

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

August 12, 2024

Subject:

BCMS Student Handbook
2024-25 Revisions

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Review

DESCRIPTION: Changes to the BCMS 24-25 Student Handbook

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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- Updated language regarding internet based artificial intelligence:

All BCMS students are expected to adhere to the fundamental values of academic integrity, which include honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. Scholastic dishonesty is defined as cheating on assignments or tests, plagiarizing, altering, fabricating, forging, or acting alone or in cooperation with another to falsify records or to obtain dishonestly, homework, tests or grades. Utilizing internet-based or artificial intelligence tools to misrepresent the authenticity of a student's work can also be considered academic dishonesty.

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APPROPRIATE CLOTHING/ACCESSORIES

- Updated clarification on specific appropriate clothing:

Clothing is generally acceptable for school wear as long as it follows health and safety guidelines, does not disrupt the teaching/learning process, does not create school disorder, and does not create a harassing or intimidating environment. No compression/bike shorts or tank tops are allowed. Students may not wear clothing or accessories that display words or images directly or indirectly advertising alcohol, tobacco, drugs or related products or which promote the use of these products, or that are profane, obscene or sexually suggestive. In addition to clothing, students may NOT

display other items or accessories that can cause a safety issue, disrupt the teaching/learning process, create school disorder, or cause a harassing or intimidating environment.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

- Update and clarifying language regarding public notice of surveys and where families can find this information.

~~Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose ISD 877 gives notice to parents of students currently in attendance in the school district, eligible students currently in attendance in the school district, and line spacing students currently in attendance in the school district of their rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations.~~

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose ISD 877 gives notice to the parents or guardians of currently enrolled students regarding student surveys. Periodically, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools will use survey tools to gather a variety of information regarding student progress. Students and parents can find information regarding these policies and practices in the School Board adopted policy #515, which can be found on the district website at: bhmschools.org/policies.

All New:

ASSESSMENT AND SCREENERS

BHM Schools uses the following academic and behavioral screeners to help identify student progress:

| Screener | Fall (Sept-Oct) | Winter (Jan-Feb) | Spring (May) |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| earlyReading | Gr K-1 | Gr K-1 | Gr K-1 |
| CBM-R Curriculum Based Measure of Oral Reading | Gr 2-5 | Gr 2-5 | Gr 2-5 |
| aReading | Gr 2-8 | Gr 2-5 optional - site dependent | Gr 2 Gr 3-5 optional - site dependent |
| aMath | Gr 2-8 | Gr 2-5 optional - site dependent | Gr 2 Gr 3-5 optional - site dependent |
| mySAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) | Gr 2-12 | | Gr 2-12 |

More information about assessments, including more specific dates, can be found under [Testing & Assessments](#) on the BHM Schools website.

If you have questions about your child's screening scores, please contact your child's teacher.

AGENCY SURVEY

In addition, BHM Schools administers the following survey to monitor district progress towards achieving the Student Agency goals outlined in the [Portrait of a Graduate](#). As outlined in [Policy 520 Student Surveys](#), a parent/guardian has the opportunity to review the survey and to opt their student(s) out of participating in the survey by contacting the school.

| Screener | Fall (Sept-Oct) | Winter (Jan-Feb) | Spring (May) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Student Agency Survey | Gr 4-12 | | Gr 4-12 |

ATTACHMENTS:

- **BCMS 24-25 Student Handbook**