

Student-Parent Handbook for Approval 2023 – 2024

Background:

The parent-student handbooks are ready for board approval. Board approval gives the handbook the authority of school board policy.

Changes are requested to each handbook. The principals will be on hand to elaborate on the proposed handbook changes.

Changes from Last Year:

The **Jacobson Elementary** Handbook remains unchanged from last year.

The **Junior-Senior High** Handbook has a few minor changes. They are listed below:

- p. 14 added Attendance Contract to Notifications of Absences
- p. 15 added excessive absences to Open Campus policy
- P. 46 Changed summer school to read as 2 sessions instead of set number of days
- Added Bullying and Harassment Complaint form to end of handbook

NOTE:

We await guidance from the Iowa Department of Education regarding changes the Iowa Legislature made for schools.

For example, both of our handbooks state that we will not discriminate against students based on their gender identity (Page 9). This may be going away.

The two complete handbooks are available for review on the BoardBook website under the category of **EXTRAS**.

Recommended Action:

I recommend the board move to approve the two student-parent handbooks.