

BMS Handbook Changes for 2025/2026

June 11, 2024

General: Updated all 24.25 dates to 25.26, updated staff names as needed, updated food prices, updated calendars, and updated school board policies as needed. Will update page numbers on Index page once these changes are approved.

NOTE: School Board Policy SBR 400-90-2R will need to be updated based on the Middle School Dean of Students/Activities Coordinator position cut at Bemidji Middle School. Left the wording as is as it's a current School Board policy.

Page 1: Under Administrative Team:

Removed Andra Vaughn, Dean of Students:

~~Andra Vaughn
Dean of Students
Last names L-Z~~

Page 8: Under **ATTENDANCE:**

Removed "dean of students/activities director":

Attendance for Out of Town Athletic Events/After School Events and Activities

No student is allowed to travel the day of an away tournament or attend an after school event without attending school at least half of the school day the day of the event. Special permission can be granted at the discretion of a building principal or ~~dean of students/activities director~~ **BHS Activities Director**.

Page 15: Under **DISRUPTIVE DEVICES:**

Added "excessive perfumes and body sprays are not allowed":

Various other items that may be disruptive, unsafe, and/or offensive should not be brought to school; including, but not limited to, water guns, water balloons, toys, laser pointers, or other noise, smell, or smoke producing devices. **Excessive perfumes and body sprays are not allowed.** Many of these items fall under the guidelines of the District Weapons Policy, and appropriate administrative action will be taken.

Page 20: Under **MID-TERM REPORTS**

Added wording:

Mid-term Reports will be given to students and/or can also be accessed using Family Access **based on parent choice**. Families are encouraged to follow student progress on Family Access throughout the school year. To register for Family Access, apply online through our website or contact the District Registrar's office at 218-333-3100 ext. 31134 for access.

Page 20: Under **MINNESOTA JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY - (MJrHS)**

Updated criteria:

MJrHS Selection Process

To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a student for ~~three semesters~~ **a minimum of two terms** at Bemidji Middle School. Scholastic eligibility for membership shall be a cumulative grade point average of at least ~~3.6~~ **3.75 for 6th graders, 3.6 for 7th grade and 3.5 for 8th grade** (on a 4.0 scale). In addition, prospective members must earn no grade lower than a B in any class. Candidates will also be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. The Middle School office will provide disciplinary information to the Faculty Council to assist them in their selection process.

All students meeting the minimum standards for scholarship will be notified by the chapter regarding their eligibility to apply for membership.

In addition to the minimum standards for scholarship, all applicants must submit documentation (student activity information form) of active membership in at least ~~two~~ **one** team, group, club, organization or activity. ~~One of these must~~ **This activity can** be school related (sports team, music group, club, student council, etc.) ~~and one must~~ **or** be non-school related (community clubs, organizations or teams, boy or girl scouts, 4-H, church groups, etc.)

As a part of the application process, students will need to submit two references from teachers or other adult leaders, other than parents, addressing the candidate's character.

Page 21: Under NON-EXCLUSIONARY BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS

Removed "Dean of Students" from the list of student supports due to School Board cutting this position:

- Support Services: Indian Education Liaison, two School Counselors, School Social Worker, Behavior Interventionist, McKinney Vento Home/school Liaison, Assistant Principal, ~~Dean of Students~~, School Link Mental Health, staff educated in motivational interviewing.

Page 21: Under OPEN ENROLLMENT

Removed #4 under "F. Termination of Enrollment" due to policy update:

~~4. The school district may terminate the enrollment of a nonresident student enrolled at any time during the year upon the student receiving multiple disciplinary referrals or receiving disciplinary referrals that result in out of school suspension.~~