District)

The District will participate in the Wisconsin Public School Open Enrollment Program in accordance with applicable law and the relevant policies and rules of the District, all as amended from time to time.

# DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will apply to the District's Open Enrollment Program:

#### A. Non-Resident District

A school district located in Wisconsin which is not a student's district of residence.

# B. Non-Resident Student

A student who does not reside within the geographic boundaries of the District and who seeks admission to this District under the Open Enrollment Program.

# C. Tuition Student

A non-resident student who attends school in the District and pays tuition in accordance with State law.

# D. Full-Time Enrollment

A student is enrolled for the entire school day and receives all required education in this District.

# E. Class Size

The District's determination of the maximum number of students who can be accommodated properly in a particular classroom without jeopardizing the quality of the instructional program and mitigating circumstances for a particular school, class, or program, including enrollment projections established by the District Administrator.

#### F. Program Size

The enrollment or size restrictions in a specific program within a class or building. The District reserves the exclusive right to establish program size and to limit enrollment based upon the capability to properly allocate available resources, create and maintain a proper learning environment, and comply with contracts, grants, and applicable laws and regulations.

# G. Resident Student

A student who is a resident of this District and who is consequently entitled to attend school in this District in accordance with Policy 5111 - Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students

# H. Absences (Excused and Unexcused)

See Policy 5200 - Attendance.

# I. Truancy and Habitual Truancy

See Policy 5200 - Attendance.

#### J. Part of the School Day

See Policy 5200 - Attendance.

# K. Tardiness

See Policy 5200 - Attendance.

# FULL-TIME OPEN ENROLLMENT

# A. Annual Space Determinations

During a January meeting, the Board shall establish the availability of space by determining the number of regular education and special education spaces in the schools, programs, classes, or grades. In setting space availability, the Board may choose to set no limitations or may set limits on availability using the following criteria:

- 1. District practices, policies, procedures, or other factors regarding class size ranges for particular programs or classes.
- 2. District practices, policies, procedures, or other factors regarding faculty-student ratio ranges for particular programs, classes, or buildings.
- Enrollment projections, which account for factors that include, but are not necessarily limited to, likely short and long-term economic development in the community, housing starts, and current and future needs for special programs, laboratories, or other initiatives.

In establishing current enrollment numbers for open enrollment availability purposes, the Board shall include the following as guaranteed open enrollment approvals:

- a. All currently attending students.
- b. All siblings of currently attending students.

4. If the Board determines that no special education space is available in any grade or program, the District must still review each student's IEP in its entirety to determine the following:

- a. whether the District has space available in the special education and related services required in the student's IEP;
- b. whether the District has special education and related services available as required in the student's IEP.

# A. Processing of Open Enrollment Applications

A parent of a non-resident student may submit an application to attend school in the District during the applicable regular open enrollment period or through the alternative open enrollment process. The application must be submitted using the form designated by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Upon receipt of an application, the District Administrator shall confirm that the application is complete or request that it be completed before being further considered.

Parents shall be notified of the determination on their applications, on or before the first Friday following the first Monday in June following receipt of the application, or within the timeframe otherwise established by law. If approved, the parent shall be notified of the approval and the specific assignment within the District. If upon enrollment the student is appropriately placed in a different grade level, the student shall be so assigned unless applications for that grade level have been denied or there is no longer space available at that grade level. Any notice of a decision to deny shall include the following:

- 1. Specific reason(s) for denial.
- 2. Notice of the parents' right to appeal, the address to send the appeal, and information on where to locate the form required for appeal.

#### Application of Space Determinations and Random Selection Process

If there are more applications than spaces, the Board will fill the available spaces by random selection. Random selection shall be conducted among the student applications for each grade level. The order of grade level selection shall also be randomly determined. The following considerations will be included in the random selection process:

- 1. Preferences
  - a. If the Board has not guaranteed approval in its determination of space availability to currently attending students, the Board shall grant preference to such students in the random selection process.
  - b. If the Board has not guaranteed approval in its determination of space availability to the siblings of currently attending students, the Board shall grant preference to such students in the random selection process.

If in any selection process there are more students eligible for preferred treatment than there are spaces available, the Board shall conduct random selection from among the students granted preference. Both currently attending students and siblings of currently attending students who are not guaranteed approval shall be granted equal preference.

2. The sibling of a student selected in the random selection process shall be granted preference to any spaces available that the sibling has applied for, but the sibling may not be approved if there are no remaining spaces for the sibling.

#### C. Decisional Criteria for Non-Resident Applications

Decisions on non-resident open enrollment applications will be based only on the following criteria:

- 1. Space availability as defined in this policy.
- 2. Whether an applicant for a pre-kindergarten, four (4) year old kindergarten, early childhood, or schooloperated day care program resides in a district which offers the program for which application is made.
- 3. Whether the non-resident student is currently under an order of expulsion for any reason; or has been expelled from any school district within the current school year or the two (2) preceding school years but the period of expulsion has ended or is pending any disciplinary proceeding, based on any of the following activities:
  - a. Conveying or causing to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy school property by means of explosives.
  - b. Engaging in conduct while at school or under school supervision that endangers the health, safety, or property of others.
  - c. Engaging in conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the health, safety, or property of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority or of any school employee or Board member.
  - d. Possessing a dangerous weapon (as defined in 939.22(10), Wis. Stats.) while on school property or under school supervision.

Notwithstanding the Board's acceptance of a non-resident student's application, the Board may withdraw acceptance if, prior to the beginning of the first school year in which the non-resident student will attend a school in the District, the student is determined to fall under paragraph C. 3.

The Board may request a copy of a non-resident student's disciplinary records from the resident school board.

The resident board shall provide to the non-resident board a copy of any expulsion order or findings, a copy of any pending disciplinary proceedings, a written explanation of said proceeding, the length of the expulsion or possible outcomes of a pending proceeding, and/or such records as permitted by law.

- 4. Whether the special education program or related services described in the non-resident student's Individualized Education Program ("IEP") are available in the District. Whether a service is available depends on whether existing staff in the District are qualified to provide the service or whether the District has facilities and/or equipment required for the service. A service is not available in the District if that service is currently provided to resident students through contract with a third party. Whether a service is available is not a function of whether there is space available in any program or service. A service may be unavailable even if no space limitations have been established.
- 5. Whether there is space available in the District to provide the special education or related services identified in the non-resident student's IEP, after consideration of class size limits, student-teacher ratios, and enrollment projections.
- 6. Whether the non-resident student has been referred to the non-resident student's resident board under 115.777(1), Wis. Stats. or identified by the non-resident student's resident school board under 115.77(1m) (a), Wis. Stats. but not yet evaluated by an individualized education program team.
- 7. If a non-resident student's IEP is developed or changed after starting in the District and it is then discovered that the District does not have necessary programs available or does not have space in the special education program, the District may notify the student's parent and the student's resident board. If such notice is provided, the non-resident student may be transferred to their resident school district.
- 8. If the Board has made a determination that a non-resident student attending the District under the Open Enrollment Program is habitually truant from the District during either semester of the current school year, the Board may prohibit the student from attending in the succeeding semester or school year, after complying with the requirements of P.I. 36.09(2).

The habitual truancy determination shall be made on the sole basis of enrollment in the non-resident district. Open enrollment may not be denied based on the student's truancy from any other district.

# D. Reapplication Procedures

The Board will not require accepted non-resident students to reapply under the open enrollment policy as long as the student is continuously enrolled in the District.

# E. Termination of Open Enrollment

If the Board determines that a student is habitually truant during either semester of the current school year, the Board may prohibit the nonresident student from attending in the succeeding semester or school year. The District Administrator shall assure compliance with DPI regulations pertaining to open enrollment termination found in Wis. Admin Code PI 36.09.

If the parent or nonresident student believes the student has been marked absent, tardy, or truant in error, the parent or student may contact the school attendance officer and provide a written explanation of the circumstances believed to be in error. The attendance officer shall review the matter and provide a response to the parent or student either correcting the attendance record, confirming the accuracy of the record, or requesting additional information upon which a decision will then be made. If additional information is requested, it must be provided within five (5) school days of the request or no additional information will be considered in the decision.

Open enrollment of a student in a virtual charter school may also be terminated if, on three (3) occasions during a single semester, the student has failed to respond to a school assignment or directive within five (5) school days not counting any days excused by the student's parents up to a maximum of ten (10) school days per year, and after each occurrence the virtual charter school notified the student's parents. After the third incident, the virtual charter school program shall notify the Board of the nonresident students' failure to participate in the program. The Board may terminate the student's open enrollment.

# F. Transportation

The parents of a student attending a non-resident school district will be solely responsible for providing transportation to and from the school site. The District will permit a non-resident student to ride District

transportation if space is available on a regularly scheduled bus route. The District will provide transportation for a non-resident student with an identified disability for whom transportation is required by the student's IEP.

The Board may provide transportation to non-resident students from their resident district provided the student's resident district approves. The District Administrator shall develop procedures for implementing this provision.

The Board will permit a neighboring district to bus resident students from within its boundaries for attendance at the non-resident neighboring district. The District Administrator shall develop procedures for implementing this provision.

# **ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

The parent of a non-resident student who wishes to attend a school in the District may apply at any time throughout the year by submitting an application under the alternative application procedure if the student satisfies at least one (1) of the statutory criteria and has not applied to more than three (3) non-resident school districts.

Applications from a non-resident student under the alternative application procedures received after the Board's January meeting, at which it sets open enrollment space availability numbers for the subsequent year, may be approved for the current year if the Board has not imposed a space limitation for the student's current year grade level and also has not imposed a space limitation for the student's subsequent grade level. Alternative applications received prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September may be approved if the Board has approved all applications for that grade level that were received during the regular period, including the offer of enrollment to applicants placed on the waiting list, if any.

# **DELEGATION TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

The Board delegates to the District Administrator the authority to approve or deny open enrollment applications including under the alternative procedures consistent with the criteria in this policy and based on the Board's space determinations approved in January of each year.

# **REVIEW AND REVISION OF POLICY**

If, in the course of reviewing the Board's Open Enrollment Program, it opts to modify the policy, any changes shall be made by resolution and be adopted prior to the first application date of the open enrollment period to which the revisions shall apply.

# **General Provisions**

- A. A student who has been accepted under this program but has not met the academic prerequisites for participation in a particular program in which the student wishes to enroll shall not be placed in that program.
- B. The District's Policy 2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity shall apply to all applicants under this program. In addition, the District will not discriminate on the basis of an applicant's intellectual, academic, artistic, athletic, or other ability, talent, or accomplishment, or based on a mental or physical disability, except as provided for in the statute authorizing this program.

# **Application of Emergency Orders**

All timelines or other procedures described in this policy and in any implementing administrative guidelines are subject to modification in the event that the State or Federal government issues emergency or other temporary orders affecting any of the subject matter of this policy. The policy automatically incorporates the contents of any such order or proclamation, including any discretionary authority provided, and delegates by policy the authority to exercise that discretion to the District Administrator.

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# 5200 - ATTENDANCE

The Board will enforce regular student attendance in the District's program in which each student is enrolled as required pursuant to State law. Further, the Board recognizes that the District's educational program is predicated upon the participation of each student in the program of instruction in which the student is enrolled and required to attend. Student success requires continuity of instruction and program participation. For purposes of this policy, the regular period and hours of instruction including both those periods and hours a student's program require that they are in school as well as any attendance requirements defined as part of a course of virtual instruction, or a combination of the more than one type of instructional delivery.

All children between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age shall attend school regularly during the full period and hours, religious holidays excepted, that the school in which the child is enrolled is in session until the end of the term, quarter, or semester of the school year in which the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age unless they fall under an exception under State law, this policy, or administrative guideline issued under this policy. A child who is enrolled in five (5) year-old kindergarten shall attend school regularly, religious holidays excepted, during the full period and hours that kindergarten is in session until the end of the school term.

# **Parent Notification of Absence Required**

The District Administrator shall require, from the parent of each student or from an adult student, who has been absent for any reason either a written or oral notification stating the reason for the absence and the time period covered by the absence, except a parent-excused, pre-planned absence requires written notification as indicated below. The Board reserves the right to verify such statements and to investigate the cause of each:

- A. single absence;
- B. prolonged absence;
- C. absence of more than three (3) days duration;
- D. repeated unexplained absence and tardiness.

# **School Attendance Officer**

The District Administrator shall designate an administrator at each school to be the School Attendance Officer. The School Attendance Officer shall perform any duties and responsibilities as is required by State law, this policy, and any administrative guidelines issued by the school. The duties of the School Attendance Officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Determining daily from attendance reports submitted by teachers which students enrolled in the school are absent from school, or failed to fulfill the attendance requirements of a virtual instruction program component, and whether the absence is excused.
- B. Submitting to the District Administrator, on or before August 1st of each year, a report of the number of students enrolled in the school who were absent in the previous year and whether the absences were excused. The District Administrator shall then submit this information to the State Superintendent.
- C. Providing student attendance information to individuals and agencies for purposes authorized by State law and the Board's Policy 8330 Student Records.

# **Excused Absences**

As required under State law, a student shall be excused from school for the following reasons:

# A. Physical or Mental Condition

The student is temporarily not in proper physical or mental condition to attend a school program. Absences for this reason may be excused by oral or written notification to the attendance officer by the adult student or minor student's parent. The attendance officer in appropriate circumstances may require a written statement from a health care provider describing the condition and excusing the student for a period not the exceed thirty (30) calendar days.

# **B. Obtaining Religious Instruction**

To enable the student to obtain religious instruction outside the school during the required school period (see Policy 5223 - Absences for Religious Instruction).

# C. Parent-Excused Pre-Planned Absence

The student has been excused, in writing, by their parent before the absence for any reason. A student may not be excused for more than ten (10) days per school year under this paragraph and must complete any coursework missed during the absence. Examples of reasons for being absent that should be counted under this paragraph include, but are not limited to, the following:

- professional and other necessary appointments (e.g., medical, dental, and legal) that cannot be scheduled outside of the school day;
- 2. to attend a funeral;
- 3. legal proceedings that require the student's presence;
- 4. college visits;
- 5. job fairs;
- 6. vacations;

# D. Religious Holiday

For observance of a religious holiday consistent with the student's creed or belief.

#### E. Suspension or Expulsion

The student has been suspended or expelled.

#### F. Program or Curriculum Modification

The Board has excused the student from regular school attendance to participate in a program or curriculum modification leading to high school graduation or a high school equivalency diploma as provided by State law.

#### G. High School Equivalency – Secured Facilities

The Board has excused a student from regular school attendance to participate in a program leading to a high school

equivalency diploma in a secured correctional facility, a secured child-caring institution, a secure detention facility, or a juvenile portion of a county jail, and the student and the student's parent(s) agrees that the student will continue to participate in such a program.

# H. Child at Risk

The student is a "child at risk" as defined under State law and is participating in a program at a technical college on either a part-time or full-time basis leading to high school graduation, as provided under State law.

# I. Election Day Official

A high school student, including students enrolled in private schools and students enrolled in home-based private education, age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) is permitted to be excused to serve as an election official provided that the following criteria are met: (1) the student has the permission of their parent to serve as an election official on election day; (2) the student has signed up and the municipal clerk has informed the principal that the student has been assigned to serve in this capacity; and (3) the student has at least a 3.0-grade point average or equivalent, or has met alternative criteria established by Board, if any. The principal shall promptly notify the municipal clerk or the board of election commissioners of the municipality that appointed the child as an election official if the child no longer has at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent, or no longer meets the established alternative requirements. A student's absence to serve as an election official under this policy shall be treated as an excused absence. Where possible students are encouraged to provide advance notice as much as possible. Students are responsible for completing any missed school work and responsible for making appropriate arrangements to do so.

# J. Virtual Access

The student is unable to access virtual instruction programming due to a temporary disruption in the student's access to necessary technological systems (i.e. internet outage, computer failure, software malfunction, etc.) as communicated by the student's parent.

A student may be excused from school, as determined by the School Attendance Officer, or the School Attendance Officer's designee, for the following reasons:

#### A. Quarantine

Quarantine of the student's home by a public health officer.

#### B. Illness of an Immediate Family Member

The illness of an immediate family member.

#### C. Emergency

An emergency that requires the student to be absent because of familial responsibilities or other appropriate reasons.

# D. Work at Home Due to Absence of Parents

To work at home due to the absence of the student's parents.

#### E. Severe Weather Conditions

In the parent's reasonable judgment, weather conditions are a danger to the health and welfare or safety of the student.

# F. Sounding Taps

A student in grades 6-12 may be excused for the purpose of sounding "Taps" during military honors funeral for a deceased veteran.

#### **Unexcused Absences**

Unexcused absences are absences from school for part or all of one (1) or more days from school without an acceptable excuse. Unexcused absences demonstrate a deliberate disregard for the educational program and are considered a serious matter. The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines to address unexcused absences.

The Board authorizes, but does not encourage, the District Administrator to suspend a student from a particular class or from school if sincere efforts by the staff and parents cannot rectify the pattern of absence. In keeping with its philosophy, the Board supports efforts to provide for out-of-school alternative educational opportunities for truant students rather than to heighten the effects of absence through suspension.

# Definitions

# A. Truancy

A student will be considered truant if the student is absent part or all of one (1) or more days from school during which the School Attendance Officer, principal, or a teacher has not been notified of the legal cause of such absence by the parent of the absent student. A student who is absent intermittently for the purpose of defeating the intent of the Wisconsin Compulsory Attendance Statute 118.15, Wis. Stats., will also be considered truant.

# B. Habitual Truant

A student will be considered a habitual truant if the student is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five (5) or more days on which school is held during a school semester.

# C. Part of a School Day

Part of a school day is any time period within a school day, which is from the time the first class period of that day begins until the end of the last class period of that day. See below.

# Tardiness/Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

It is necessary that a student be in attendance throughout the school day, or as required by the student's virtual instruction program, in order to benefit fully from the educational program of the District. Unless excused per this policy, tardiness or late arrival occurs when a student arrives at the student's registered class location after the bell that signals the start of the class period has sounded. Unless excused, early dismissal occurs when a student leaves the student's registered class location before the bell has rung signaling the end of the class period or the end of the school day. Tardiness and early dismissal constitute being absent for part of a school day.

The Board recognizes, however, that from time-to-time compelling circumstances require that a student be late to school or dismissed before the end of the school day.

As agent responsible for the education of the children of this District, the Board shall require that the school be notified in advance of such absences by written (including e-mail) or personal (phone or face-to-face) request of the student's parent, who shall state the reason for the tardiness or early dismissal. Justifiable reasons shall be determined by the building principal.

No student who has a medical disability which may be incapacitating may be released without a person to accompany the student.

No student shall be released to anyone who is not authorized such custody by the parents.

# **Truancy Plan**

The Board will issue a Truancy Plan based upon the recommendations of the County Truancy Committee convened under State law, the Board's policies and procedures, and applicable provisions of State law. The Board will review and, if appropriate, revise the Truancy Plan at least once every two (2) years.

The Truancy Plan will include, at a minimum, the following:

- A. procedures to be followed for notifying the parents of the unexcused absences of a student who is truant or a habitual truant and for meeting and conferring with such parents;;
- B. plans and procedures for identifying truant children of all ages and returning them to school, including the identity of school personnel to whom a truant child shall be returned;

- C. methods to increase and maintain public awareness of and involvement in responding to truancy within the School District;
- D. a provision addressing the immediate response to be made by school personnel when a truant child is returned to school;
- E. the types of truancy cases to be referred to the District Attorney and the time periods within which the District Attorney will respond to and take action on the referrals;
- F. plans and procedures to coordinate the responses to the problems of habitual truants, as defined under Sec. 118.16(1)(a), Wis. Stats., with public and private social services agencies;
- G. methods to involve the truant child's parent in dealing with and solving the child's truancy problem;

A student will be considered a habitual truant if the student is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five (5) or more days on which school is held during a school semester. Days will be calculated in the following manner:

- A. 1st Hour Excused Tardy: No Count
- B. 1st Hour Unexcused Tardy: 1/4 Day
- C. 1-2 Tardy/Hours Excused or Unexcused: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Day
- D. 3-4 Tardy/Hours Excused or Unexcused: 1/2 Day
- E. 5-6 Tardy/Hours Excused or Unexcused: 3/4 Day
- F. 7-8 Tardy Hours Excused or Unexcused: 1 Day

#### **Notice of Truancy**

The School Attendance Officer shall notify a truant student's parent of the student's truancy and direct the parent to return the student to school no later than the next day on which school is in session or to provide an excuse for the absence. The notice under this paragraph shall be given before the end of the second school day after receiving a report of an unexcused absence. The notice may be made by electronic communication, personal contact, telephone call, or 1st class mail, and a written record of this notice shall be kept. This notice must be given every time a student is truant until the student becomes a habitual truant.

#### **Notice of Habitual Truancy**

When a student initially becomes a habitual truant, the School Attendance Officer shall provide a notice to the student's parent, by registered or certified mail, or by 1st class mail. The School Attendance Officer may simultaneously notify the parent of the habitually truant student by an electronic communication. The notice must contain the following:

- A. a statement of the parent's responsibility under State law to cause the student to attend school regularly;
- B. a statement that the parent or student may request program or curriculum modifications for the student under State law and that the student may be eligible for enrollment in a program for children at risk;
- C. a request that the parent meet with the appropriate school personnel to discuss the student's truancy;

The notice shall include the name of the school personnel with whom the parent should meet, a date, time, and place for the meeting, and the name, address, and telephone number of a person to contact to arrange a different date, time, or place. The date for the meeting shall be within five (5) school days after the date that the notice is sent, except that with the consent of the student's parent the date for the meeting may be extended for an additional five (5) school days.

- D. a statement of the penalties, under State law or local ordinances, that may be imposed on the parent upon failure to cause the child to attend school regularly as required by State law;
- E. if the student is attending the District through the Open Enrollment Program, each notification shall also inform the parent: (1) that the student's open enrollment may be terminated if the student is habitually truant; and (2) the

process described in Board Policy 5113 - Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District), which the parent or student may follow if they believe the student was erroneously marked truant.

The School Attendance Officer will also continue to notify the parent of a habitual truant's subsequent unexcused absences.

# **Referral to the District Attorney**

Truancy cases will be referred to the District Attorney as provided in the County Truancy Committee Plan. The School Attendance Officer will ensure that appropriate school personnel have done the following before any case is referred to the District Attorney:

- A. met with the student's parent to discuss the student's truancy or attempted to meet with the student's parent and received no response or were refused;
- B. provided an opportunity for educational counseling to the student to determine whether a change in the student's curriculum would resolve the student's truancy and have curriculum modifications under State law;
- C. evaluated the student to determine whether learning problems may be a cause of the student's truancy and, if so, have taken steps to overcome the learning problems, except that the student need not be evaluated if tests administered to the student within the previous year indicate that the student is performing at his/her grade level;
- D. conducted an evaluation to determine whether social problems may be a cause of the student's truancy and, if so, have taken appropriate action or made appropriate referrals.

Note that paragraph A. is not required if the meeting between school personnel, the student, and the student's parent, which was requested in the Notice of Habitual Truancy to the parent, did not occur within ten (10) school days after the Notice was sent. Paragraphs B., C., and D. are not required if appropriate school personnel were unable to carry out the activity due to the student's absences from school.

# **Make-up Course Work and Examinations**

Students who are absent from school, whether the absence was excused or unexcused, shall be permitted to make-up course work and examinations missed during the absence when they return to school. It is the student's responsibility to contact their teachers to determine what coursework and examinations must be made-up. Teachers shall have the discretion to assign substitute coursework and examinations. Teachers shall also have the discretion to specify where and when examinations and coursework shall be completed, including outside regular school hours. The time for completing the work shall be commensurate with the length of the absence unless extended by the principal based upon extenuating circumstances.

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# 5330 - ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION/EMERGENCY CARE

The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of medication to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication were not administered during school hours, or a student with disabilities requires medication to benefit from the student's educational program.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall be used:

"**Practitioner**" shall include any physician, naturopathic doctor, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, physician assistant, and advanced practice nurse prescriber who is licensed in any state.

"Medication" shall include all drugs including those prescribed by a practitioner and any nonprescription drug products.

"Administer" means the direct application of a nonprescription drug product or prescription drug, whether by injection, ingestion, or other means, to the human body.

"**Nonprescription drug product**" means any non-narcotic drug product which may be sold without a prescription order and which is prepackaged for use by consumers and labeled in accordance with the requirements of State and Federal law.

# Administration of Prescription Drug Products by School Staff

Before any prescribed medication may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written instructions from the child's practitioner accompanied by the written authorization of the parent.

Such documentation shall be kept on file in the school office. Prescription medication must be provided in the original container with the prescription label showing the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's name, the name of the physician, the name of the drug, and the dosage to be administered.

All prescription medication shall be secured and appropriately stored (allowing for quick access and retrieval before, during, and after school hours), unless the medication is an emergency medication that the student is authorized to carry by Administration and self-administer by authorization of both the student's parent(s) and practitioner, and the possession of such medication by the student in school is not prohibited by law or regulation.

# Administration of Nonprescription Drug Products by School Staff

Nonprescription drug products may be administered to any student during school hours only with the prior written consent of the parent. Such documentation shall be kept on file in the school office. Substances, that are not FDA approved (i.e., natural products, food supplements), will require the written instruction of a practitioner and the written consent of the parent and will not be administered by staff. Nonprescription drugs that are provided by the parent may be administered by school staff only if the nonprescription drugs are supplied in the original manufacturer's package which lists the ingredients recommended therapeutic dosage in a legible, and the student's name format. If a parent has completed the appropriate form authorizing the school to administer nonprescription drugs (e.g., acetaminophen, ibuprofen, diphenhydramine), the student may receive such drugs from the school's supply consistent with the parental authorization and the nonprescription drug dosage information. Any dosage of nonprescription medication other than that listed on the medication's packaging must be authorized in writing by a medical practitioner.

# **Student Possession of Medication**

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, carrying, or distributing in school, at school-sponsored events, or on school grounds any drugs or other products which, even though not defined as a drug, are used or marketed for use for medicinal purposes, such as to relieve pain or to relieve the symptoms of an underlying medical condition (including aspirin, ibuprofen, dietary supplements, CBD oil products, etc.).

This provision of policy is to be viewed together with the Board Policy 5530 - Student Use or Possession of Intoxicants Drugs, or Paraphernalia.

# **General Provisions**

Parents, or students authorized in writing by their practitioner and parents, may administer medication at school or at school-sponsored events.

No student is allowed to provide or sell any type of medication to another student. Violations of this rule will be considered violations of the Student Code of Conduct and Policy 5530 - Student Use or Possession of Intoxicants, Drugs, or Paraphernalia.

Any bus driver, staff member, or volunteer, authorized in writing by the Board, the District Administrator, or a principal, is immune from liability for his/her acts or omissions in administering medication including, but not limited to, glucagon, an opioid antagonist, and epinephrine, unless the act or omission constitutes a high degree of negligence and, in the case of any staff member or volunteer who administers an opioid antagonist, the staff member or volunteer contacts emergency medical services as soon as practicable after administering the drug to report the suspected overdose. Such immunity does not apply to healthcare professionals.

Any staff member or volunteer who, in good faith, renders emergency care to a student is immune from civil liability for their acts or omissions in rendering such emergency care.

Any administrator or principal who authorizes an employee or volunteer to administer a nonprescription drug product or prescription drug to a student is immune from civil liability for the act of authorization unless it constitutes a high degree of negligence or the administrator or principal authorizes a person who has not received the required Department of Public Instruction training to administer the nonprescription drug product or prescription drug to a student. School nurses, as District employees, are regulated by the Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act and are therefore not necessarily immune from civil liability.

The school nurse(s) providing services or consultation on the District's Emergency Nursing Services Plan has provided assistance in the development of this policy and will also provide a periodic review of the written instructions and consent forms and the Medications Administration Daily Log(s).

Any time a student, or a group of students, participates in a school event not on District premises, District staff responsible for organizing and/or supervising the event will take steps so that Emergency Medical Information Forms, Health Plans, or Section 504 Plans are available in the event of an emergency. This includes, and is not limited to, all school-sponsored or school-related activities, including music trips, athletic trips, field trips, and academic contests. This does not include student spectators at events.

# **Opioid Antagonist Plan**

The District's Emergency Nursing Service Plan shall state whether and to what extent the District will retain opioid antagonists for use in the event an authorized employee or volunteer observes an apparent overdose. The District's plan for administration of an opioid antagonist shall be posted on the District's website. Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

The Board intends to adopt and maintain a plan for managing students with life-threatening allergies so as to permit each school to obtain a school prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors and to permit each school nurse and designated school personnel to administer them. Accordingly, the Board directs the school nursing staff, in consultation with the District

Administrator, to develop a plan that meets the following:

- A. specifies those designated school personnel that have agreed to receive training and that will be trained and authorized to perform the functions of the plan;
- B. identifies the specific training program that will be implemented to prepare each school nurse and designated school personnel to identify the signs of anaphylaxis and to provide or administer epinephrine auto-injectors accordingly;
- C. delineates the permissible scope of usage to include providing District-owned epinephrine auto-injectors to students who have a prescription on file with the school in the event the student is experiencing an anaphylactic event and/or administering epinephrine auto-injectors to such students, and/or administering epinephrine auto-injector treatment to any student, regardless of whether the student has a prescription on file or the staff member so trained is not aware of whether the student has a prescription on file, but believes in good faith the student is suffering from anaphylaxis, provided that the staff member immediately contacts emergency medical services;
- D. identifies the number and type of epinephrine auto-injectors the school will keep on-site and identifies a member of the nursing staff or other school official who will be responsible for maintaining the epinephrine auto-injectors supply;
- E. is approved by a physician licensed in the State of Wisconsin;
- F. notes that the school and any school nurse that administer epinephrine auto-injectors under this plan are immune from civil liability for any harm that may result, regardless of whether there is a parental or medical provider authorization, unless the administration was a result of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct;
- G. is published on the District's website or the website of each school is made available to any person upon request until such time as the District has a website on which it can be published.

# () OPTION [Drafting Note: if the Board adopts this option regarding the provision of stock bronchodilators and staff administration, it must adopt a plan with the approval of a physician, an advanced practice nurse prescriber, or a physician assistant before any school nurse or designated personnel can provide or administer a bronchodilator to a student]

#### **Stock Bronchodilators for School Districts**

The Board recognizes that asthma is a leading cause of hospitalization of children and is responsible for many missed school days every year. Accordingly, the Board directs () the District Administrator ( $\mathbf{x}$ ) the school nursing staff, in consultation with the District Administrator, **[END OF OPTIONS]** to develop a plan that meets the following:

- A. specifies those designated school personnel that have agreed to receive training and that will be trained and authorized to perform the functions of the plan;
- B. identifies the specific training program that will be implemented to prepare each school nurse and designated school personnel to identify the signs of respiratory distress and to provide or administer bronchodilators accordingly;
- C. delineates the permissible scope of usage to include providing a District-owned bronchodilator to students who have a prescription on file with the school in the event the student is experiencing a respiratory event and/or administering a bronchodilator to such students, and/or administering a bronchodilator to any student or other person, regardless of whether there is a prescription on file, but believes in good faith the person is suffering from respiratory distress;
- D. is approved by a physician, an advanced practice nurse prescriber, or a physician assistant licensed in the State of Wisconsin;
- E. notes that the school and any school nurse or designated school personnel that provide or administer bronchodilators under this plan are immune from civil liability for any harm that may result, regardless of whether there is a parental or medical provider authorization, unless the administration was a result of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct;
- F. is published on the District's website or the website of each school () is made available to any person upon request until such time as the District has a website on which it can be published. [NOTE: the plan has to be published on the District or school internet sites unless there is no such site. This option should be selected only if the District does not have a website.]

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# 5340 - STUDENT ACCIDENTS/ILLNESS/CONCUSSION & SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

The Board believes that school personnel have certain responsibilities in case of accidents, illness, or concussions that occur in school. Said responsibilities extend to the administration of first aid by persons trained to do so, the summoning of medical assistance, notification of administration personnel, notification of parents, and the filing of accident reports.

# Accidents

Employees should administer first aid within the limits of their knowledge of recommended practices. All employees should make an effort to increase their understanding of the proper steps to be taken in the event of an accident. However, any staff member or volunteer who, in good faith, renders emergency care to a student is immune from civil liability for their acts or omissions in rendering such emergency care.

The District Administrator may provide for an in-service program on first aid and CPR procedures.

The administrator in charge must submit an accident report to the District Administrator on all accidents.

# Illness

School personnel shall not diagnose illness or administer medication of any kind except in accordance with Policy 5330.

# Concussion

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury. Concussions occur when there is a forceful blow to the head or body that results in rapid movement of the head and causes any change in behavior, thinking, or physical functioning. Concussions are not limited to situations involving loss of consciousness. Some symptoms of a concussion include headache, nausea, confusion, memory difficulties, dizziness, blurred vision, anxiety, difficulty concentrating, and difficulty sleeping.

At the beginning of a season of any athletic sport, the Athletic Director shall distribute a concussion and head injury information sheet to each coach and to each student participant. No student will be permitted to participate in any athletic activity unless that student or, if the student is under age nineteen (19), then the student's parent has returned a signed concussion and head injury information sheet. A student is only required to return one (1) signed sheet per school year in order to participate in athletics.

A teacher or coach shall remove a student from the class, practice, activity, or game if the teacher or coach determines the student is exhibiting signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion or head injury. The student will not be permitted to return to full participation until the student is evaluated by a healthcare professional experienced in concussion

management and receives written clearance for full participation from the healthcare professional. Limited physical activity in the physical education context may eventually be permitted, depending on the recommendation of the healthcare professional.

Parents who inform coaches and teachers that their child is being treated by a healthcare professional for a concussion must provide written clearance from that healthcare professional for full or limited participation in class, practice, activity, or competition. Prior to receiving written clearance from a healthcare professional, students who have sustained a concussion may not participate in any school-related physical activities.

Teachers or coaches who suspect a student has been concussed shall record on the applicable form, as soon as possible, all pertinent facts concerning the incident and submit it to the office.

Parents shall be notified about the possible concussion and given information on concussions and the need for medical attention.

Coaches and physical education staff will be trained in concussion recognition and response. Specifically, training will include information on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion, how to obtain proper medical treatment in cases of suspected concussions, and return-to-play standards.

# Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Sudden cardiac arrest is a medical event that involves a sudden increase in the heart's ventricular beat that prevents the heart from distributing blood to the brain, lungs, and other organs. It occurs without warning and in youth athletics participants who appear healthy and have passed pre-participation physical examinations. Severe damage and death can occur very quickly without immediate treatment.

In an effort to educate parents, students, and coaches regarding this condition, information regarding sudden cardiac arrest shall be included along with the distribution of the required information concerning concussions and shall be distributed to all participants age twelve (12) and older and to coaches prior to participation in a youth athletic activity. The information shall contain the following information as provided by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA):

- A. information about the risks associated with continuing to participate in a youth activity after experiencing one (1) or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest including fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness, and abnormal racing heart rate;
- B. information about electrocardiogram testing, including the potential risks, benefits, and evidentiary basis behind electrocardiogram testing; and
- C. information on how to request, from a student's healthcare provider, the administration of an electrocardiogram in addition to a comprehensive physical examination.

The District shall provide information regarding sudden cardiac arrest developed by the Department of Public Instruction and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

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# 5341 EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

The District will distribute annually to parents of all students the Emergency Medical Authorization Form. In the event emergency medical treatment for a student is necessary, the District will adhere to the instructions on the authorization form.

The Emergency Medical Authorization Form will be kept in a separate, easily accessible, physical or electronic file in each school building or student management system during the school year.

Any time a student or a group of students is taken out of the District to participate in a school event, the staff in charge of the event must take the Emergency Medical Forms for those students. This includes, and is not limited to, students involved in music trips, athletic trips, field trips, and academic contests. This does not include student spectators at events.

Whenever it is necessary for staff members to use emergency procedures in order to care properly for a student, they are to follow Policy 5340 — Student Accidents/Illness/concussion and Student Cardiac Arrest and are not to abide by any "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) agreement that may exist for a student, unless ordered to do so by a court of law.

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# 5420 - REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS

The Board believes that the cooperation of school and home is a vital ingredient to the growth and education of the whole child. It recognizes its responsibility to keep parents informed of student welfare and progress in school.

The Board directs the establishment of a system of reporting student progress which shall include written or electronic reports, parent conferences with teachers, and shall require all appropriate staff members to comply with such a system as part of their professional responsibility.

The District Administrator, in conjunction with appropriate staff members, shall develop procedures for reporting student progress to parents which:

- A. use various methods of reporting appropriate to grade level and curriculum content;
- B. ensure that provide to both student and parent receive ample warning of a pending grade of "failure" or one that would adversely affect the student's status;
- C. enable the scheduling of parent-teacher conferences at such times and in such places as will ensure the greatest degree of that will likely result in maximum participation by parents;
- D. specify the issuance of report cards at intervals determined by the Board;
- E. ensure engage in a continual review and improvement of methods of reporting student progress to parents.

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# 5460 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

It shall be the policy of the Board to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the achievement of District goals and objectives as well as personal proficiency by the awarding of a diploma at fitting graduation ceremonies.

A student must earn twenty-six (26) credits, including the credit requirements set by State statute, to be eligible to receive a diploma, provided all other requirements as determined by the State and the Board are met. The Board requires the following credit requirements for a diploma:

English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Business	1 credits
Health	0.5 credits
Careers	0.5 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Electives to include personal finance (.5 credits)	9.5 credits

In order to earn a high school diploma, a student must successfully complete a civics assessment in accordance with State statute.

A student must also have participated in curriculum relating to financial literacy in order to earn a diploma.

In accordance with State law, a Board may not grant a high school diploma to any student unless, during the high school grades, the student has been enrolled in a class or has participated in an activity approved by the Board during each class period of each school day, or the student has been enrolled in an alternative education program (defined in 115.28(7)(e)1), Wis. Stats. or is participating in a Board-approved program that allows a student enrolled in the high school grades who has demonstrated a high level of maturity and personal responsibility to leave the school premises for up to one (1) class period each day if the student does not have a class scheduled during that class period.

The Board may waive graduation requirements, except for the core requirements, in exceptional cases to suit the needs of a student subject to Wis. Admin Code, §§ PI 18.03 and PI 18.04.

# Graduation Credit as a Middle School Student

The Board permits students in 7th or 8th grade to earn credit towards a high school diploma in any class taken that is approved by the Board for such purpose, provided that the student is academically prepared based on performance on approved student assessments. Any course designated for high school credit at the middle school level must be taught by a teacher with high school certification in the subject matter and must be taught using curriculum and assessments equivalent to those used in the subject at the high school level.

Credit may be earned in any of the core required course areas of English, social studies, mathematics, science, physical education, or health.

Courses taken by middle school students for high school credit shall appear on the students' high school transcript, along with the grade received.

The Board directs the District Administrator to develop appropriate courses after determining annually whether sufficient student interest and appropriate staffing justifies offering such course(s). The District Administrator shall establish procedures to determine whether a middle school student is academically prepared to take any course approved for high school credit.

# **Students With Disabilities**

Students with disabilities who properly complete the programs specified in their I.E.P. and have received the recommendation of the I.E.P. Committee may participate in graduation activities and may be awarded a diploma (provided the student satisfied the District's high school graduation requirements).

# GED Option 2 Program (GEDO #2)

An alternate path to a District diploma is the completion of the high school's GED Option 2 program. This program has strict enrollment requirements and allows a student who is at least seventeen (17) years of age to work towards successful completion of the GED testing program. Once the student completes all of the requirements, the student is awarded a District diploma and is eligible to participate in the subsequent graduation ceremony. Participation in this program is contingent upon DPI approval of the District's program and compliance with the requirements of Wis. Admin Code PI 5.

# **Graduation Activities and Ceremony**

A student may be denied participation in graduation activities for disciplinary reasons and/or for non-payment of fees. The District Administrator and high school principal may establish additional requirements for participation in the graduation activities and may organize said activities to have the appearance and decorum deemed reflective of the District. The student's legal name will be read at the graduation ceremony. Legal names will be read at the graduation ceremony.

#### **Policy Reporting and Review**

The principal of the high school shall prepare a report describing the District's policies on high school graduation standards, including a list of courses required under State law and the number of hours in each school term required to earn one (1) credit for those courses. Additionally, any change to the District's policies shall also be reported to the Department of Public Instruction or other appropriate agency after it has been approved by the Board and signed by the Board president, the District Administrator, and the principal.

It shall be the policy of the Board to periodically review and revise this policy specifying the criteria for awarding a diploma.

# **High School Graduation Cap Decoration Policy**

#### **Purpose:**

The decoration of graduation caps is an opportunity for students to express their individuality and creativity while maintaining the dignity and formality of the commencement ceremony. This policy outlines guidelines and expectations for decorating graduation caps at Turtle Lake High School.

# **Design Guidelines:**

- A. Graduation cap decorations must adhere to school-appropriate content. Designs should avoid any content that is offensive, derogatory, discriminatory, or inappropriate.
- B. Caps should not display any symbols, logos, or messages that promote violence, hate speech, or drug/alcohol references.
- C. Designs may include personal achievements, positive messages, inspiring quotes, symbols of gratitude, future aspirations, or school spirit.

# Size and Placement:

- A. Decorations should be contained within the flat surface area of the cap. Nothing should extend beyond the edges or cause obstruction to the view of others.
- B. Students may only decorate the top side of the cap. The sides, underside, and bottom must remain free from any embellishments.

#### Materials:

- A. Decorations should be securely attached to the cap to prevent any detachment during the ceremony. Use of heavy or bulky materials that might pose a safety risk or inconvenience to others (such as large protruding objects) is not permitted.
- B. Adhesive materials such as glue, tape, or adhesive putty are recommended for attaching decorations.

#### **Approval Process:**

- A. Prior approval for graduation cap decorations is required. Students must submit their proposed design for review by the Principal. The approval process ensures compliance with school guidelines.
- B. Designs that do not adhere to the guidelines will not be approved, and students will be asked to make necessary modifications.

#### **Deadline and Accountability:**

- A. The deadline for submission and approval of graduation cap decorations will be communicated well in advance to all graduating students.
- B. It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that their cap decorations are approved and comply with the set guidelines.

#### **Consequences of Non-Compliance:**

- A. Any student found to have decorated their cap without prior approval or in violation of the guidelines will not be allowed to wear the decorated cap during the commencement and be provided a blank cap.
- B. In cases of severe violations, further disciplinary actions may be taken in accordance with the school's code of conduct.

# **High School Graduation Cord Policy**

In recognizing and celebrating academic excellence, graduates will be permitted to wear the following cords during the graduation ceremony.

- 1. Valedictorian Cord: This cord is awarded to the student with the highest academic standing in the graduating class.
- Salutatorian Cord: This cord is awarded to the student with the second-highest academic standing in the graduating class.

- 3. Honor Roll Cord: This cord is awarded to students who have consistently demonstrated exceptional academic performance throughout their high school career.
  - Gold Cord: Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher during seven semesters.
  - Silver Cord: Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0-3.49 during seven semesters.
- 4. Cords must be earned at Turtle Lake School District and have administrative approval.

By adhering to these guidelines, students will contribute to a celebratory and respectful atmosphere during the graduation ceremony while showcasing their achievements and creativity.

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# 5511 - DRESS AND GROOMING APPEARANCE

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and <del>grooming</del> appearance is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools.

Accordingly, the District Administrator shall establish such <del>grooming</del> dress and appearance guidelines as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes. Such guidelines shall prohibit student dress or <del>grooming</del> appearance practices <del>which</del> that:

- A. present a hazard to the health or safety of the individual student himself/herself or to others in the school, including by way of communicating threats of harm or depictions of harmful conduct directed at others;
- B. interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program, including dress that promotes or depicts illegal activity, such as illegal drug use, underage alcohol consumption, or similar activities;
- C. cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
- D. prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Such guidelines shall also apply the dress requirements for members of the athletic teams, bands, and other school groups when representing the District at a public event. Where appropriate, a uniform or specific dress requirement shall be used for students when representing the District as described.

In enforcing the dress code, the following procedures shall be used:

- A. the principal shall serve as the initial arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her appearance within the building or at school-supervised events or activities;
- B. before taking action to enforce dress code requirements, including by requiring that a student remove, cover, or otherwise conceal the item or depiction at issue, the principal shall determine whether the item constitutes protected speech in so insofar as the item independently makes a statement of a discernable nature to the observer by depiction, words, or combination of the two (2) that does not require separate explanation.

Expressive dress may not be protected speech if it involves:

A. Obscenity ovscenity;

B. ILanguage or depictions intended to incite violence or foment hatred of others.

Dress that is protected speech may still be prohibited if it is likely to cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment. This may include dress that includes the use of vulgarity, discriminatory language including racial or ethnic slurs, negative stereotypes, violence, or other communication when the clear intent is to invoke strong reactions in observers so as to impair the ability of teachers and/or students to engage in educational pursuit.

No protected speech may be prohibited on the basis of disagreement by District officials with the specific point of view expressed if the topic is otherwise permitted (e.g. permitting depictions of support for one political party, but prohibiting depictions of support for the other).

Students who violate the foregoing rules will not be admitted to class and may be subject to additional consequences-

If the clothing cannot be removed or concealed, the student may be sent home after contact is made with the student's parent<del>/guardian</del>.

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# 5512 - USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE BY STUDENTS

The Board recognizes that the use of tobacco products, as well as other nicotine delivery systems, such as electronic smoking devices, are a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, staff, visitors, and school facilities. The Board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of these products, both to users and non-users, and that their use or promotion on school grounds and at off-campus school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors. The Board also believes accepting tobacco industry gifts or materials will send an inconsistent message to students, staff, and visitors.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student of the District to possess, use, consume, display, promote, or sell any tobacco products, tobacco industry brand, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or electronic smoking or vaping devices, regardless of content, including smoking as defined in this policy, at any time on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events. The Board authorizes the District Administrator to take reasonable measures related to the Board's expectation that the promotion and display of tobacco and related products on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events is prohibited.

It shall be a violation of this policy for the District to solicit or accept any contributions, gifts, money, curricula, or materials from the tobacco industry or from any tobacco products retailer. This includes, but is not limited to, donations, monies for sponsorship, advertising, promotions, loans, or support for equipment, uniforms, and sports and/or training facilities. It shall be a violation of this policy to participate in any type of service funded by the tobacco industry while in the scope of employment for the District.

#### Exceptions

It shall not be a violation of this policy for tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or lighters to be included in instructional or work-related activities in school buildings if the activity is conducted by a staff member or an approved visitor and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the product.

The prohibition on the use of other products containing nicotine including, but not limited to, nicotine patches and nicotine gum may be removed when a parent or "adult" student provides documentation from a licensed medical practitioner that the student's use of non-tobacco nicotine products is being medically supervised for the cessation of a nicotine addiction and the student complies with Policy 5330 - Administration of Medication.

Instruction in the history and purpose of traditional tobacco that has been used as a part of faith and tradition in the Native American and American Indian communities is an exception to this policy. Nothing in this policy is intended to infringe upon the legitimate exercise of cultural beliefs or ceremonial representations. In the event of a potential conflict between the Board's policy prohibiting the use or possession of nicotine containing products and a student's exercise of cultural traditions, the administration shall consult with appropriate community representatives to apply this policy in a manner that respects such cultural significance.

# **Policy Specific Definitions**

The term "any time" means during normal school and non-school hours: twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

The term "electronic smoking device" means any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance, whether natural or synthetic, intended for human consumption through the inhalation of aerosol or vapor from the product. The term electronic smoking device includes, but is not limited to, devices manufactured, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pens, mods, tank systems, JUUL, or under any other product name or descriptor. The term electronic smoking device includes any component part of a product, whether or not marketed or sold separately including, but not limited to, e-liquids, e-juice, cartridges, and pods.

The term "imitation tobacco product" means any edible non-tobacco product designed to resemble a tobacco product, or non-edible, non-tobacco product designed to resemble a tobacco product that is intended to be used by children as a toy. Examples of imitation tobacco products include, but are not limited to: candy or chocolate cigarettes, bubble gum cigars, shredded bubble gum resembling chewing tobacco, pouches containing flavored substances packaged similarly to snuff, shredded beef jerky in containers resembling snuff tins, plastic cigars, and puff cigarettes.

The term "off-campus, school-sponsored event" means any event sponsored by the school or School District that is not on school property including, but not limited to, sporting events, day camps, field trips, entertainment seminars, dances, or theatrical productions.

The term "school property" means all facilities and property, including land, whether owned, rented, or leased by the District, and all vehicles owned, leased, rented, contracted for, or controlled by the District, used for transporting students, staff and visitors.

The term "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated product containing, made, or derived from nicotine, tobacco, marijuana, or other plant, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for inhalation. This specifically includes marijuana and hemp plant derived substances, whether or not legally sold in Wisconsin, including CBD products, Delta 8 THC, Delta 9 THC, or any other variation thereof. "Smoking" also includes carrying or using an activated electronic smoking device.

The term "tobacco product" means any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or that contains nicotine, whether synthetic or natural, that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, including but not limited to, cigarettes; electronic smoking devices; cigars; little cigars; cheroots; stogies; periques; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco; pouches, snuff; snuff flour; cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine-cut and other chewing tobacco; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco, and other kinds and forms of tobacco.

The term "tobacco products retailer" means retailers whose primary business is to sell tobacco and/or tobacco-related products.

The term "tobacco industry" means manufacturers, distributors, or wholesalers of tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, or tobacco-related devices; this includes parent companies and subsidiaries.

The term "tobacco industry brand" means any corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or any other indication of product identification identical or similar to those used for any brand of tobacco product, company, or manufacturer of tobacco products.

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# 5540 - THE SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

The Board is committed to maintaining the educational atmosphere of the schools and restricting access by individuals not part of the school system but also recognizes its responsibility to cooperate with law enforcement agencies and its need for assistance from law enforcement in certain circumstances.

The District contracts with one (1) or more municipalities for the services of School Resource Officers (SROs) pursuant to its shared agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, which sets forth the relationship between school officials and SRO.

When law enforcement requests permission to interview a student at school, the District Administrator or building administrator shall be contacted prior to any further action by law enforcement. The administrator shall determine whether it is appropriate to provide access to the student based on the officer's purpose, whether the officer has stated that there is an emergency involving imminent threat, or that the officer is in possession of a valid warrant. A warrant shall be deemed valid if executed by a judicial officer and describes the school premises.

If law enforcement is contacted by the administration for assistance, the administration shall maintain the lead role in the investigation and shall be present or contact a parent to be present for any interview to the extent reasonable.

When an agency requests permission to remove a student or does remove a student without prior permission, the building administrator shall notify the District Administrator.

Law enforcement investigations on school premises fall into two (2) primary categories. First, some investigations will occur at the request of the school administration due to suspicion of a violation of school policy that may also be criminal. Second, law enforcement investigations may occur without the initiation of school officials and may or may not involve activity on school grounds.

Different procedures are to be followed in each instance as outlined below:

# A. By law enforcement personnel, on request of school authorities

 An administrator may exercise his/her discretion in determining whether to request the assistance of law enforcement in investigating a crime or allegation of a crime committed in his/her the administrator's school building or on school grounds during school hours. If assistance is so requested, it shall be directed to the local law enforcement agency and the administration shall remain the primary investigator with assistance from law enforcement. When determining whether to contact law enforcement, a school administrator shall consider the mandatory reporting requirements of Section 48.981 Wis. Stats., in the event the allegations involve suspected child abuse or neglect.

- 2. If the administrator requests assistance, a law enforcement officer may conduct an investigation within the school building and interview students as witnesses in school during the school day. Administrators shall take steps to assure that students are not removed from classes if at all possible. The administrator shall be present during the interview unless the law enforcement officer, student, or his/her the student's parent requests that the school official not be present. The student may request other representation such as legal counsel. If a student requests legal counsel, the administrator will make an effort to contact the parent(s) and the student will be put in custody of the law enforcement agency. The administrator shall attempt to contact the parent(s) of any student prior to questioning by law enforcement. A decision on whether to take a student into custody is the decision of the law enforcement officer.
- 3. If the investigation focuses on a particular student as a prime suspect of crime, the administrator and the law enforcement officer shall abide by the guidelines with respect to any interrogation, search, and arrest. Once law enforcement is involved in an investigation of possible criminal activity on school grounds, assuring that the constitutionally protected rights are respected during the investigation process is the law enforcement officers' responsibility.
- 4. School officials shall assist and cooperate in investigations as requested by law enforcement and consistent with District responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of student records under State and Federal law.

# B. By law enforcement personnel without request of school authorities

- Law enforcement officers will be asked to make every effort to interview students outside of the school hours and outside of the school setting in those cases where assistance has not been requested by school authorities. This procedure will not apply to circumstances where a serious crime may be involved, or where imminent threats to persons or property may be involved, or where law enforcement states that it is not feasible to interview the student outside of school due to the nature of the investigation and that they are not able to provide specific information substantiating the need to immediately interview the student.
- 2. If law enforcement deems it absolutely necessary to interview a student at school, the law enforcement personnel shall first contact the administrator regarding the planned visit and inform the administrator of the circumstances that require him/her law enforcement to investigate within the school and obtain his/her the administrator's approval to interview a student during school hours. The police officer shall not commence his/her an investigation until such approval is obtained. The law enforcement personnel may appeal to the District Administrator if it is deemed that approval was unreasonably withheld.

The administrator shall make every effort to maintain the privacy of the student.

- 3. Accordingly, the administrator shall do the following:
  - a. rRequire the law enforcement officer to sign in upon arrival at the school and complete a form stating the reasons why questioning may not wait until after school hours. If the officer indicates it is a confidential investigation, officials shall allow access;-
  - b. rRequest that law enforcement arrives at school inconspicuously (e.g., dressed in plain clothes and driving undercover vehicle);-
  - c. rRequest that every attempt be made to schedule questioning during a time the student is not in class;-
  - d. rRequest that the student be pulled out of class by a school administrator, rather than a police officer, if necessary;-
  - e. nNotify the law enforcement officer that the school official will be attempting to contact the student's parent prior to questioning unless specifically requested not to because such contact would unduly impede the investigation.
- 4. If a law enforcement officer is in possession of a **valid warrant**, school officials shall in no way interfere with the officer's execution of the warrant. A warrant shall be considered "valid" if it accurately describes the school facility and is executed by an authorized judicial official. District officials shall not attempt to evaluate the sufficiency of probable cause upon which the warrant is based.

In the event a law enforcement officer seeks to execute a warrant on school grounds, the officer is to be

directed to building administration. The administration shall attempt to assist in executing the warrant by directing the student to report to the office. The school administration shall then: 1) contact the student's parent if the student is a minor; and 2) contact the District Administrator. This process shall be followed unless the law enforcement official states that <del>s/he</del> the official has reason to believe that the subject of the warrant poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of others while in the school. In such a case, school officials shall grant access to the facility for the execution of the warrant.

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# 5610.02 - IN-SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

It is the purpose of this policy to provide an alternative to out-of-school suspension. The availability of in-school discipline options is dependent upon the financial ability of the Board of Education to support such a program.

In-school discipline will only be offered at the discretion of the Building Principal for offenses found in the Student Code of Conduct.

No student is to be detained after the close of the regular school day unless the student's parent has been contacted and informed that the student will be detained. No student shall be refused transportation services until the parent has been notified and other suitable transportation arrangements have been made. Notification to the parent is the responsibility of District personnel and should be made prior to the departure of school buses. If a parent cannot be contacted, the child should be detained on another day.

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# 5610 - SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The Board recognizes that exclusion from educational programs of the School District, by suspension or expulsion, is a substantial sanction and that such action must comply with the student's due process rights. Exclusionary discipline is appropriate to address serious misconduct or when alternatives, such as in-school discipline or restorative practices, have been ineffective to address a student's repeated refusal or neglect to obey school rules.

# SUSPENSION

For purposes of this policy, "suspension" shall be the short-term exclusion of a student from a regular District program.

The District Administrator, any principal, or a teacher designated by the District Administrator may suspend a student for up to five (5) school days or, if a notice of expulsion hearing has been sent, for up to fifteen (15) consecutive school days,

The suspension must be reasonably justified based upon the grounds authorized under 120.13, Wis. Stats., which include, but are not limited to: noncompliance with school rules or Board rules; knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives; conduct by the student while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health, or safety of others; conduct while not at school or under the supervision of a school authority; or conduct while not at school or under the supervision of a school authority; or conduct while not at school or while not at school or under the supervision of a school authority; or conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority; or conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority; or conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority; or conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority; or conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority; or conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health, or safety of a school authority that endangers the property, health, or safety of a school authority that endangers the property, health, or safety of a school authority that endangers the property, health, or safety of a school authority that endangers the property, health, or safety of the District in which the student is enrolled.

The District Administrator, any principal, or a teacher designated by the School District Administrator shall suspend a student if the student possessed a firearm, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3), while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority.

The parent of a suspended minor must be given prompt notice of the suspension and the reason for the suspension. The student's suspension from school shall be entered in student's record as required by the rules adopted by the Board concerning the content of the student records. The suspended student or the student's parent may, within five (5) school days following the commencement of the suspension, have a conference with an administrator the District Administrator or designee, who shall be someone other than a principal, administrator or teacher in the suspension on the student's school, to discuss removing reference to the suspension from the student's record. Reference to the suspension on the student's school record shall be removed if the designated administrator finds that: the student was suspended unfairly or unjustly; the suspension was inappropriate, given the nature of the alleged offense; or the student suffered undue consequences or penalties as a result of the suspension. The District Administrator or designee administrator shall make a finding within fifteen (15) days of the conference.

A suspended student shall not be denied the opportunity to take any quarterly, semester, or grading period examinations or to complete coursework missed during the suspension period. Such work shall be completed pursuant to the procedures established by the Board.

In the event a student is classified as Homeless, the building principal shall consult with the Homeless Coordinator to determine whether the conduct is a result of homelessness. The Homeless Coordinator will assist administration and the student's parents in correcting conduct subject to disciplinary action that is caused by homelessness.

# EXPULSION

Under this policy, expulsion shall mean the Board will not permit a student to attend school at all, including any schoolsponsored events or activities, for a specified period of time. If the student is expelled, the Board will determine the length of the expulsion period, which may extend at a maximum to the student's 21st birthday. The Board's expulsion order may include the opportunity for the student to return to school prior to the expiration of the term of expulsion under a specified set of early reinstatement condition(s) which are related to the conduct for which the student was expelled. The condition(s), once set forth in an expulsion order, shall be administered at the discretion of the District Administrator who shall have the authority to deny early reinstatement if any early reinstatement conditions applicable to the student's attendance during a period of expulsion under early reinstatement, or conditional enrollment, are deemed by the District Administrator to have been violated. The decision to revoke a student's conditional enrollment shall be explained in writing. The student or student's parent may request a conference with the District Administrator within five (5) school days of a decision to revoke early reinstatement. The District Administrator shall meet with the student and/or parents within five (5) school days of a request. The District Administrator's decision is final.

The District Administrator may designate another School District employee to perform the functions pertaining to a student's early reinstatement, but may not designate someone that is an administrator or teacher in the student's school.

The Board may expel a student only when it is satisfied that the interest of the school demands the student's expulsion and only when the student: repeatedly refused or neglected to obey the rules established by the School District; knowingly conveyed or caused to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives; engaged in conduct while at school while under the supervision of a school authority that endangered the property, health, or safety of others; engaged in conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangered the property, health, or safety of any employee or Board member of the District in which the student is enrolled; or was at least sixteen (16) years old and had repeatedly engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that disrupted the ability of school authorities to maintain order or an educational atmosphere at school or at an activity supervised by a school authority and that such conduct did not otherwise constitute grounds for expulsion. For purposes of this policy, conduct that endangers a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property.

The School Board shall hold an expulsion hearing in the event a student is in possession of a firearm while at school or under the supervision of school authorities and shall expel a student from school for not less than one (1) year whenever it finds that the student brought a firearm to school or, while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority, possessed a firearm, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a) (3), unless the Board finds that the punishment should be reduced based upon the circumstances of the incident. Any such finding by the Board shall be in writing. This does not include any circumstance in which a student possessed a firearm while lawfully hunting on school forest land.

The District shall refer any student who brings a firearm (as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)) or a weapon to school to law enforcement.

As required by 20 U.S.C. 7151, the District Administrator will ensure that the following information is sent to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: a copy of this policy; a description of the circumstances surrounding any expulsion(s) for violating the above-stated firearms policy; the name of the school; the number of students expelled; and the types of firearms involved.

Prior to expelling a student, the Board shall provide the student with a hearing. Prior written notice of the hearing must be sent separately to both the student and if the student is a minor, to their parent(s). The notice must be sent at least five (5) days prior to the date of hearing, not counting the date notice is sent. The notice must also satisfy the requirements of 120.13(1) (c)4, Wis. Stats.

An expelled student or, if the student is a minor, the student's parent(s) may appeal the Board's expulsion decision to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. An appeal from the decision of the Department may be taken within thirty (30) days to the circuit court for the county in which the school is located.

In the event a student is classified as Homeless, the building principal shall consult with the Homeless Coordinator to determine whether the conduct is a result of homelessness. The District will not expel a homeless student for conduct that is caused by the student's homelessness. The Homeless Coordinator will assist the administration and the student's parents in correcting conduct subject to disciplinary action that is caused by homelessness. If the conduct in question is determined not to be caused by the student's homelessness, the District shall proceed with expulsion proceedings as outlined in this policy.

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#### 5611 DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of safeguarding a student's constitutional rights, particularly when subject to the District's disciplinary procedures.

To better ensure appropriate due process is provided a student, the Board establishes the following guidelines:

A. Students subject to suspension:

The suspended student, and if a minor, the parent of the suspended minor student shall be given prompt notice of the suspension and the reason for the suspension. The student or the student's parents may within five (5) school days following the beginning of the suspension, have a conference with the District Administrator. This conference will serve as the opportunity for the student to respond to the charges against him/her. If the Administrator finds that the student was suspended unfairly or unjustly or that the student suffered undue consequences as the result of suspension, the student's record shall be expunged.

# B. Students subject to expulsion:

Prior to expelling a student, the Board must hold a hearing. A student and his/her parent must be given written notice of the intention to expel and the reasons therefor, at least five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing. The hearing is the opportunity for the student and his/her parent to appear with a representative or legal counsel before the Board to answer the charges. The Board will keep written minutes of the hearing. The hearing will be closed. The student and/or his/her parent may appeal the expulsion consistent with Chapter 120.13, Wis. Stats.

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