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## **Committee Meeting Agenda**

Diamondhead Education Center  
August 11, 2020  
5:00 PM

The meeting will take place via teleconference or other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13.D.021. Please visit our website at [www.isd191.org](http://www.isd191.org) for viewing details.

### Strategic Directions

- Close gaps and raise achievement for all students
- Create a culturally proficient school system
- Maximize resources for optimal student learning
- Increase the capacity for partnership with community

### I. Welcome

### II. Policies with Changes

#### A. 412: Expense Reimbursement for Travel

Lisa Rider

#### B. 703: Annual Audit

Lisa Rider

#### C. 713: Student Activity Accounting

Lisa Rider

##### 1. 510: School Activities

Brian Gersich

Policy 510 was reviewed and approved by the PRC on May 12. A Board Member requested that it be review with Policy 713: Student Activity Accounting

#### D. 720: Vending Machines

Lisa Rider

#### E. 721: Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

Lisa Rider

#### F. 506: Student Discipline

Brian Gersich, Assistant Superintendent

### III. Review Policies

#### A. 105: Equity, Access, and Excellence in Education

Lesley Chester and Theresa Battle

Chair Alt requests that the PRC review Policy 105 to ensure it aligns with Policy 102 (specifically under IV.C). It would be helpful if the committee considers whether adding a cross-reference to Policy 102 would be helpful.

#### B. 102: Equal Educational Opportunity

Lesley Chester and Theresa Battle

For reference only

- IV. New Policy
  - A. 808: COVID-19 Face Coverings Policy
    - Lesley Chester
    - 1. 807: Health and Safety Policy
      - For reference only
- V. Determination of Consent or Action Items
- VI. Adjourn

*Adopted: 3/91*  
*Reviewed: 5/24/2018*  
*Revised: 4/1, 6/14*  
*Rescinds: DLCA*

*Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 412*

## **412 EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to control school district business expenses by identifying those expenses that involve initial payment by an employee and qualify for reimbursement from the school district, and to specify the manner by which the school board member, employee, or board appointed agent seeks reimbursement.

### **II. SCOPE**

This policy applies to all school board members, employees, and board appointed agents.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

“Authorizing Administrator,” means the individual with the authority and accountability for the budget which is funding and approving the expense.

### **IV. AUTHORIZATION**

All school district business expenses to be reimbursed must be approved by the authorizing administrator. Such expenses to be reimbursed may include transportation, meals, lodging, registration fees, required materials, parking fees, tips, and other reasonable and necessary school district business-related expenses.

### **V. REIMBURSEMENT**

- A. Requests for reimbursement must be itemized on the official school district form and are to be submitted to the designated administrator. ~~Detailed R~~receipts for lodging, commercial transportation, registration, and other reasonable and necessary expenses must be attached to the reimbursement form.
- B. ~~Personal A~~utomobile travel shall be reimbursed at the standard mileage rates set by the Internal Revenue Service. Commercial transportation shall reflect economy fares and shall be reimbursed only for the actual cost of the trip.

### **VI. AIRLINE TRAVEL CREDIT**

- A. Employees utilizing school district funds to pay for airline travel ~~are required to~~ must be charged on the district provided purchase card ~~ensure that. a~~Any credits or

other benefits issued by any airline must be accrued ~~accrued~~ to the benefit of the school district rather than the employee.

1. To the extent an airline will not honor a transfer or assignment of credit or benefit from the employee to the school district, the employee shall report receipt of the credit or benefit to the designated administrator within 90 days of receipt of the credit or benefit.
  2. Reports of the receipt of an airline credit or benefit shall be made in writing and shall include verification from the airline as to the credit or benefit received. Reimbursement for airline travel expenses will not be made until such documentation is provided.
- B. Employees who have existing credits or benefits issued by an airline based upon previously reimbursed airline travel for school district purposes will be required to utilize those credits or benefits toward any subsequent airline travel related to school district purposes, prior to reimbursement for such travel, to the extent permitted and/or feasible.
- C. The requirements of this section apply to all airline travel, regardless of where or how the tickets are purchased.

## VII. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTIVES AND GUIDELINES

The superintendent shall develop a schedule of reimbursement rates for school district business expenses, including those expenses requiring advance approval and specific rates of reimbursement. The superintendent shall also develop directives and guidelines to address methods and times for submission of requests for reimbursement.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 15.435 (Airline Travel Credit)  
 Minn. Stat. § 471.665 (Mileage Allowances)  
 Minn. Op. Atty. Gen. 1035 (Aug. 23, 1999) (Retreat Expenses)  
 Minn. Op. Atty. Gen. 161b-12 (Aug. 4, 1997) (Transportation Expenses)  
 Minn. Op. Atty. Gen. 161B-12 (Jan. 24, 1989) (Operating Expenses of Car)

**Cross References:** Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Policy 214 (Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members).

**BURNSVILLE-EAGAN-SAVAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Regulation 412 Expense Reimbursement for Travel**

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The following regulations are to be followed for reimbursement of expenses for authorized travel on behalf of the district. Only school board members, employees and board appointed agents are eligible to travel at district expense. All travel at district expense must be for the district's interest or benefit. Eligible district travel shall not include routine commuting trips between an employee's residence and workstation. No advances are allowed for travel expenses. Expense reimbursement forms must be submitted within 60 days of incurring the expense. All exceptions to the above must be approved by the board.

**Travel Authorization**

- Travel by employees at the district's expense within the lower forty-eight states must be pre-approved by the appropriate *Authorizing Administrator*.
- Travel by employees at the district's expense outside the lower forty-eight states must be pre-approved by the superintendent.

**Authorized Expenses for Reimbursement**

The district will reimburse officers, employees and appointed agents all authorized expenses incurred while on an approved trip.

**Authorized Transportation**

- Mileage – Reimbursement for use of personal vehicle shall be limited to the mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service. This applies to both in-district and out-of-district travel.
- Ground Transportation
  - o If cost free shuttle service is not available, commercial vehicle fares will be allowed for transportation to and from airports and between the place of lodging and the conference site. Gratuity expenses shall not exceed 10%.
  - o The cost of leasing a vehicle for ground transportation will not be reimbursed unless commercial transportation is unavailable or not cost effective. The rate of reimbursement will be the rate for the standard car size or appropriate size vehicle for the number of attendees.
- Carpooling or obtaining a ride to the airport is preferred; however, when not possible, reasonable airport parking reimbursement will be made with receipts (please consider Park and Ride or other cost effective means of parking).
- Air Transportation - Commercial air transportation must be booked by the appropriate *Authorizing Administrator* for the event on a district provided purchasing card. The district will only cover one checked bag fee. The district will not pay for first class or seat upgrades.

**Authorized Meals\***

The use of a district purchasing card to purchase meals during out-of-district travel is not allowed. The district may provide employees reimbursement for meals while out of the district on school business.

The district will not reimburse employees for meals:

- That are included in the registration fee
- During a conference, unless documentation is provided proving the meal was not included
- That are included as a complimentary continental meal at the place of lodging
- Without a detailed receipt
- If a meeting is scheduled over a lunch hour, when a working lunch was not required

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<b>Updated by:</b> Lisa Rider, Executive Business Director	<b>Date:</b> August, 2020

- If a working lunch is required, but appropriate documentation of agenda and proof of genuine time constraint is not provided

<i>* Please review "Authorized Meals" criteria</i>	<b>*Breakfast</b> for business work outside of the district during the hours of 630a-830a	<b>*Lunch</b> for business work outside of the district during the hours of 11am-1pm	<b>*Dinner (In-State)</b> for business work outside of the district during the hours of 5pm-8pm	<b>*Dinner (Out-State)</b> for business work out of state during the hours of 5pm-8pm
<b>Maximum Reimbursement Rate</b> <i>Includes taxes &amp; tip</i>	\$11	\$13	\$20	\$30

### **Authorized Lodging**

- The district will reimburse the costs for standard lodging. Attempts should be made to find adequate accommodations at the most cost effective rates. Wireless internet fees for work purposes are allowable.

### **Authorized Registration**

- The district will pay the full cost of registration for the employee's attendance at a conference, convention, or meeting.
- The district will not pay that portion of a registration fee that is attributable to course credits provided by a college or university.

### **Required Documentation**

- Receipts are required for all lodging, airfares, commercial transportation, parking, ground travel and registrations. The meal reimbursement must be supported by conference registration, flight itinerary or tickets. Detailed restaurant/meal receipts must be included with the reimbursement form.
- All claims for reimbursement of travel expenses must be approved by the *Authorizing Administrator* for compliance with this regulation. All claims must be signed by the employee and the *Authorizing Administrator* before submission to the Finance Office.

### **Unallowable Expenses**

- The District will not reimburse employees for personal expenses. Personal expenses include the following:
  - o Room service
  - o Alcoholic beverages
  - o Personal property
  - o Entertainment
  - o Personal phone calls
  - o Expenses for other than district employee
  - o Tobacco
  - o Parking and/or traffic violations
  - o Child care expenses
  - o Laundry/dry cleaning
- Exceptions to allowed travel expenses must be approved by the superintendent.

### **In-District Travel Expenses**

- Employees who incur in-district travel expenses shall submit their reimbursement claims to their immediate supervisor within 60 days of incurring the expense.

Adopted: 4/14/2016

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 713

Reviewed: 11/15/2018

Revised: 12/13/2018 MSBA 2019

Rescinds:

## 713 STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTING

### I. PURPOSE

The school board recognizes the need to provide alternative paths to learning, skill development for its students, and activities for student enjoyment. It also understands its commitment to and obligation for assuring maximum accountability for public funds and student activity funds. For these reasons, the school board will assume control over and/or oversee funds for student activities as set forth in this policy.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

#### A. Curricular and Cocurricular Activities

The school board shall take charge of, control over, and account for all student activity funds that relate to curricular and cocurricular activities.

#### B. Extracurricular Activities

The school board shall take charge of, control over, and account for all student activity accounting that relates to extracurricular activities.

#### C. Non-Student Activities

In overseeing student activity accounts under this policy, the school board shall not maintain or account for funds generated by non-students including, but not limited to, convenience funds of staff members, booster club funds, parent-teacher organization or association funds, or funds donated to the school district for specified purposes other than student activities.

### III. DEFINITIONS

#### A. Cocurricular Activity

A “cocurricular activity” means those portions of the school-sponsored and directed activities designed to provide opportunities for students to participate in such experiences on an individual basis or in groups, at school and at public events, for improvement of skills (i.e., interscholastic sports, band, etc.). Cocurricular activities are not offered for school credit, cannot be counted toward graduation, and have *one or more* of the following characteristics:

1. They are conducted at regular and uniform times during school hours, or at times established by school authorities;
2. They are directed or supervised by instructional staff in a learning environment similar to that found in courses offered for credit; and
3. They are partially, primarily, or totally funded by public moneys for general instructional purposes under direction and control of the school board.

B. Curricular Activity

A “curricular activity” means those portions of the school program for which credit is granted, whether the activity is part of a required or elective program.

C. Extracurricular (Noncurricular/Supplementary) Activity

An “extracurricular (noncurricular/supplementary) activity” means all direct and personal services for students for their enjoyment that are managed and operated under the guidance of an adult or staff member. Extracurricular activities have *all* of the following characteristics:

1. They are not offered for school credit nor required for graduation;
2. They generally are conducted outside school hours or, if partly during school hours, at times agreed by the participants and approved by school authorities;
3. The content of the activities is determined primarily by the student participants under the guidance of a staff member or other adult.

D. Public Purpose Expenditure

A “public purpose expenditure” is one which benefits the community as a whole, is directly related to the functions of the school district, and does not have as its primary objective the benefit of private interest.

#### IV. **MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF ACTIVITY FUNDS**

A. Curricular and Cocurricular Activities

1. All money received on account of cocurricular activities shall be turned over to the appropriate school personnel, who shall deposit such funds in the general fund, to be disbursed for expenses and salaries connected with the activities, or otherwise, by the school board upon properly allowed itemized claims.

2. The appropriate school personnel shall account for all revenues and expenditures related to curricular and cocurricular activities in accordance with the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS); ~~the Manual for Activity Fund Accounting (MAFA) to the extent applicable;~~ and school district policies and procedures.

B. Extracurricular Activities

~~1. Extracurricular Activities Under Board Control~~

- 1a. Any and all costs of extracurricular activities under board control may be provided from school revenues.
- 2b. All money received or expended for extracurricular activities ~~under board control~~ shall be recorded in the same manner as other revenues and expenditures of the school district and shall be turned over to the appropriate school personnel, who shall deposit such funds in the general fund, to be disbursed for expenses and salaries connected with the activities, or otherwise, by the school board upon properly allowed itemized claims.
- 3e. The appropriate school personnel shall account for all revenues and expenditures related to extracurricular activities ~~under board control~~ in accordance with UFARS ~~and MAFA~~ and school district policies and procedures.

~~2. Extracurricular Activities Not Under Board Control~~

- ~~a. All extracurricular activities not under board control shall be self-sustaining with all expenses, except direct salary costs and indirect costs of the use of school facilities, met by dues, admissions, or other student fundraising events. The general fund shall reflect only those salaries directly related to and readily identified with the activity and paid by public funds.~~
- ~~b. Revenues and expenditures for extracurricular activities not under board control shall be recorded and be managed according to MAFA and shall be reviewed for compliance with and accepted by the school board in accordance with school district policies and procedures.~~
- 4e. All student activity funds will be collected and expended:
- ~~(1)~~a. in compliance with school district policies and procedures;
- ~~(2)~~b. under the general direction of the principal and with the participation of students and faculty members who are responsible for generating the revenue;

~~(3)c.~~ in a manner which does not produce a deficit or an unreasonably large accumulation of money to a particular student activity fund;

~~(4)d.~~ for activities which directly benefit the majority of those students making the contributions in the year the contributions were made whenever possible; and

~~(5)d.~~ in a manner which meets a public purpose.

5d. Activity accounts of a graduated class will be terminated prior to the start of the school year following graduation. Any residual money from a graduating class activity fund will ~~be removed from the terminated student activity account and deposited into~~ remain in the student activity account defined general fund and may be used for any school district purpose. Prior to depositing such accounts, all donations or gifts accepted for the specific purpose of the student activity account shall be administered in accordance with the terms of the gift or donation and school district policy.

## V. DEMONSTRATION OF ACCOUNTABILITY

### A. Annual External Audit

The school board shall direct its independent certified public accountants to audit, examine, and report upon student activity accounts as part of its annual school district audit in accordance with state law.

### B. Fundraiser Report

The administration will prepare a fundraising report semi-annually which will be reviewed by the school board in May and November. The report will list the activity, type of fundraisers, timing, purpose, and results.

[Note: The school board should conduct periodic reviews of student fundraising. The manner in which such reviews are conducted is in the discretion of the school board.]

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 6 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (Boards of Independent School Districts)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.15, Subd. 7 (Officers of Independent School Districts)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.35 (General Policy)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.36 (Authorized Fees)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.37 (Prohibited Fees)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.38 (Hearing)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Extracurricular Activities; Insurance)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.52 (Contracts)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.76 (Expenditures; Reporting)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.77 (Accounting, Budgeting, and Reporting Requirement)  
 Minn. Rules Part 3500.1050 (Definitions for Pupil Fees)  
*Visina v. Freeman*, 252 Minn. 177, 89 N.W.2d 635 (1958)  
 Minn. Op. Atty. Gen. 159a-16 (May 10, 1966)

***Cross References:*** Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS)  
~~Manual for Activity Fund Accounting (MAFA)~~  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 510 (Student Activities)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 511 (Student Fundraising)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 701 (Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 701.1 (Modification of School District Budget)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 702 (Accounting)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 703 (Annual Audit)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 704 (Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 706 (Acceptance of Gifts)

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*Rescinds:* IGD, IGDD, IGDH and IGDJ & IGDJ-R

## **510 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to impart to students, employees, and the community the school district's policy related to the student activity program.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

School activities provide additional opportunities for students to pursue special interests that contribute to their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. They are of secondary importance in relationship to the formal instructional program; however, they complement the instructional program in providing students with additional opportunities for growth and development.

### **III. GOALS**

Co-curricular activities have multiple purposes. The goals listed here serve as ideals in the development of specific procedures in each activity.

- A. To provide students with opportunities to participate in varied activities as resources and facilities permit;
- B. To provide both competitive and noncompetitive programs;
- C. To develop competitive programs that maintain a balance between participation and making a winning effort;
- D. To assist in developing good character and self-discipline in participants;
- E. To teach a knowledge of one's own strengths and weaknesses and how to deal with them;
- F. To teach respect for all people;
- G. To develop an understanding and appreciation of the interpersonal skills required for team or community life;
- H. To teach individual and team skills;
- I. To teach safety and good physical and mental practices;
- J. To take advantage of the opportunities available for students with special interests, talents and abilities;
- K. To instill in students a desire for self-improvement and excellence;
- L. To encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all participants;
- M. To develop integrity and leadership;
- N. To encourage modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat;
- O. To cooperate with related community programs;
- P. To cooperate with ISD 191 programs at either higher or lower grade levels.

#### IV. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The school board expects all students who participate in school sponsored activities to represent the school and community in a responsible manner. All rules pertaining to student conduct and student discipline extend to school activities.
- B. The school board expects all spectators at school sponsored activities, including parents, employees, and other members of the public, to behave in an appropriate manner at those activities. Students and employees may be subject to discipline and parents and other spectators may be subject to sanctions for engaging in misbehavior or inappropriate, illegal or unsportsmanlike behavior at these activities or events.
- C. The superintendent or designee shall be responsible for disseminating information needed to inform students, parents, staff, and the community of the opportunities available within the school activity program and the rules of participation.
- D. Those students who participate in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities must also abide by the league rules. Those employees who conduct MSHSL activities shall be responsible for familiarizing students and parents with all applicable rules, penalties, and opportunities.
- E. The school board will ensure that any funds raised for extracurricular activities will be spent only on extracurricular activities.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Extracurricular Activities; Insurance)

**Cross References:** Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 422 (Policies Incorporated by Reference)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 503 (Student Attendance)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 506 (Student Discipline)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 713 (Student Activity Accounting)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 609: (Religion)MSBA  
~~Service Manual, Chapter 5, Various Educational Programs~~

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*Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 720*

## **720 VENDING MACHINES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures to govern vending machines, to which students have access, that are installed in school district facilities.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The policy of the school district is to contract for, supervise, maintain, and account for the proceeds from vending machines located in school facilities in a manner that is fair, that maximizes the revenues from those machines, that allows those revenues to be included in the budget of the facility in which they are generated, and that establishes controls to avoid fraud, theft, or the appearance of impropriety.

### **III. AUTHORIZATION**

Vending machines for the dispensing of food, beverages, or other approved items are authorized in any school facility in the school district provided that all contracts for such vending machines must be approved by superintendent or designee as provided in this policy.

### **IV. SUPERVISION; APPROVAL; LOCATION**

- A. All vending machines shall be under the supervision of the school principal or designee in charge of the facility in which the machine is located. That administrator shall be responsible to supervise the machine in compliance with this policy and any applicable laws.
- B. The items to be dispensed from a vending machine located in a school facility shall be approved by the principal or designee in charge of that facility and will follow guidelines in Policy 533. All food, beverages, or other items approved shall be appropriate to the school setting. Machines dispensing cigarettes or tobacco products are not authorized under any circumstances. In the event a written complaint is filed with the superintendent regarding the approval or disapproval of any item, the school board, after proper review, shall make the final determination.
- C. Vending machines may be approved that will dispense items only during certain hours, through the use of timers or otherwise. Vending machines should not be operated in competition with the school cafeteria or food service. The principal or

designee in charge of the school facility may regulate the hours of operation of any machine.

- D. Vending machines shall be located to meet any applicable building, fire, or life/safety codes and to provide convenience of operation, accessibility, and ease of maintenance. The principal or designee in charge of the facility shall review the location of each machine with appropriate maintenance and food service staff.

## V. CONTRACT APPROVAL

- A. All contracts for the purchase or rental of vending machines shall be considered by the superintendent or designee on a facility-by-facility basis.
- B. If ~~it is the~~ estimated ~~that the~~ aggregate receipts from all vending machines located in a school facility will be ~~-\$50,000~~ \$10,000 or more in a fiscal year, the contract for any vending machine in that facility must be awarded after the receipt of sealed bids and compliance with Minn. Stat. § 123B.52.

[Note: This dollar figure is lower than the \$175,000 statutor requirement for sealed bids but is recommended to protect the interests of the public.]

- C. If the estimated aggregate receipts from all vending machines located in a school facility will be less than \$10,000 in a fiscal year, the contract for any vending machine in that facility may be awarded after the receipt of two or more quotations after taking into consideration conformity with the specifications, terms of delivery, other conditions imposed in the call for quotations, and compliance with Minn. Stat. § 123B.52.

[Note: This dollar figure is lower than the \$25,000 statutory requirement for quotations but is recommended to protect the interests of the public.]

- D. The contracting process shall be conducted in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 123B.52. A copy of this policy shall be included in any specifications or request for proposals or quotations. A record shall be kept of all bids or quotations received with the names, amounts, and successful bidder indicated. All bids and quotations shall be kept on file as a public record for a period of at least one year after their receipt.

- EE. Any bid or quotation must specify all commissions to be paid from the machine and any other noncommission amounts to be paid as a result of the award of the contract. The noncommission amounts include, but are not limited to, cash payments, in-kind payments, equipment donations, scholarship contributions, bonus payments, or other payments or contributions of any kind or nature. The noncommission amounts shall be reduced to a cash equivalency and shall be specified on the bid or quotation as an additional amount to be paid for the award of the contract.

- FD.** If a contract contains a provision allowing exclusivity, such as all machines in the building carrying only a certain manufacturer's brand of pop, that provision must be reviewed by the administration prior to requesting bids or quotations to ensure that it does not conflict with other contracts of the school district.
- GE.** All contracts for vending machines must be approved by the superintendent or designee. Any contract not made in compliance with this policy shall be void. Any district employee signing an unauthorized contract may be subject to personal liability thereon and may be disciplined for said action.
- HF.** All vending machines are to be installed at the expense of the facility in which located. All financial responsibility for the maintenance and repair of machines shall remain with the individual facility in which located to the extent not addressed in the contract.
- IG.** No teacher, administrator, school district employee, or school board member shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in a vending machine contract with the school district or personally benefit financially therefrom.

## **VI. ACCOUNTING**

- A. Proceeds from vending machine sales and contracts shall be under the control of the school board, shall be accounted for in one of the regular school district funds, and must be accounted for and reported in compliance with UFARS.
- B. An amount equal to the amount of the proceeds from the machines in each facility shall be included in the budget of the facility in which the proceeds are generated. That amount may be expended in accordance with established expenditure procedures.
- C. Pursuant to the vending machine contract or otherwise, proper auditing and inventory control procedures shall be established to ensure that commissions are being correctly calculated and paid. **These controls must include daily, weekly, or other periodic inventories and written reconciliations of variances between inventory and cash. Each time cash is removed from, or inventory is added to a machine, a written reconciliation between cash and inventory must be performed by the person taking the cash from the machine and must be signed by the principal or other person in charge of the facility. The original written reconciliation reports shall be filed with the business office monthly and a copy shall be retained by the principal's office.**

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.20 (Dealing in Supplies)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.52 (Contracts)  
 Minn. Stat. § 471.345 (Contracts)  
 Minn. Stat. § 471.87 (Conflict of Interest)

**Cross References:** Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 210 (Conflict of Interest –

School Board Members)  
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 533 (Wellness)  
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 702 (Accounting)

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Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 721

## 721 UNIFORM GRANT GUIDANCE POLICY REGARDING FEDERAL REVENUE SOURCES

*[Note: School districts are required by the federal Uniform Grant Guidance regulations, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, to have the policies which establish uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awards to non-federal entities including school districts. In June 2018, tThe United States Office of Management and Budget published the final regulations December 26, 2013. The Uniform Grant Guidance is effective for new and continuation federal grant awards issued on or after December 26, 2014. The regulations do not affect grant funds awarded prior to December 26, 2014, unless funds made available under those grants are carried forward into a new federal fiscal year or a continuation grant. 2 C.F.R. § 200.110.] increased the threshold dollar amounts for both simplified acquisition costs (\$250,000) and micro-purchases (\$10,000).]*

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with the requirements of the federal Uniform Grant Guidance regulations by establishing uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal grant awards received by the school district.

### II. DEFINITIONS

#### A. Grants

1. “State-administered grants” are those grants that pass through a state agency such as the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).
2. “Direct grants” are those grants that do not pass through another agency such as MDE and are awarded directly by the federal awarding agency to the grantee organization. These grants are usually discretionary grants that are awarded by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) or by another federal awarding agency.

*[Note: All of the requirements outlined in this policy apply to both direct grants and state-administered grants.]*

- B. “Non-federal entity” means a state, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher education, or nonprofit organization that carries out a federal award as a recipient or subrecipient.

- C. “Federal award” has the meaning, depending on the context, in either paragraph 1. or 2. of this definition:
1. a. The federal financial assistance that a non-federal entity receives directly from a federal awarding agency or indirectly from a pass-through entity, as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.101 (Applicability); or
  - b. The cost-reimbursement contract under the federal Acquisition Regulations that a non-federal entity receives directly from a federal awarding agency or indirectly from a pass-through entity, as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.101 (Applicability).
  2. The instrument setting forth the terms and conditions. The instrument is the grant agreement, cooperative agreement, other agreement for assistance covered in paragraph (b) of 2 C.F.R. § 200.40 (Federal Financial Assistance), or the cost-reimbursement contract awarded under the federal Acquisition Regulations.
  3. “Federal award” does not include other contracts that a federal agency uses to buy goods or services from a contractor or a contract to operate federal-government-owned, contractor-operated facilities.
- D. “Contract” means a legal instrument by which a non-federal entity purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a federal award. The term, as used in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, does not include a legal instrument, even if the non-federal entity considers it a contract, when the substance of the transaction meets the definition of a federal award or subaward.
- E. Procurement Methods
1. “Procurement by micro-purchase” is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold defined within Fiscal Compliance and Procedures Manual (FCPM).
  2. “Procurement by small purchase procedures” are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than the threshold defined within FCPM.
  3. “Procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising)” is a publicly solicited and a firm, fixed-price contract (lump sum or unit price) awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price.
  4. “Procurement by competitive proposals” is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed-price or cost-

reimbursement type contract is awarded. Competitive proposals are generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids.

5. “Procurement by noncompetitive proposals” is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source.
- F. “Equipment” means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-federal entity for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000.
- G. “Compensation for personal services” includes all remuneration, paid currently or accrued, for services of employees rendered during the period of performance under the federal award, including, but not necessarily limited to, wages and salaries. Compensation for personal services may also include fringe benefits which are addressed in 2 C.F.R. § 200.431 (Compensation - Fringe Benefits).
- H. “Post-retirement health plans” refer to costs of health insurance or health services not included in a pension plan covered by 2 C.F.R. § 200.431(g) for retirees and their spouses, dependents, and survivors.
- I. “Severance pay” is a payment in addition to regular salaries and wages by the non-federal entities to workers whose employment is being terminated.
- J. “Direct costs” are those costs that can be identified specifically with a particular final cost objective, such as a federal award, or other internally or externally funded activity, or that can be directly assigned to such activities relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy.
- K. “Relocation costs” are costs incident to the permanent change of duty assignment (for an indefinite period or for a stated period not less than 12 months) of an existing employee or upon recruitment of a new employee.
- L. “Travel costs” are the expenses for transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items incurred by employees who are in travel status on official business of the school district.

### **III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. Employee Conflict of Interest. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The employees, officers, and agents of the school district may neither solicit nor

accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, the school district may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by employees, officers, or agents of the school district.

- B. Organizational Conflicts of Interest. The school district is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving the related organization because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization.
- C. Disclosing Conflicts of Interest. The school district must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to MDE in accordance with applicable federal awarding agency policy.

#### **IV. ACCEPTABLE METHODS OF PROCUREMENT**

- A. General Procurement Standards. The school district must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable state laws, provided that the procurements conform to the applicable federal law and the standards identified in the Uniform Grant Guidance.
- B. The school district must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.
- C. The school district's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.
- D. The school district must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources.
- E. The school district must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: rationale for the method of procurement; selection of the contract type; contractor selection or rejection; and the basis for the contract price.
- F. The school district alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims.

These standards do not relieve the school district of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts.

- G. The school district must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.
- H. Methods of Procurement. The school district must use one of the following methods of procurement:
1. Procurement by micro-purchases. To the extent practicable, the school district must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the school district considers the price to be reasonable.
  2. Procurement by small purchase procedures. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.
  3. Procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising).
  4. Procurement by competitive proposals. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:
    - a. Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;
    - b. Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources;
    - c. The school district must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients;
    - d. Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered; and
    - e. The school district may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method where price is not used as a selection factor can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services; it cannot be used to

purchase other types of services, though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

5. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:
  - a. The item is available only from a single source;
  - b. The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;
  - c. The DOE or MDE expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the school district; or
  - d. After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.
  
- I. Competition. The school district must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:
  1. Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product, or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When making a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements is impractical or uneconomical, a “brand name or equivalent” description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and
  2. Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.
  
- J. The school district must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the school district must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.
  
- K. Non-federal entities are prohibited from contracting with or making subawards under “covered transactions” to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred. “Covered transactions” include procurement contracts for goods and services awarded under a grant or cooperative agreement

that are expected to equal or exceed the threshold defined within (FCPM).

- L. All nonprocurement transactions entered into by a recipient (i.e., subawards to subrecipients), irrespective of award amount, are considered covered transactions, unless they are exempt as provided in 2 C.F.R. § 180.215.

## V. MANAGING EQUIPMENT AND SAFEGUARDING ASSETS

- A. Property Standards. The school district must, at a minimum, provide the equivalent insurance coverage for real property and equipment acquired or improved with federal funds as provided to property owned by the non-federal entity. Federally owned property need not be insured unless required by the terms and conditions of the federal award.

The school district must adhere to the requirements concerning real property, equipment, supplies, and intangible property set forth in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.311, 200.314, and 200.315.

- B. Equipment

Management requirements. Procedures for managing equipment (including replacement equipment), whether acquired in whole or in part under a federal award, until disposition takes place will, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:

1. Property records must be maintained that include a description of the property; a serial number or other identification number; the source of the funding for the property (including the federal award identification number (FAIN)); who holds title; the acquisition date; the cost of the property; the percentage of the federal participation in the project costs for the federal award under which the property was acquired; the location, use, and condition of the property; and any ultimate disposition data, including the date of disposition and sale price of the property.
2. A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years.
3. A control system must be developed to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft must be investigated.
4. Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed to keep property in good condition.
5. If the school district is authorized or required to sell the property, proper sales procedures must be established to ensure the highest possible return.

## VI. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A. Financial Management. The school district’s financial management systems, including records documenting compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award, must be sufficient to permit the preparation of reports required by general and program-specific terms and conditions; and the tracing of funds to a level of expenditures adequate to establish that such funds have been used according to the federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award.

B. Payment. The school district must be paid in advance, provided it maintains or demonstrates the willingness to maintain both written procedures that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement between the school district and the financial management systems that meet the standards for fund control.

Advance payments to a school district must be limited to the minimum amounts needed and timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the school district in carrying out the purpose of the approved program or project. The timing and amount of advance payments must be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the non-federal entity for direct program or project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. The school district must make timely payment to contractors in accordance with the contract provisions.

C. Internal Controls. The school district must establish and maintain effective internal control over the federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the school district is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in “Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government,” issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, or the “Internal Control Integrated Framework,” issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

The school district must comply with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award.

The school district must also evaluate and monitor the school district’s compliance with statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award.

The school district must also take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified, including noncompliance identified in audit findings.

The school district must take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information considered sensitive consistent with applicable federal and state laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.

## VII. ALLOWABLE USE OF FUNDS AND COST PRINCIPLES

- A. Allowable Use of Funds. The school district administration and board will enforce appropriate procedures and penalties for program, compliance, and accounting staff responsible for the allocation of federal grant costs based on their allowability and their conformity with federal cost principles to determine the allowability of costs.
- B. Definitions
1. “Allowable cost” means a cost that complies with all legal requirements that apply to a particular federal education program, including statutes, regulations, guidance, applications, and approved grant awards.
  2. “Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)” means a compilation of regulations that apply to federal education programs. These regulations contain important rules governing the administration of federal education programs and include rules affecting the allowable use of federal funds (including rules regarding allowable costs, the period of availability of federal awards, documentation requirements, and grants management requirements). EDGAR can be accessed at: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edgar.html>.
  3. “Omni Circular” or “2 C.F.R. Part 200s” or “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards” means federal cost principles that provide standards for determining whether costs may be charged to federal grants.
  4. “Advance payment” means a payment that a federal awarding agency or passthrough entity makes by any appropriate payment mechanism, including a predetermined payment schedule, before the non-federal entity disburses the funds for program purposes.
- C. Allowable Costs. The following items are costs that may be allowable under the 2 C.F.R. Part 200s under specific conditions:
1. Advisory councils;
  2. Audit costs and related services;
  3. Bonding costs;
  4. Communication costs;
  5. Compensation for personal services;
  6. Depreciation and use allowances;

7. Employee morale, health, and welfare costs;
8. Equipment and other capital expenditures;
9. Gains and losses on disposition of depreciable property and other capital assets and substantial relocation of federal programs;
10. Insurance and indemnification;
11. Maintenance, operations, and repairs;
12. Materials and supplies costs;
13. Meetings and conferences;
14. Memberships, subscriptions, and professional activity costs;
15. Security costs;
16. Professional service costs;
17. Proposal costs;
18. Publication and printing costs;
19. Rearrangement and alteration costs;
20. Rental costs of building and equipment;
21. Training costs; and
22. Travel costs.

D. Costs Forbidden by Federal Law. 2 CFR Part 200s and EDGAR identify certain costs that may never be paid with federal funds. The following list provides examples of such costs. If a cost is on this list, it may not be supported with federal funds. The fact that a cost is not on this list does not mean it is necessarily permissible. Other important restrictions apply to federal funds, such as those items detailed in the 2 CFR Part 200s; thus, the following list is not exhaustive:

1. Advertising and public relations costs (with limited exceptions), including promotional items and memorabilia, models, gifts, and souvenirs;
2. Alcoholic beverages;
3. Bad debts;
4. Contingency provisions (with limited exceptions);

5. Fundraising and investment management costs (with limited exceptions);
6. Donations;
7. Contributions;
8. Entertainment (amusement, diversion, and social activities and any associated costs);
9. Fines and penalties;
10. General government expenses (with limited exceptions pertaining to Indian tribal governments and Councils of Government (COGs));
11. Goods or services for personal use;
12. Interest, except interest specifically stated in 2 C.F.R. § 200.441 as allowable;
13. Religious use;
14. The acquisition of real property (unless specifically permitted by programmatic statute or regulations, which is very rare in federal education programs);
15. Construction (unless specifically permitted by programmatic statute or regulations, which is very rare in federal education programs); and
16. Tuition charged or fees collected from students applied toward meeting matching, cost sharing, or maintenance of effort requirements of a program.

E. Program Allowability

1. Any cost paid with federal education funds must be permissible under the federal program that would support the cost.
2. Many federal education programs detail specific required and/or allowable uses of funds for that program. Issues such as eligibility, program beneficiaries, caps or restrictions on certain types of program expenses, other program expenses, and other program specific requirements must be considered when performing the programmatic analysis.
3. The two largest federal K-12 programs, Title I, Part A, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), do not contain a use of funds section delineating the allowable uses of funds under those programs. In those cases, costs must be consistent with the purposes of the program in

order to be allowable.

F. Federal Cost Principles

1. The Omni Circular defines the parameters for the permissible uses of federal funds. While many requirements are contained in the Omni Circular, it includes five core principles that serve as an important guide for effective grant management. These core principles require all costs to be:
  - a. Necessary for the proper and efficient performance or administration of the program.
  - b. Reasonable. An outside observer should clearly understand why a decision to spend money on a specific cost made sense in light of the cost, needs, and requirements of the program.
  - c. Allocable to the federal program that paid for the cost. A program must benefit in proportion to the amount charged to the federal program – for example, if a teacher is paid 50% with Title I funds, the teacher must work with the Title I program/students at least 50% of the time. Recipients also need to be able to track items or services purchased with federal funds so they can prove they were used for federal program purposes.
  - d. Authorized under state and local rules. All actions carried out with federal funds must be authorized and not prohibited by state and local laws and policies.
  - e. Adequately documented. A recipient must maintain proper documentation so as to provide evidence to monitors, auditors, or other oversight entities of how the funds were spent over the lifecycle of the grant.

G. Program Specific Fiscal Rules. The Omni Circular also contains specific rules on selected items of costs. Costs must comply with these rules in order to be paid with federal funds.

1. All federal education programs have certain program specific fiscal rules that apply. Determining which rules apply depends on the program; however, rules such as supplement, not supplant, maintenance of effort, comparability, caps on certain uses of funds, etc., have an important impact when analyzing whether a particular cost is permissible.
2. Many state-administered programs require local education agencies (LEAs) to use federal program funds to supplement the amount of state, local, and, in some cases, other federal funds they spend on education costs and not to supplant (or replace) those funds. Generally, the

“supplement, not supplant” provision means that federal funds must be used to supplement the level of funds from non-federal sources by providing additional services, staff, programs, or materials. In other words, federal funds normally cannot be used to pay for things that would otherwise be paid for with state or local funds (and, in some cases, with other federal funds).

3. Auditors generally presume supplanting has occurred in three situations:
  - a. School district uses federal funds to provide services that the school district is required to make available under other federal, state, or local laws.
  - b. School district uses federal funds to provide services that the school district provided with state or local funds in the prior year.
  - c. School district uses Title I, Part A, or Migrant Education Program funds to provide the same services to Title I or Migrant students that the school district provides with state or local funds to nonparticipating students.
4. These presumptions apply differently in different federal programs and also in schoolwide program schools. Staff should be familiar with the supplement not supplant provisions applicable to their program.

#### H. Approved Plans, Budgets, and Special Conditions

1. As required by the Omni Circular, all costs must be consistent with approved program plans and budgets.
2. Costs must also be consistent with all terms and conditions of federal awards, including any special conditions imposed on the school district’s grants.

#### I. Training

1. The school district will provide training on the allowable use of federal funds to all staff involved in federal programs.
2. The school district will promote coordination between all staff involved in federal programs through activities, such as routine staff meetings and training sessions.

- J. Employee Sanctions. Any school district employee who violates this policy will be subject to discipline, as appropriate, up to and including the termination of employment.

### **VIII. COMPENSATION – PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENSES AND REPORTING**

A. Compensation – Personal Services

Costs of compensation are allowable to the extent that they satisfy the specific requirements of the Uniform Grant Guidance and that the total compensation for individual employees:

1. Is reasonable for the services rendered and conforms to the established written policy of the school district consistently applied to both federal and non-federal activities; and
2. Follows an appointment made in accordance with a school district's written policies and meets the requirements of federal statute, where applicable.

Unless an arrangement is specifically authorized by a federal awarding agency, a school district must follow its written non-federal, entitywide policies and practices concerning the permissible extent of professional services that can be provided outside the school district for non-organizational compensation.

B. Compensation – Fringe Benefits

1. During leave.

The costs of fringe benefits in the form of regular compensation paid to employees during periods of authorized absences from the job, such as for annual leave, family-related leave, sick leave, holidays, court leave, military leave, administrative leave, and other similar benefits, are allowable if all of the following criteria are met:

- a. They are provided under established written leave policies;
  - b. The costs are equitably allocated to all related activities, including federal awards; and
  - c. The accounting basis (cash or accrual) selected for costing each type of leave is consistently followed by the school district.
2. The costs of fringe benefits in the form of employer contributions or expenses for social security; employee life, health, unemployment, and worker's compensation insurance (except as indicated in 2 C.F.R. § 200.447(d)); pension plan costs; and other similar benefits are allowable, provided such benefits are granted under established written policies. Such benefits must be allocated to federal awards and all other activities in a manner consistent with the pattern of benefits attributable to the individuals or group(s) of employees whose salaries and wages are chargeable to such federal awards and other activities and charged as direct or indirect costs in accordance with the school district's accounting

practices.

3. Actual claims paid to or on behalf of employees or former employees for workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, severance pay, and similar employee benefits (e.g., post-retirement health benefits) are allowable in the year of payment provided that the school district follows a consistent costing policy.
  4. Pension plan costs may be computed using a pay-as-you-go method or an acceptable actuarial cost method in accordance with the written policies of the school district.
  5. Post-retirement costs may be computed using a pay-as-you-go method or an acceptable actuarial cost method in accordance with established written policies of the school district.
  6. Costs of severance pay are allowable only to the extent that, in each case, severance pay is required by law; employer-employee agreement; established policy that constitutes, in effect, an implied agreement on the school district's part; or circumstances of the particular employment.
- C. Insurance and Indemnification. Types and extent and cost of coverage are in accordance with the school district's policy and sound business practice.
- D. Recruiting Costs. Short-term, travel visa costs (as opposed to longer-term, immigration visas) may be directly charged to a federal award, so long as they are:
1. Critical and necessary for the conduct of the project;
  2. Allowable under the cost principles set forth in the Uniform Grant Guidance;
  3. Consistent with the school district's cost accounting practices and school district policy; and
  4. Meeting the definition of "direct cost" in the applicable cost principles of the Uniform Grant Guidance.
- E. Relocation Costs of Employees. Relocation costs are allowable, subject to the limitations described below, provided that reimbursement to the employee is in accordance with the school district's reimbursement policy.
- F. Travel Costs. Travel costs may be charged on an actual cost basis, on a per diem or mileage basis in lieu of actual costs incurred, or on a combination of the two, provided the method used is applied to an entire trip and not to selected days of the trip, and results in charges consistent with those normally allowed in like circumstances in the school district's non-federally funded activities and in

accordance with the school district's reimbursement policies.

Costs incurred by employees and officers for travel, including costs of lodging, other subsistence, and incidental expenses, must be considered reasonable and otherwise allowable only to the extent such costs do not exceed charges normally allowed by the school district in its regular operations according to the school district's written reimbursement and/or travel policies.

In addition, when costs are charged directly to the federal award, documentation must justify the following:

1. Participation of the individual is necessary to the federal award; and
2. The costs are reasonable and consistent with the school district's established travel policy.

Temporary dependent care costs above and beyond regular dependent care that directly results from travel to conferences is allowable provided the costs are:

1. A direct result of the individual's travel for the federal award;
2. Consistent with the school district's documented travel policy for all school district travel; and
3. Only temporary during the travel period.

***[Note: Noncompliance. If a school district fails to comply with federal statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of a federal award, the DOE or MDE may impose additional conditions, as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.207 (Specific Conditions). If the DOE or MDE determines that noncompliance cannot be remedied by imposing additional conditions, the DOE or MDE may take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate under the circumstances: 1) Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the school district or more severe enforcement action by the DOE or MDE; 2) Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance; 3) Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the federal award; 4) Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and DOE regulations (or, in the case of MDE, recommend such a proceeding be initiated by the DOE); 5) Withhold further federal awards for the project or program; and/or 6) Take other remedies that may be legally available.]***

***Legal References:*** 2 C.F.R. § 200.12 (Capital Assets)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.112 (Conflict of Interest)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.113 (Mandatory Disclosures)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.205(d) (Federal Awarding Agency Review of Risk Posed by Applicants)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.212 (Suspension and Debarment)

2 C.F.R. § 200.300(b) (Statutory and National Policy Requirements)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.302 (Financial Management)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.303 (Internal Controls)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.305(b)(1) (Payment)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.310 (Insurance Coverage)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 (Real Property)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.313(d) (Equipment)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.314 (Supplies)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.315 (Intangible Property)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.318 (General Procurement Standards)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.319(c) (Competition)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.320 (Methods of Procurement to be Followed)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.321 (Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses,  
 Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.328 (Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.338 (Remedies for Noncompliance)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.403(c) (Factors Affecting Allowability of Costs)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.430 (Compensation – Personal Services)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.431 (Compensation – Fringe Benefits)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.447 (Insurance and Indemnification)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.463 (Recruiting Costs)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.464 (Relocation Costs of Employees)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.473 (Transportation Costs)  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.474 (Travel Costs)

***Cross References:*** Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 208 (Development,  
 Adoption, and Implementation of Policies)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 210 (Conflict of Interest –  
 School Board Members)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 412 (Expense  
 Reimbursement)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 701 (Establishment and  
 Adoption of School District Budget)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 701.1 (Modification of  
 School District Budget)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 702 (Accounting)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 703 (Annual Audit)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 715 (Purchasing and Bid  
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## **506 STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students are aware of and comply with the school district's expectations for student conduct. Such compliance will enhance the school district's ability to maintain discipline and ensure that the school district's work toward its mission of providing an exemplary educational program to its students is not interrupted. The school district will take appropriate disciplinary action when students fail to adhere to the Code of Student Conduct established by this policy.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school board recognizes that individual responsibility and mutual respect are essential components of the educational process. The school board further recognizes that nurturing the maturity of each student is of primary importance and is closely linked to the balance that must be maintained between authority and self-discipline as the individual progresses from a child's dependence on authority to the more mature behavior of self-control.

All students are entitled to learn and develop in a setting which promotes respect of self, others, and property. Proper positive discipline can only result from an environment which provides options and stresses student self-direction, decision-making, and responsibility. Schools can function effectively only with internal discipline based on mutual understanding of rights and responsibilities.

Students must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner that maintains a climate in which learning can take place. Overall decorum affects student attitudes and influences student behavior. Proper student conduct is necessary to facilitate the education process and to create an atmosphere conducive to high student achievement.

Although this policy emphasizes the development of self-discipline, it is recognized that there are instances when it will be necessary to administer disciplinary measures. The position of the school district is that a fair and equitable district-wide student discipline policy will contribute to the quality of the student's educational experience. This discipline policy is adopted in accordance with and subject to the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56.

In view of the foregoing and in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 121A.55, the school board, with the participation of school district administrators, teachers, employees, students, parents, community members, and such other individuals and organizations as

appropriate, has developed this policy which governs student conduct and applies to all students of the school district.

### III. AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The School Board. The school board holds all school personnel responsible for the maintenance of order within the school district and supports all personnel acting within the framework of this discipline policy.
- B. Superintendent. The superintendent shall establish guidelines and directives to carry out this policy, hold all school personnel, students, and parents responsible for conforming to this policy, and support all school personnel performing their duties within the framework of this policy. The superintendent shall also establish guidelines and directives for using the services of appropriate agencies for assisting students and parents. Any guidelines or directives established to implement this policy shall be submitted to the school board for approval and shall be attached as an addendum to this policy.
- C. Principal. The school principal is given the responsibility and authority to formulate building rules and regulations necessary to enforce this policy, subject to final school board approval. The principal shall give direction and support to all school personnel performing their duties within the framework of this policy. The principal shall consult with parents of students conducting themselves in a manner contrary to the policy. The principal shall also involve other professional employees in the disposition of behavior referrals and shall make use of those agencies appropriate for assisting students and parents. A principal, in exercising his or her lawful authority, may use reasonable force when it is necessary under the circumstances to correct or restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to another.
- D. Teachers. All teachers shall be responsible for providing a well-planned teaching/learning environment and shall have primary responsibility for student conduct, with appropriate assistance from the administration. All teachers shall enforce the Code of Student Conduct. In exercising the teacher's lawful authority, a teacher may use reasonable force when it is necessary under the circumstances to correct or restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to another.
- E. Other School District Personnel. All school district personnel shall be responsible for contributing to the atmosphere of mutual respect within the school. Their responsibilities relating to student behavior shall be as authorized and directed by the superintendent. A school employee, school bus driver, or other agent of a school district, in exercising his or her lawful authority, may use reasonable force when it is necessary under the circumstances to restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to another.
- F. Parents or Legal Guardians. Parents and guardians shall be held responsible for the behavior of their children as determined by law and community practice.

They are expected to cooperate with school authorities and to participate regarding the behavior of their children.

- G. Students. All students shall be held individually responsible for their behavior and for knowing and obeying the Code of Student Conduct and this policy.
- H. Community Members. Members of the community are expected to contribute to the establishment of an atmosphere in which rights and duties are effectively acknowledged and fulfilled.

#### **IV. STUDENT RIGHTS**

All students have the right to an education and the right to learn.

#### **V. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

All students have the responsibility:

- A. For their behavior and for knowing and obeying all school rules, regulations, policies, and procedures;
- B. To attend school daily, except when excused, and to be on time to all classes and other school functions;
- C. To pursue and attempt to complete the courses of study prescribed by the state and local school authorities;
- D. To make necessary arrangements for making up work when absent from school;
- E. To assist the school staff in maintaining a safe school for all students;
- F. To be aware of all school rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, including those in this policy, and to conduct themselves in accord with them;
- G. To assume that until a rule or policy is waived, altered, or repealed, it is in full force and effect;
- H. To be aware of and comply with federal, state, and local laws;
- I. To volunteer information in disciplinary cases should they have any knowledge relating to such cases and to cooperate with school staff as appropriate;
- J. To respect and maintain the school's property and the property of others;
- K. To dress and groom in a manner which meets standards of safety and health and common standards of decency and which is consistent with applicable school district policy;

- L. To avoid inaccuracies in student newspapers or publications and refrain from indecent or obscene language;
- M. To conduct themselves in an appropriate physical or verbal manner; and
- N. To recognize and respect the rights of others.

## **VI. CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

- A. The following are examples of unacceptable behavior subject to disciplinary action by the school district. These examples are not intended to be an exclusive list. Any student who engages in any of these activities shall be disciplined in accordance with this policy. This policy applies to all school buildings, school grounds, and school property or property immediately adjacent to school grounds; school-sponsored activities or trips; school bus stops; school buses, school vehicles, school contracted vehicles, or any other vehicles approved for school district purposes; the area of entrance or departure from school premises or events; and all school-related functions, school-sponsored activities, events or trips. School district property also may mean a student's walking route to or from school for purposes of attending school or school-related functions, activities, or events. While prohibiting unacceptable behavior subject to disciplinary action at these locations and events, the school district does not represent that it will provide supervision or assume liability at these locations and events. This policy also applies to any student whose conduct at any time or in any place interferes with or obstructs the mission or operations of the school district or the safety or welfare of the student, other students, or employees.
  - 1. Violations against property including, but not limited to, damage to or destruction of school property or the property of others, failure to compensate for damage or destruction of such property, arson, breaking and entering, theft, robbery, possession of stolen property, extortion, trespassing, unauthorized usage, or vandalism;
  - 2. The use of profanity or obscene language, or the possession of obscene materials;
  - 3. Gambling, including, but not limited to, playing a game of chance for stakes;
  - 4. Violation of the school district's Hazing Prohibition Policy;
  - 5. Attendance problems including, but not limited to, truancy, absenteeism, tardiness, skipping classes, or leaving school grounds without permission;
  - 6. Violation of the school district's Student Attendance Policy;
  - 7. Opposition to authority using physical force or violence;

8. Using, possessing, or distributing tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic cigarettes, or tobacco paraphernalia in violation of the school district's Tobacco- and Smoke-Free Environment Policy.
9. Using, possessing, distributing, intending to distribute, making a request to another person for (solicitation), or being under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances or look-alike substances;
10. Using, possessing, distributing, intending to distribute, making a request to another person for (solicitation), or being under the influence of narcotics, drugs, or other controlled substances (except as prescribed by a physician), or look-alike substances (these prohibitions include medical marijuana or medical cannabis, even when prescribed by a physician, and one student sharing prescription medication with another student);
11. Using, possessing, or distributing items or articles that are illegal or harmful to persons or property including, but not limited to, drug paraphernalia;
12. Using, possessing, or distributing weapons, or look-alike weapons or other dangerous objects;
13. Violation of the school district's Weapons Policy;
14. Violation of the school district's Violence Prevention Policy;
15. Possession of ammunition including, but not limited to, bullets or other projectiles designed to be used in or as a weapon;
16. Possession, use, or distribution of explosives or any compound or mixture, the primary or common purpose or intended use of which is to function as an explosive;
17. Possession, use, or distribution of fireworks or any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation;
18. Using an ignition device, including a butane or disposable lighter or matches, inside an educational building and under circumstances where there is a risk of fire, except where the device is used in a manner authorized by the school;
19. Violation of any local, state, or federal law as appropriate;
20. Acts disruptive of the educational process, including, but not limited to, disobedience, disruptive or disrespectful behavior, defiance of authority,

cheating, insolence, insubordination, failure to identify oneself, improper activation of fire alarms, or bomb threats;

21. Violation of the school district's Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy;
22. Use of devices or objects to cause distractions or facilitate cheating;
23. Violation of school bus or transportation rules or the school district's Student Transportation Safety Policy;
24. Violation of parking or school traffic rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, driving on school property in such a manner as to endanger persons or property;
25. Violation of directives or guidelines relating to lockers or improperly gaining access to a school locker;
26. Violation of the school district's Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person Policy;
27. Violation of the school district's Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches Policy;
28. Possession or distribution of slanderous, libelous, or pornographic materials;
29. Violation of the school district's Bullying Prohibition Policy;
30. Student attire or personal grooming which creates a danger to health or safety or creates a disruption to the educational process, including clothing which bears a message which is lewd, vulgar, or obscene, apparel promoting products or activities that are illegal for use by minors, or clothing containing objectionable emblems, signs, words, objects, or pictures communicating a message that is racist, sexist, or otherwise derogatory to a protected minority group or which connotes gang membership;
- ~~31. Criminal activity;~~
- ~~31~~2. Falsification of any records, documents, notes, or signatures;
- ~~32~~3. Tampering with, changing, or altering records or documents of the school district by any method including, but not limited to, computer access or other electronic means;

334. Scholastic dishonesty which includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a school assignment or test, plagiarism, or collusion, including the use of electronic devices or other technology to accomplish this end;
345. Impertinent or disrespectful words, symbols, acronyms, or language, whether oral or written, related to teachers or other school district personnel;
356. Violation of the school district's Harassment and Violence Policy;
376. Actions, including fighting or any other assaultive behavior, which causes or could cause injury to the student or other persons or which otherwise endangers the health, safety, or welfare of teachers, students, other school district personnel, or other persons;
378. Committing an act which inflicts great bodily harm upon another person, even though accidental or a result of poor judgment;
389. Violations against persons, including, but not limited to, assault or threatened assault, fighting, harassment, interference or obstruction, attack with a weapon, or look-alike weapon, sexual assault, illegal or inappropriate sexual conduct, or indecent exposure;
3940. Verbal assaults or verbally abusive behavior including, but not limited to, use of words, symbols, acronyms, or language, whether oral or written, that are discriminatory, abusive, obscene, threatening, intimidating, degrading to other people, or threatening to damage school property;
401. Physical or verbal threats including, but not limited to, the staging or reporting of dangerous or hazardous situations that do not exist;
412. Inappropriate, abusive, threatening, or demeaning actions based on race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation;
423. Violation of the school district's Distribution of Nonschool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees Policy;
443. Violation of the school district's one-to-one device rules and regulations;
44. Inappropriate use of personal electronic devices (cell phone, game console) Filming or recording in any manner the conduct or activities of other students or staff on district property without permission. In addition, any distribution, transmission, sharing or broadcasting of such activities/conduct on social media or elsewhere is prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to public events held on district property;

- 455. Violation of school rules, regulations, policies, or procedures, including, but not limited to, those policies specifically enumerated in this policy;
- 466. Other acts, as determined by the school district, which are disruptive of the educational process or dangerous or detrimental to the student or other students, school district personnel or surrounding persons, or which violate the rights of others or which damage or endanger the property of the school, or which otherwise interferes with or obstruct the mission or operations of the school district or the safety or welfare of students or employees.

## **VII. DISCIPLINARY ACTION OPTIONS**

The general policy of the school district is to utilize progressive discipline to the extent reasonable and appropriate based upon the specific facts and circumstances of student misconduct. The specific form of discipline chosen in a particular case is solely within the discretion of the school district. At a minimum, violation of school district rules, regulations, policies, or procedures will result in discussion of the violation and a verbal warning. The school district shall, however, impose more severe disciplinary sanctions for any violation, including exclusion or expulsion, if warranted by the student's misconduct, as determined by the school district. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:

- A. Student conference with teacher, principal, counselor, or other school district personnel, and verbal warning;
- B. Confiscation by school district personnel and/or by law enforcement of any item, article, object, or thing, prohibited by, or used in the violation of, any school district policy, rule, regulation, procedure, or state or federal law. If confiscated by the school district, the confiscated item, article, object, or thing will be released only to the parent/guardian following the completion of any investigation or disciplinary action instituted or taken related to the violation.
- C. Parent contact;
- D. Parent conference;
- E. Removal from class;
- F. In-school suspension;
- G. Suspension from extracurricular activities;
- H. Detention or restriction of privileges;
- I. Loss of school privileges;
- J. In-school monitoring or revised class schedule;

- K. Referral to in-school support services;
- L. Referral to community resources or outside agency services;
- M. Financial restitution;
- N. Referral to police, other law enforcement agencies, or other appropriate authorities;
- O. A request for a petition to be filed in district court for juvenile delinquency adjudication;
- P. Out-of-school suspension under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act;
- Q. Preparation of an admission or readmission plan;
- R. Expulsion under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act;
- S. Exclusion under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act; and/or
- T. Other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the school district.

#### **VIII. REMOVAL OF STUDENTS FROM CLASS**

- A. The teacher of record shall have the general control and governance of the classroom. Teachers have the responsibility of attempting to modify disruptive student behavior by such means as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. "Removal from class" and "removal" mean any actions taken by an authorized school district employee to prohibit a student from attending a class or activity period for a period of time not to exceed five (5) days, pursuant to this discipline policy. The building principal must approve a student's removal from class which exceeds one day.

Grounds for removal from class shall include any of the following:

1. Willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education, including conduct that interferes with a teacher's ability to teach or communicate effectively with students in a class or with the ability of other students to learn;
2. Willful conduct that endangers surrounding persons, including school district employees, the student or other students, or the property of the school;
3. Willful violation of any school rules, regulations, policies or procedures, including the Code of Student Conduct in this policy; or

4. Other conduct, which in the discretion of the teacher or administration requires removal of the student from class.

Such removal shall be for at least one (1) activity period or class period of instruction for a given course of study and shall not exceed five (5) such periods.

- B. Prior to removing the student from the classroom, a teacher must employ response strategies, including a restatement of expectations (warning) so that the student understands that continual disruption might lead to removal from class. When the student's behavior is extreme or unsafe, an immediate removal may be warranted.
- C. Within 24 hours of the removal, the teacher who removed the student must make a good faith effort to inform the student's parent or guardian by phone or in person that the student was removed from class. A good faith effort should include, as appropriate and/or necessary, multiple attempts to contact the parent and/or guardian using a variety of communication tools including, but not limited to phone calls, email, text messages, home visits, or other contacts. Efforts should be made to use the parent's or guardian's preferred method of communication, if known. The teacher must also submit a concise, objective written explanation of the basis for the removal, using the appropriate district approved behavior documentation system.
- D. After the teacher has removed the student from class the teacher must notify the principal or designee in the appropriate district approved behavior documentation system of:
  1. A record of teacher interventions and parent or guardian contacts,
  2. The basis for the removal,
  3. The interventions approved and other steps considered or taken to avoid the need for removal.
- E. When a teacher removes a student from class, the principal or designee shall follow up with teacher, student, and parent or guardian regarding next steps as it relates to the student code of conduct and the building student support plan.

## **IX. DISMISSAL**

- A. "Dismissal" means the denial of the current educational program to any student, including exclusion, expulsion, and suspension. Dismissal does not include removal from class.

The school district shall not deny due process or equal protection of the law to any student involved in a dismissal proceeding which may result in suspension, exclusion or expulsion.

The school district shall not dismiss any student without attempting to provide alternative educational services before dismissal proceedings, except where it appears that the student will create an immediate and substantial danger to self or to surrounding persons or property.

B. Violations leading to suspension, based upon severity, may also be grounds for actions leading to expulsion, and/or exclusion. A student may be dismissed on any of the following grounds:

1. Willful violation of any reasonable school board regulation, including those found in this policy;
2. Willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education, or the ability of school personnel to perform their duties, or school sponsored extracurricular activities; or
3. Willful conduct that endangers the student or other students, or surrounding persons, including school district employees, or property of the school.

C. Suspension Procedures

1. "Suspension" means an action by the school administration, under rules promulgated by the School Board, prohibiting a student from attending school for a period of no more than ten (10) school days; provided, however, if a suspension is longer than five (5) school days, the suspending administrator shall provide the superintendent with a reason for the longer term of suspension. This definition does not apply to dismissal for one (1) school day or less where a student with a disability does not receive regular or special education instruction during that dismissal period.
2. If a student's total days of removal from school exceed ten (10) cumulative days in a school year, the school district shall make reasonable attempts to convene a meeting with the student and the student's parent or guardian before subsequently removing the student from school and, with the permission of the parent or guardian, arrange for a mental health screening for the student at the parent or guardian's expense. The purpose of this meeting is to attempt to determine the pupil's need for assessment or other services or whether the parent or guardian should have the student assessed or diagnosed to determine whether the student needs treatment for a mental health disorder.
3. Each suspension action may include a readmission plan. The plan shall include, where appropriate, a provision for implementing alternative educational services upon readmission which must not be used to extend the current suspension. A readmission plan must not obligate a parent or guardian to provide psychotropic drugs to their student as a condition of

readmission. School administration must not use the refusal of a parent or guardian to consent to the administration of psychotropic drugs to their student or to consent to a psychiatric evaluation, screening, or examination of the student as a ground, by itself, to prohibit the student from attending class or participating in a school-related activity, or as a basis of a charge of child abuse, child neglect, or medical or educational neglect. The school administration may not impose consecutive suspensions against the same student for the same course of conduct, or incident of misconduct, except where the student will create an immediate and substantial danger to self or to surrounding persons or property or where the school district is in the process of initiating an expulsion, in which case the school administration may extend the suspension to a total of fifteen (15) days.

4. A child with a disability may be suspended. When a child with a disability has been suspended for more than five (5) consecutive days or ten (10) cumulative school days in the same year, and that suspension does not involve a recommendation for expulsion or exclusion or other change in placement under federal law, relevant members of the child's IEP team, including at least one of the child's teachers, shall meet and determine the extent to which the child needs services in order to continue to participate in the general education curriculum, although in another setting, and to progress toward meeting the goals in the child's IEP. That meeting must occur as soon as possible, but no more than ten (10) days after the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) consecutive day of suspension or the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) cumulative day of suspension has elapsed.
5. The school administration shall implement alternative educational services when the suspension exceeds five (5) days. Alternative educational services may include, but are not limited to, special tutoring, modified curriculum, modified instruction, other modifications or adaptations, instruction through electronic media, special education services as indicated by appropriate assessments, homebound instruction, supervised homework, or enrollment in another district or in an alternative learning center under Minn. Stat. § 123A.05 selected to allow the pupil to progress toward meeting graduation standards under Minn. Stat. § 120B.02, although in a different setting.
6. The school administration shall not suspend a student from school without an informal administrative conference with the student. Effort will be made to include parent or guardian in the administrative conference. The informal administrative conference shall take place before the suspension, except where it appears that the student will create an immediate and substantial danger to self or to surrounding persons or property, in which case the conference shall take place as soon as practicable following the suspension. At the informal administrative conference, a school administrator shall notify the student of the grounds for the suspension, provide an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and the

student may present the student's version of the facts. A separate administrative conference is required for each period of suspension.

7. After school administration notifies a student of the grounds for suspension, school administration may, instead of imposing the suspension, petition the juvenile court that the student is in need of services under Minn. Stat. Ch. 260C.
8. A written notice containing the grounds for suspension, a brief statement of the facts, a description of the testimony, a readmission plan, and a copy of the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56, shall be personally served upon the student at or before the time the suspension is to take effect, and upon the student's parent or guardian by mail within forty-eight (48) hours of the conference.
9. The school administration shall make reasonable efforts to notify the student's parent or guardian of the suspension by telephone as soon as possible following suspension.
10. In the event a student is suspended without an informal administrative conference on the grounds that the student will create an immediate and substantial danger to surrounding persons or property, the written notice shall be served upon the student and the student's parent or guardian within forty-eight (48) hours of the suspension. Service by mail shall be complete upon mailing.
11. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the student may be suspended pending the school board's decision in an expulsion or exclusion proceeding, provided that alternative educational services are implemented to the extent that suspension exceeds five (5) days.

D. Expulsion and Exclusion Procedures

1. "Expulsion" means a school board action to prohibit an enrolled student from further attendance for up to twelve (12) months from the date the student is expelled. The authority to expel rests with the school board.
2. "Exclusion" means an action taken by the school board to prevent enrollment or re-enrollment of a student for a period that shall not extend beyond the school year. The authority to exclude rests with the school board.
3. All expulsion and exclusion proceedings will be held pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. §§121A.40-121A.56.

4. No expulsion or exclusion shall be imposed without a hearing, unless the right to a hearing is waived in writing by the student and parent or guardian.
5. The student and parent or guardian shall be provided written notice of the school district's intent to initiate expulsion or exclusion proceedings. This notice shall be served upon the student and his or her parent or guardian personally or by mail, and shall contain a complete statement of the facts; a list of the witnesses and a description of their testimony; state the date, time and place of hearing; be accompanied by a copy of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56; describe alternative educational services accorded the student in an attempt to avoid the expulsion proceedings; and inform the student and parent or guardian of their right to: (1) have a representative of the student's own choosing, including legal counsel at the hearing; (2) examine the student's records before the hearing; (3) present evidence; and (4) confront and cross-examine witnesses. The school district shall advise the student's parent or guardian that free or low-cost legal assistance may be available and that a legal assistance resource list is available from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).
6. The hearing shall be scheduled within ten (10) days of the service of the written notice unless an extension, not to exceed five (5) days, is requested for good cause by the school district, student, parent, or guardian.
7. All hearings shall be held at a time and place reasonably convenient to the student, parent, or guardian and shall be closed, unless the student, parent, or guardian requests an open hearing.
8. The school district shall record the hearing proceedings at district expense, and a party may obtain a transcript at its own expense.
9. The student shall have a right to a representative of the student's own choosing, including legal counsel, at the student's sole expense. The school district shall advise the student's parent or guardian that free or low-cost legal assistance may be available and that a legal assistance resource list is available from MDE. The school board may appoint an attorney to represent the school district in any proceeding.
10. If the student designates a representative other than the parent or guardian, the representative must have a written authorization from the student and the parent or guardian providing them with access to and/or copies of the student's records.
11. All expulsion or exclusion hearings shall take place before and be conducted by an independent hearing officer designated by the school district. The hearing shall be conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

Testimony shall be given under oath and the hearing officer shall have the power to issue subpoenas and administer oaths.

12. At a reasonable time prior to the hearing, the student, parent or guardian, or authorized representative shall be given access to all school district records pertaining to the student, including any tests or reports upon which the proposed dismissal action may be based.
13. The student, parent or guardian, or authorized representative, shall have the right to compel the presence of any school district employee or agent or any other person who may have evidence upon which the proposed dismissal action may be based, and to confront and cross-examine any witnesses testifying for the school district.
14. The student, parent or guardian, or authorized representative, shall have the right to present evidence and testimony, including expert psychological or educational testimony.
15. The student cannot be compelled to testify in the dismissal proceedings.
16. The hearing officer shall prepare findings and a recommendation based solely upon substantial evidence presented at the hearing, which must be made to the school board and served upon the parties within two (2) days after the close of the hearing.
17. The school board shall base its decision upon the findings and recommendation of the hearing officer and shall render its decision at a meeting held within five (5) days after receiving the findings and recommendation. The school board may provide the parties with the opportunity to present exceptions and comments to the hearing officer's findings and recommendation provided that neither party presents any evidence not admitted at the hearing. The decision by the school board must be based on the record, must be in writing, and must state the controlling facts on which the decision is made in sufficient detail to apprise the parties and the Commissioner of Education (Commissioner) of the basis and reason for the decision.
18. A party to an expulsion or exclusion decision made by the school board may appeal the decision to the Commissioner within twenty-one (21) calendar days of school board action pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 121A.49. The decision of the school board shall be implemented during the appeal to the Commissioner.
19. The school district shall report any suspension, expulsion or exclusion action taken to the appropriate public service agency, when the student is under the supervision of such agency.

20. The school district must report, through the MDE electronic reporting system, each expulsion or exclusion within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the action to the Commissioner. This report must include a statement of alternative educational services given the student and the reason for, the effective date, and the duration of the exclusion or expulsion. The report must also include the student's age, grade, gender, race, and special education status. The dismissal report must include state student identification numbers of affected students.
21. Whenever a student fails to return to school within ten (10) school days of the termination of dismissal, a school administrator shall inform the student and his/her parent or guardian by mail of the student's right to attend and to be reinstated in the school district.

## **X. ADMISSION OR READMISSION PLAN**

A school administrator shall prepare and enforce an admission or readmission plan for any student who is excluded or expelled from school. The plan may include measures to improve the student's behavior, including completing a character education program consistent with Minn. Stat. § 120B.232, Subd. 1, and require parental involvement in the admission or readmission process, and may indicate the consequences to the student of not improving the student's behavior. The readmission plan must not obligate parents to provide a sympathomimetic medication for their child as a condition of readmission.

## **XI. NOTIFICATION OF POLICY VIOLATIONS**

Notification of any violation of this policy and resulting disciplinary action shall be as provided herein, or as otherwise provided by the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act or other applicable law. The teacher, principal or other school district official may provide additional notification as deemed appropriate.

## **XII. STUDENT DISCIPLINE RECORDS**

The policy of the school district is that complete and accurate student discipline records be maintained. The collection, dissemination, and maintenance of student discipline records shall be consistent with applicable school district policies and federal and state law, including the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13.

## **XIII. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

- A. Students who are currently identified as eligible under the IDEA or Section 504 will be subject to the provisions of this policy, unless the student's IEP or 504 plan specifies a necessary modification.
- B. Before initiating an expulsion or exclusion of a student with a disability, relevant members of the child's IEP team and the child's parent shall, consistent with federal law, conduct a manifestation determination and determine whether the child's behavior was

1. caused by or had a direct and substantial relationship to the child's disability and
  2. whether the child's conduct was a direct result of a failure to implement the child's IEP.
- C. If the student's educational program is appropriate and the behavior is not a manifestation of the student's disability, the school district will proceed with discipline – up to and including expulsion – as if the student did not have a disability, unless the student's educational program provides otherwise.
- D. If the team determines that the behavior subject to discipline is a manifestation of the student's disability, the team shall conduct a functional behavioral assessment and implement a behavioral intervention plan for such student provided that the school district had not conducted such assessment prior to the manifestation determination before the behavior that resulted in a change of placement. Where a behavioral intervention plan previously has been developed, the team will review the behavioral intervention plan and modify it as necessary to address the behavior.
- E. School personnel may order a change in the placement of a student with a disability for the same amount of time that a student without a disability would be subject to discipline, but not to exceed 45 school days, if a student with a disability:
1. carries or possesses a weapon; or
  2. knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance; or
  3. inflicts serious bodily harm upon another person;

while on school transportation, at school, on school premises, or at a school function.

The IEP team must include services and modifications designed to address the misbehavior which led to the placement in an interim alternative educational setting, expulsion, or exclusion, and modifications designed to address the behavior that gave rise to the 45-day placement.

- F. When a student who has an IEP is excluded or expelled for misbehavior that is not a manifestation of the student's disability, the school district shall continue to provide special education and related services during the period of expulsion or exclusion.

#### **XIV. OPEN ENROLLED STUDENTS**

The school district may terminate the enrollment of a nonresident student enrolled under an Enrollment Option Program (Minn. Stat. § 124D.03) or Enrollment in Nonresident District (Minn. Stat. § 124D.08) at the end of a school year if the student meets the definition of a habitual truant, the student has been provided appropriate services for truancy (Minn. Stat. Ch. 260A), and the student's case has been referred to juvenile court. The school district may also terminate the enrollment of a nonresident student over the age of seventeen (17) enrolled under an Enrollment Options Program if the student is absent without lawful excuse for one or more periods on fifteen (15) school days and has not lawfully withdrawn from school.

#### **XV. DISTRIBUTION OF POLICY**

The school district will notify students and parents of the existence and contents of this policy through the Independent School District 191 Student/Parent Handbook or in such a manner as it deems appropriate. Copies of this discipline policy shall be made available to all students and parents at the commencement of each school year and to all new students and parents upon enrollment. This policy shall also be available upon request in each principal's office.

#### **XVI. REVIEW OF POLICY**

The principal and representatives of parents, students and staff in each school building shall confer at least annually to review this discipline policy, determine if the policy is working as intended, and to assess whether the discipline policy has been enforced. Any recommended changes shall be submitted to the superintendent for consideration by the school board, which shall conduct an annual review of this policy.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)  
 Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota Students)  
 Minn. Stat. § 120B.232 (Character Development Education)  
 Minn. Stat. § 121A.26 (School Preassessment Teams)  
 Minn. Stat. § 121A.29 (Reporting; Chemical Abuse)  
 Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56 (Pupil Fair Dismissal Act)  
 Minn. Stat. § 121A.575 (Alternatives to Pupil Suspension)  
 Minn. Stat. § 121A.582 (Reasonable Force)  
 Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.60-121A.61 (Removal From Class)  
 Minn. Stat. § 122A.42 (General Control of Schools)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123A.05 (Area Learning Center Organization)  
 Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)  
 Minn. Stat. § 124D.08 (Enrollment in Nonresident District)  
 Minn. Stat. Ch.125A (Students With Disabilities)  
 Minn. Stat. § 152.22 (Medical Cannabis; Definitions)  
 Minn. Stat. § 152.23 (Medical Cannabis; Limitations)

Minn. Stat. Ch. 260A (Truancy)  
 Minn. Stat. Ch. 260C (Juvenile Court Act)

20 U.S.C. §§ 1400-1487 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004)

29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)

34 C.F.R. § 300.530(e)(1) (Manifestation Determination)

***Cross References:*** Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 417 (Chemical Use and Abuse)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 419 (Tobacco Free Environment)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 501 (School Weapons)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 503 (Student Attendance)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 505 (Distribution of Nonschool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 514 (Bullying Prohibition Policy)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 524 (Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 525 (Violence Prevention)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 526 (Hazing Prohibition)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 527 (Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 610 (Field Trips)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 711 (Video Recording on School Buses)  
 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 712 (Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses)

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*Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 105*

## **105 EQUITY, ACCESS AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that educational equity, access and excellence is provided for each learner. Each of the school district's students deserves respectful learning environments in which the student's identity and background is valued and contributes to successful academic outcomes for all students.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The policy of the school district is to raise achievement levels by creating a school district system which ensures equity, access and excellence for each student.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Equal" in education means of the same measure, quantity, amount or access.
- B. "Equity" in education means each student has access to what they need to be successful.

### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. School district administration will develop, support, model, and sustain a system that provides equal opportunity to all students and equitable access to supports each student needs to overcome barriers to success.
- B. School district administration will create multiple pathways to success in order to meet the needs of each learner and will actively encourage, support and expect high academic achievement for all.
- C. School district administration will monitor policies, programs and practices to ensure educational equity and access and work to eliminate racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and different-ability disparities in all district and school-level programs.
- D. School district administration will develop processes that uphold the district's commitment to equal opportunities and equitable access to supports.

### **V. CULTURAL ADORNMENTS**

Students are allowed to wear cultural adornments at graduation ceremonies that represent their culture, race, ethnicity, gender and/or sexual orientation. Adornments must be displayed respectfully, truly represent the identity of the wearer, and be consistent

with other district policies and student handbook.

***Cross References:*** Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 104 (School District Mission Statement)  
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 504 (Student Dress and Appearance)  
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)

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*Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 102*

## **102 EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that equal educational opportunity is provided for all students of the school district.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The school district's policy is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. The school district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or age. The school district also makes reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities.
- B. The school district prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above. For information about the types of conduct that constitute violation of the school district's policy on harassment and violence and the school district's procedures for addressing such complaints, refer to the school district's policy on harassment and violence.
- C. This policy applies to all areas of education including academics, coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, or other rights or privileges of enrollment.
- D. Every teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district is responsible to comply with and ensure compliance with this policy.
- E. Any student, parent or guardian having a question regarding this policy should discuss it with the Assistant Superintendent.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 121A.03, Subd. 2 (Sexual, Religious, and Racial Harassment and Violence Policy)  
 Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)  
 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)  
 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (Americans with Disabilities Act)

**Cross References:** Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 105 (Equity, Access and Excellence in Education)

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 422 (Policies Incorporated by Reference)

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District Policy 522 (Student Sex Nondiscrimination)

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MSBA/MASA Model Policy 808  
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## 808 COVID-19 FACE COVERING POLICY

*[Note: The Governor’s Emergency Executive Order 20-81 generally requires Minnesotans to wear a face covering in certain settings and circumstances, including in various school settings. Emergency Executive Order 20-82 states that all Minnesota public schools must adhere to parameters determined by Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) in implementing or shifting between in-person learning, hybrid learning and distance learning. MDH’s Safe Learning Plan for 2020-21 and the 2020-2021 Planning Guide for Schools requires school district and charter schools to develop and implement a face covering policy that is clearly posted and communicated to students, staff, families, and potential visitors to the school building. The provisions of this policy substantially reflect the requirements of the 2020-2021 Planning Guide for Schools, Executive Order 20-81, and Executive Order 20-82.]*

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for employees students and other persons (including visitors, guests, contractors, etc.) present on school property to wear face coverings in classrooms, preschool, child care settings and other indoor areas, as well as outdoor areas where a physical distance of 6 feet cannot be maintained between persons, in order to minimize exposure to COVID-19.

### II. GENERAL OF STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The policy of the school district is to comply with Executive Order 20-81, Executive Order 20-82, and applicable face covering requirements from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education.
- B. Face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer does not know they are infected.
- C. Unless an exception described in Part IV below applies, all students, staff, and other people present indoors in school buildings and district offices or riding on school transportation vehicles are required to wear a face covering.
- D. A violation of this policy occurs when any student, staff, or other person present in a school building, in the school district office, or on a school transportation vehicle fails to wear a face covering, unless an enumerated exception applies.

### **III. DEFINITION OF FACE COVERING**

- A. A face covering must be worn to cover the nose and mouth completely, should not be overly tight or restrictive, and should feel comfortable to wear. The following are included in the definition of face covering:
1. Paper or disposable mask;
  2. Cloth face mask;
  3. Scarf;
  4. Neck gaiter;
  5. Bandana;
  6. Religious face covering; and
  7. Medical-grade masks and respirators
- B. A face shield is a clear plastic barrier that covers the face and allows visibility of facial expressions and lip movements for speech perception. A face shield should extend below the chin anteriorly, to the cheeks laterally, and there should be no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece.
- C. Masks that incorporate a valve designed to facilitate easy exhaling, mesh masks, or masks with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vents are not sufficient face coverings because they allow exhaled droplets to be released into the air.

### **IV. EXCEPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES; TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF FACE COVERING**

- A. Face coverings should not be placed on anyone under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance, or anyone who cannot tolerate a face covering due to a developmental, medical, or behavioral health condition.
- B. A face shield may be used as an alternative to a face covering in the following situations:
1. A student in grades kindergarten through eighth grade may wear a face shield when wearing a face covering is problematic.
  2. A teacher of any grade level may wear a face shield when wearing a face covering may impede the educational process.

3. Staff, students, or visitors who cannot tolerate a face covering due to a developmental, medical, or behavioral health condition may wear a face shield instead of a face covering.
  4. Staff providing direct support student services may wear a face shield instead of a face covering when a face covering would impede the service being provided.
- C. Staff, students, and other people present in school buildings or in district offices may temporarily remove their face covering or face shield in the following situations:
1. When engaging in classes or activities conducted outdoors, though people participating in these activities should maintain six feet of distance to the extent possible;
  2. When engaging in indoor physical activity where the level of exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult, though people participating in these activities should maintain six feet of distance to the extent possible;
  3. During activities, such as swimming or showering, where the face covering will get wet;
  4. While receiving a service, including nursing, medical, or personal care services, that cannot be performed or is difficult to perform when the individual receiving the service is wearing a face covering;
  5. Pre-kindergarten students age 5 years and younger participating in programming in a school building or district office;
  6. When the wearer needs to remove their face covering to eat or drink, though care should be taken to maintain as much space as possible between people while doing so;
  7. During indoor practices or performances involving singing, acting, public speaking, or playing musical instruments where a face covering cannot be used while playing the instrument, though people participating in these activities should maintain six feet of distance to the extent possible;
  8. When required by school staff for the purposes of identification;
  9. Staff working alone in their offices, classrooms, vehicles, or job locations that have no person-to-person interaction;
  10. Staff working in communal spaces that have barriers such as Plexiglas or cubicle walls between employees that are above face level; or

11. When communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing or has a disability, medical condition, or mental health condition that makes communication with a face covering difficult, provided that social distancing is maintained to the extent possible.

## V. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. This policy will be conspicuously posted in each school building and administrative office and communicated to students, staff, families, and potential visitors to the school building.
- B. The school district will provide face coverings and/or face shields to employees and students. Employees and students may choose to wear their own face covering as long as it covers the nose and mouth. To the extent practicable, the school district will maintain an extra supply of face coverings for people who forget to bring their face covering.
- C. The school district will teach and reinforce the use of face coverings and/or face shields for students and staff throughout the school day, including on transportation vehicles, inside school buildings, and generally when on school grounds.
- D. Individuals who cannot tolerate a face covering due to a medical condition or disability related condition may be permitted to utilize alternative options such as a face shield or other reasonable accommodation. The Superintendent or designee shall have discretion to determine whether an employee, parent, or community member qualifies for a reasonable accommodation and the accommodation to be provided. For a student with a medical condition or disability, the student's education team (i.e. IEP team, Section 504 team, health plan team) will determine whether the student qualifies for a reasonable accommodation and the accommodation to be provided. As a condition to granting a reasonable accommodation, the school district may require an individual to provide a physician's note and/or other relevant information or with respect to the condition or circumstance. Requests for reasonable accommodations from the face covering requirement shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable federal and state law.
- E. All face coverings shall meet the requirements of applicable dress code policies and/or codes of conduct. To the extent the face covering requirements of this policy conflict with MSBA Model Policy 504 – Student Dress and Appearance, this Policy shall control.
- F. The school district will make available distance learning to its enrolled students who may be medically vulnerable or otherwise unwilling to return to in-person or hybrid learning.

## VI. ENFORCEMENT; CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- A. In order to promote the health and safety of employees, students and members of the community, and make available a safe environment that is conducive to learning, compliance with this policy is necessary.
- B. Employees who fail or refuse to comply with this policy may be subject to discipline, as appropriate, up to and including the termination of employment.
- C. Students who fail or refuse to comply with this policy may be subject to discipline or removal from school property. Students unwilling to participate in in-person or hybrid learning in compliance with this policy will be offered distance learning.
- D. The school district may, in its discretion, report violators of this policy to law enforcement. Any individual who willfully violates Emergency Executive Order 20-81 or 20-82 is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and upon conviction must be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100. (NOTE: This does not apply to: (1) children younger than 14 years old; or (2) students 14 years old and older who are enrolled in a school identified in Paragraph 12 of Emergency Executive Order 20-81, and who are on the premises of the school for educational purposes).

***Legal References:*** Emergency Executive Order 20-81  
 Emergency Executive Order 20-82  
 Minn. Stat. § 12.45 (Governor's Orders and Rules, Effect)  
 Minn. Stat. § 12.45 (Violations; Penalties)

***Cross References:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 807 (Health and Safety Policy)  
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 504 (Student Dress and Appearance)

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*Burnsville Eagan Savage School District Policy 807*

## **807 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in promoting health and safety, reducing injuries, and complying with federal, state, and local health and safety laws and regulations.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The policy of the school district is to implement a health and safety program that includes plans and procedures to protect employees, students, volunteers, and members of the general public who enter school district buildings and grounds. The objective of the health and safety program will be to provide a safe and healthy learning environment; to increase safety awareness; to help prevent accidents, illnesses, and injuries; to reduce liability; to assign duties and responsibilities to school district staff to implement and maintain the health and safety program; to establish written procedures for the identification and management of hazards or potential hazards; to train school district staff on safe work practices; and to comply with all health and safety, environmental, and occupational health laws, rules, and regulations.
- B. All school district employees have a responsibility for maintaining a safe and healthy environment within the school district and are expected to be involved in the health and safety program to the extent practicable. For the purpose of implementing this policy, the school district may form a health and safety advisory committee to be appointed by the superintendent. The health and safety advisory committee will be composed of employees and other individuals with specific knowledge of related issues. The advisory committee will provide recommendations to the administration regarding plans and procedures to implement this policy and to establish procedures for identifying, analyzing, and controlling hazards, minimizing risks, and training school district staff on safe work practices. The committee will also recommend procedures for investigating accidents and enforcement of workplace safety rules. Each recommendation shall include estimates of annual costs of implementing and maintaining that proposed recommendation. The superintendent may request that the safety committee established under Minn. Stat. § 182.676 carry out all or part of the duties of the advisory committee or the advisory committee may consider recommendations from a separate safety committee established under Minn. Stat § 182.676.

### **III. PROCEDURES**

- A. Based upon recommendations from the health and safety advisory committee and subject to the budget adopted by the school board to implement or maintain these recommendations, the administration will adopt and implement written plans and procedures for identification and management of hazards or potential hazards existing within the school district in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations. Written plans and procedures will be maintained, updated, and reviewed by the school board on an annual basis and shall be an addendum to this policy. The administration shall identify in writing a contact person to oversee compliance with each specific plan or procedure.
- B. To the extent that federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations do not exist for identification and management of hazards or potential hazards, the health and safety advisory committee shall evaluate other available resources and generally accepted best practice recommendations. Best practices are techniques or actions which, through experience or research, have consistently proven to lead to specific positive outcomes.
- C. The school district shall monitor and make good faith efforts to comply with any new or amended laws, rules, or regulations to control potential hazards.

#### **IV. PROGRAM AND PLANS**

- A. For the purpose of implementing this policy, the administration will, within the budgetary limitations adopted by the school board, implement a health and safety program that includes specific plan requirements in various areas as identified by the health and safety advisory committee. Areas that may be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Asbestos
  - 2. Fire and Life Safety
  - 3. Employee Right to Know
  - 4. Emergency Action Planning
  - 5. Combustible and Hazardous Materials Storage
  - 6. Indoor Air Quality
  - 7. Mechanical Ventilation
  - 8. Mold Cleanup and Abatement
  - 9. Accident and Injury Reduction Program: Model AWAIR Program for Minnesota Schools
  - 10. Infectious Waste/Bloodborne Pathogens
  - 11. Community Right to Know
  - 12. Compressed Gas Safety
  - 13. Confined Space Standard
  - 14. Electrical Safety
  - 15. First Aid/CPR/AED
  - 16. Food Safety Inspection
  - 17. Forklift Safety
  - 18. Hazardous Waste

19. Hearing Conservation
20. Hoist/Lift/Elevator Safety
21. Integrated Pest Management
22. Laboratory Safety Standard/Chemical Hygiene Plan
23. Lead
24. Control of Hazardous Energy Sources (Lockout/Tagout)
25. Machine Guarding
26. Safety Committee
27. Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
28. Playground Safety
29. Radon
30. Respiratory Protection
31. Underground and Above Ground Storage Tanks
32. Welding/Cutting/Brazing
33. Fall Protection
34. National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for School Generators established by the United States E.P.A.
35. Other areas determined to be appropriate by the health and safety advisory committee.

If a risk is not present in the school district, the preparation of a plan or procedure for that risk will not be necessary.

- B. The administration shall establish procedures to ensure, to the extent practicable, that all employees are properly trained and instructed in job procedures, crisis response duties, and emergency response actions where exposure or possible exposure to hazards and potential hazards may occur.
- C. The administration shall conduct or arrange safety inspections and drills. Any identified hazards, unsafe conditions, or unsafe practices will be documented and corrective action taken to the extent practicable to control that hazard, unsafe condition, or unsafe practice.
- D. Communication from employees regarding hazards, unsafe or potentially unsafe working conditions, and unsafe or potentially unsafe practices is encouraged in either written or oral form. No employee will be retaliated against for reporting hazards or unsafe or potentially unsafe working conditions or practices.
- E. The administration shall conduct periodic workplace inspections to identify potential hazards and safety concerns.
- F. In the event of an accident or a near miss, the school district shall promptly cause an accident investigation to be conducted in order to determine the cause of the incident and to take action to prevent a similar incident. All accidents and near misses must be reported to an immediate supervisor as soon as possible.

## **V. BUDGET**

The superintendent or designee shall be responsible to provide for periodic school board review and approval of the various plan requirements of the health and safety program, including current plan requirements and related written plans and procedures and recommendations for additional plan requirements proposed to be adopted. The superintendent, or such other school official as designated by the superintendent, each year shall prepare preliminary revenue and expenditure budgets for the school district's health and safety program. The preliminary budgets shall be accompanied by such written commentary as may be necessary for them to be clearly understood by the members of the school board and the public. The school board shall review the projected revenues and expenditures for this program and make such adjustments within the expenditure budget to carry out the current program and to implement new recommendations within the revenues projected and appropriated for this purpose. No funds may be expended for the health and safety program in any school year prior to the adoption of the budget document authorizing that expenditure for that year, or prior to the adoption of an amendment to that budget document by the school board to authorize that expenditure for that year. The health and safety program shall be implemented, conducted, and administered within the fiscal restraints of the budget so adopted.

## **VI. ENFORCEMENT**

Enforcement of this policy is necessary for the goals of the school district's health and safety program to be achieved. Within applicable budget limitations, school district employees will be trained and receive periodic reviews of safety practices and procedures, focusing on areas that directly affect the employees' job duties. Employees shall participate in practice drills. Willful violations of safe work practices may result in disciplinary action in accordance with applicable school district policies.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 123B.56 (Health, Safety, and Environmental Management)  
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.57 (Capital Expenditure; Health and Safety)  
 Minn. Stat. § 182.676 (Safety Committees)  
 Minn. Rules Part 5208.0010 (Applicability)  
 Minn. Rules Part 5208.0070 (Alternative Forms of Committee)

***Cross References:*** Burnsville Eagan Savage School District Policy 407 (Employee Right to Know - Exposure to Hazardous Substances)  
 Burnsville Eagan Savage School District Policy 701 (Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget)  
 Burnsville Eagan Savage School District Policy 806 (Emergency Operations Policy)