

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANAWA  
POLICY & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA**

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**Date: December 13, 2021**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Hybrid Meeting Format (In-person Meeting for Board of Education at MES Board Room, 800 Beech Street & Virtual Components)**

**Board Committee Members: J. Johnson (C), Pethke, Reierson**

**In Attendance:**

**Timer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Recorder:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Consider Endorsement of One-Time Early Dismissal of Teachers at 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 as Presented
2. Consider Endorsement of Food Service Team Member MES Serving Line - Dishwasher - Prep Cook Job Description Change to Increase Hours as Presented (Action)
3. Consider Endorsement of Revised PO5460 - Graduation Requirements as Presented
4. Consider Endorsement of Revised AG5460 - Graduation Requirements as Presented
5. Consider Endorsement of Revised AG5430 - Laude System as Presented
6. NEOLA Policy Updates Volume 30, No. 2 + Special Update
  - a. Consider Endorsement of Revised Policies as Listed (Information / Action)
    - i. PO0100 - Definitions
    - ii. PO0122 - Board Powers
    - iii. PO0144.3 - Conflict of Interest
    - iv. PO0145 - Board Member Anti-Harassment
    - v. PO0167.3 - Public Comment at Board Meetings
    - vi. PO1210 - Board - District Administrator Relationship
    - vii. PO1422 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
    - viii. PO1422.02 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
    - ix. PO1623 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment

- x. PO1662 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Employee Anti-Harassment
- xi. PO2240 - Controversial Issues in the Classroom
- xii. PO2260 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Education Opportunity
- xiii. PO2260.01 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
- xiv. PO2414 - Human Growth and Development
- xv. PO2430 - District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities
- xvi. PO2431 - Interscholastic Athletics
- xvii. PO3120 - Employment of Professional Staff
- xxviii. PO3122 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- xix. PO3122.02 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
- xx. PO3170 - Substance Abuse
- xxi. PO3215 - Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Professional Staff
- xxii. PO3216 - Staff Dress and Grooming
- xxiii. PO3230 - Ethics and Conflict of Interest
- xxiv. PO3362 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Employee Anti-Harassment
- xxv. PO4120 - Employment of Support Staff
- xxvi. PO4120.04 - Employment of Substitutes
- xxvii. PO4122 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- xxviii. PO4122.02 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
- xxix. PO4123 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
- xxx. PO4161 - Unrequested Leaves of Absence/Fitness for Duty
- xxxi. PO4170 - Substance Abuse
- xxxii. PO4215 - Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Support Staff
- xxxiii. PO4216 - Support Staff Dress and Grooming
- xxxiv. PO4230 - Ethics and Conflict of Interest
- xxxv. PO4362 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Employee Anti-Harassment
- xxxvi. PO5512 - Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students
- xxxvii. PO5520 - Disorderly Conduct
- xxxviii. PO5720 - Student Activism
- xxxix. PO5880 - Public Performances by Students
- xl. PO6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
- xli. PO7434 - Use of Tobacco and Nicotine on School Premises
- xlii. PO7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
- xliii. PO7450 - Property Inventory
- xliv. PO7455 - Accounting System for Capital Assets

- xliv. PO9270 - Home-Based, Private, or Tribal Schooling
    - xlvi. PO9500 - Relations with Education Institutions and Organizations
    - xlvii. PO9700 - Relations with Non-School Affiliated Groups
  - b. Review and Discuss Revised Policies as Listed (Information / Action)
    - i. PO0144.2 - Board Member Ethics
    - ii. PO0144.5 - Board Member Behavior and Code of Conduct
    - iii. PO0174.2 - School Performance Report
    - iv. PO1130 - Ethics and Conflict of Interest
    - v. PO2700.01 - School Performance and State Accountability Report Cards
    - vi. PO5112 - Entrance Age
  - c. Discuss and Make Decisions on Policy Revisions to Recommend to Full Board as Listed (Information / Action)
    - i. PO0131.1 - Bylaws and Policies
    - ii. PO2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
    - iii. PO5517 - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - Student Anti-Harassment
- 7. Review PO2430 and AG2430 - District Sponsored Clubs and Activities
- 8. Policy & Human Resources Committee Planning Guide (Information)
- 9. Set Next Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Next Meeting Items:
  - a. School Nurse References - Nurse/Paramedical (Information / Action)
  - b. Review of Library/Media Center Protocols (Information / Action)
    - i. Board Policy 2522 - Library Media Centers: All changes are highlighted in yellow.
    - ii. AG2522B - Support for Intellectual Freedom: New Administrative Guideline
    - iii. AG2522C - Library Material Formal Reconsideration Form: New Administrative Guideline
    - iv. Young Adult (YA) Materials Access Procedure: Updated for that would be included in the 2022-23 registration packet for all students under the age of 16
  - c. Consider Endorsement of NEOLA Administrative Guidelines Volume 30, No. 2 + Special Update (Information / Action)
  - d. Consider Endorsement of Revised PO8500 - Food Services as Presented
  - e. Consider Staff Engagement Opportunities- KPI IV. Engagement & Satisfaction E., F., and G. Staff, Parent, and Student Surveys
    - i. Review Staff Survey (Information / Action)
- 11. Adjourn



# School District of Manawa

To: Board of Education Members  
From: Dr. Melanie J. Oppor and Mrs. Carmen O'Brien  
Date: December 8, 2021  
Re: One-Time Early Dismissal of Teachers on 12-22-2021

The purpose of this memo is to request a one-time, non-precedent setting early dismissal of teachers on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 2:10 p.m. The teachers official end of workday is 3:30 p.m. Approving this recommendation would allow teachers to leave work about 90 minutes early as long as all students in their care are safely off the school site.

## Rationale:

- On a typical Wednesday, students leave school one hour early to enable teachers to do collaborative work. The winter break this year begins on Thursday, December 23. Teachers would appreciate the opportunity to start their Christmas/Winter Break preparations early which may include travel.
- The day before a holiday break is not likely to be the most productive meeting time.
- For years, there has been a precedence to allow teachers to leave as soon as students are safely off the school grounds on the day before the start of a break or a holiday. This means that teachers would probably be able to leave the building between 15-20 minutes before the end of their official work day at 3:30 p.m.
- This is a one-time non-precedent setting event as no other breaks this school year are timed like the start of Winter Break that impact an early release Wednesday. Also next school year, early release Wednesdays are being discontinued.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Carmen O'Brien  
**cc:** Dr. Melanie Oppor  
**Date:** 12/8/2021  
**Re:** Food Service Team Member – MES job description update

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**Recommendation**

I recommend increasing the hours from 5.5 hours per day to 5.75 hours per day for the Food Service Team Member that works primarily at the Manawa Elementary School.

**Rationale**

The number of students participating in the breakfast and lunch program has increased due to all meals being free of charge for families. An increase of 15 minutes per day will allow the employee in this position more time to assist in clean-up after the lunch service. The food service department is financially able to support this increase.





# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANAWA

## Job Description

### FOOD SERVICE TEAM MEMBER MES SERVING LINE - DISHWASHER - PREP COOK

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Education or experience in Food Service
2. Food Safety Certification
3. Professional communication skills
4. Ability to take direction
5. Ability to work in a team environment
6. Ability to work calmly and effectively under pressure
7. Ability to take initiative in resolving challenges
8. Friendly and positive attitude especially when serving food to customers

#### JOB GOAL:

Follow all food safety requirements to provide healthy meals in a friendly manner to students and staff.

#### REPORTS TO:

Food Service Manager

#### EVALUATED BY:

Food Service Manager

#### TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:

School-year, part-time position - 5.75 hours per day, reports with students and as directed by administration.

Salary and benefits as determined by the Board of Education and Employee Handbook.

#### PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Maintains confidentiality to the School District of Manawa
- Promotes a positive image of the District at all times
- Attends work regularly and is punctual
- Assembles and serves prepared food items as directed by the Food Service Manager
- Ensures food quality standards are met, from delivery to presentation of the final product
- Serves customers in a friendly, efficient manner
- Operates computer system for student purchase of food
- Adheres to all statutes relating to the school nutrition program
- Delivers food to Manawa Elementary School
- Cleans, sanitizes, and organizes food service areas as directed by the Food Service Manager
- Operates a variety of standard kitchen equipment
- Able to reach, bend, stoop, and frequently lift up to 35 pounds and occasionally lift/move up to 50 pounds and stand for extended periods of time
- Any other duties assigned by the Food Service Manager

The employee shall remain free of any alcohol or non-prescribed controlled substance abuse in the workplace throughout his/her employment in the District.

The School District of Manawa does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability. Federal law prohibits discrimination in education and employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability. Applicants requesting a reasonable accommodation for a disability should contact the District Office by email.



Book	Policy Manual
Section	5000 Students
Title	Copy of GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Code	po5460
Status	Proposed to Policy & Human Resources Committee
Adopted	June 20, 2016
Last Revised	November 16, 2020

#### 5460 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

High School courses taken by ~~middle~~~~junior-high~~ school students shall appear on the student's high school transcript, along with the grade received however the grade and class will not be factored into the student's high school grade point average.

The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this District who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board as provided by State law.

A student must meet the following graduation requirements in order to be eligible to receive a Little Wolf High School diploma:

- A. Student must attend high school for eight (8) semesters. Students may be eligible for early graduation in accordance with established policy and procedures. Students may have this requirement waived if the early graduation procedures established in the rules are followed.
- B. In accordance with State law, a board may not grant a high school diploma to any student unless, during the high school grades, the student has been enrolled in a class or has participated in an activity approved by the Board during each class period of each school day, or the student has been enrolled in an alternative education program (defined in s. 115.28(7)(e)1) or is participating in a Board-approved program that allows a student enrolled in the high school grades who has demonstrated a high level of maturity and personal responsibility to leave the school premises for up to one (1) class period each day if the student does not have a class scheduled during that class period.
- C. Credits - A Little Wolf High School diploma shall be granted upon successful completion of a total of ~~25~~~~24~~ credits for Class of ~~2023~~~~19~~ and beyond in grades 9 through 12 to include:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Physical Education	1 ½ credits
Health	½ credit
Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits

Electives for ~~2023~~~~19~~ and beyond 10 credits

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



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

The Board may approve a course or courses in career and technical education that it determines may satisfy up to a total of one (1) credit of mathematics and/or science credit.

All required courses shall be successfully completed, and any failure shall be made up before a diploma will be issued.

D. Students with disabilities who properly complete the programs specified in their I.E.P. and have received the recommendation of the I.E.P. team may participate in graduation activities and may be awarded a diploma (provided the student satisfied the District's high school graduation requirements). The IEP team and any other necessary members will review the student's academic progress and the alternative achievement standards for graduation criteria.

#### E. Alternative Provisions for Earning a Manawa Little Wolf High School Diploma

A post-high school candidate is a student who is less than twenty-two (22) years of age at the time of their requested re-enrollment and whose class has previously graduated. District Administrator approval is required for all students who are twenty-two (22) years of age or older.

Post-high school candidates must meet the graduation requirements as established at the time of their re-enrollment and not the requirements that previously existed for the class of which s/he was a member.

#### F. Post-Secondary Course Work

Post-secondary course work to be applied toward a high school diploma must be taken through

1. correspondence/online school.

Such courses must be evaluated and approved by the high school principal in order to apply toward the high school diploma.

2. accredited college/technical college.

Course work taken at a college/technical college will be approved and credits earned apply toward a high school diploma if:

- a. The college/technical college course is not a duplicate of a high school course.
- b. If the course is a logical next step course in the subject sequence and is not offered in any form by the high school.
- c. If the desired course is not offered by the high school but is determined, by the principal, to meet the educational goals and interests of the student.

The costs for the above-described course work will be based upon and follow the policies established via the Early College Credit Program (ECCP).

#### G. Attendance

Current seniors, like all students, must comply with all attendance expectations as set forth in the district's Attendance/Tuancy Plan. A senior identified as truant during their last semester of coursework will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

#### H. School Program Obligations

All fees, fines, detentions, and similar obligations arising from student participation in school programming must be fulfilled before the student can participate in the commencement ceremony.

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

### **Graduation Activities and Ceremony**

A student may be denied participation in graduation activities for disciplinary reasons and/or for non-payment of fees. The District Administrator and high school principal may establish additional requirements for participation in the graduation activities and may organize said activities to have the appearance and decorum deemed reflective of the District.

Only those students who have met all District graduation requirements as set forth in this policy and are wearing the prescribed cap and gown and complying with administrative behavioral expectations shall be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony.

### **Policy Reporting and Review**

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

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

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Legal	115.28, Wis. Stats.
	118.30, Wis. Stats.
	118.33, Wis. Stats.
	PI 18.03 and PI 18.04

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#### 5460 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order for a student to qualify for a diploma in this District, s/he must have enrolled in a class or participated in an activity approved by the Board during each class period of each school day. Additionally, s/he must have satisfactorily completed the following courses and earned at least four (4) credits of English, including writing composition, three (3) credits of social studies including State and local government, three (3) credits of mathematics, three (3) credits of science, one and one-half (1.5) credits of physical education and one-half (.5) credit of health education, and ~~ten~~ **nine (109)** elective credits.

A student must successfully complete a civics assessment in order to be granted a high school diploma.

A computer science class may count as a mathematics credit and an agricultural sciences course may count as a science credit.

If the Board approves a career and technical education course as qualifying for mathematics and/or science credit, any student may satisfy a total of one credit of required science and/or mathematics credits through the Board-approved career and technical education course.

Annually, the administration will determine whether sufficient interest exists among eligible ~~middle school 7th and 8th grade~~ students to take course offerings that qualify for high school credit as approved by the Board. The principal and each student's advisor shall determine the eligibility of any student to take such course(s) for high school credit.

- A. Courses qualifying for high school credit will only be offered if there is sufficient interest and if a teacher certified in the subject matter at the high school level can be scheduled to teach the course(s). Students are eligible to acquire as many high school credits as are available and for which the student qualifies.
- B. Courses qualifying for high school credit may be taken at the District High School or through Distance Learning/online options when those options are deemed appropriate by the administration. Where classes are held at the high school, appropriate transportation shall be arranged by the student's parent with the principal prior to a student being enrolled in an approved high school course. Students are eligible to acquire as many high school credits as are available and for which the student qualifies.

The Board does permit students to earn credit by demonstrating competency or creating a learning portfolio. A student shall not earn more than half (1/2) of the required credits through this process.

While the District does not require students to participate in community service activities to receive a high school diploma, community service is a valuable key performance indicator that is encouraged and monitored.

The District may grant a high school diploma to a student who has not satisfied the requirements under this policy if the student was enrolled in an alternative education program and the District determines that the student has demonstrated a level of proficiency in the subjects required under this policy. An alternative education program is defined as an instructional program, approved by the

School Board, that utilizes successful alternative or adaptive school structures and teaching techniques and that is incorporated into existing, traditional classrooms, or regularly scheduled curricular programs or that is offered in place of regularly scheduled curricular programs. "Alternative educational program" does not include a private school or a home-based private educational program.

Graduation must be earned by passing all mandated subjects and earning total units required for the specific diploma sought.

Students in special education shall either receive a diploma if certified they have properly completed the requirements of their IEP, or receive the recommendation of the IEP Team, as related to the completion of credit requirements through regular, special, or alternative education. They may participate in all graduation activities.

A student may be denied participation in graduation activities for disciplinary reasons and for non-payment of fees.

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#### 5430 - **LAUDE SYSTEM**

The Laude System replaces the class rank system. It allows the district to recognize and encourage students to take appropriate courses that will better prepare them for the future. This system is a point-based system that gets combined with a student's GPA, under the high school's normal grading scale. This system rewards a student for completing designated rigorous courses and will earn the student one and one half (1.5) honor points (any AP course, year-long or semester), one (1) honor point (year-long courses) or half (.5) honor point (semester courses) for taking these designated courses.

To qualify for Cum Laude or Higher: The student must minimally have a 3.4 cumulative grade point average and have earned a minimum of four (4) Laude points.

Once students meet these requirements they will earn one (1) of the following distinctions:

- A. Cum Laude (with honor/distinction), 4 - 17.49 honor points
- B. Magna Cum Laude (With great honor/distinction) 17.5 - 28.79 honor points
- C. Summa Cum Laude (With highest honor/distinction), 28.8 honor points or more.

In the event that two or more students receive identical top Summa Cum Laude scores, a tie will be declared and all students with that score will be granted the role of class valedictorians at the graduation ceremony.

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Book	Policy Manual
Section	For Board Review - Vol. 30, No. 2 + Special Update
Title	Overview - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment
Code	0- Information & Comments - Special Update
Status	

## WISCONSIN OVERVIEW AND COMMENTS

### **Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment July 2021**

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This update includes revisions to fifteen policies and seven administrative guidelines and four administrative guidelines that should be rescinded. The proposed revisions to current policies and guidelines provided are the result of our ongoing work with our Wisconsin clients, as well as our ongoing review of the statutory language at the State and Federal level, court decisions, et cetera. The revisions recommended in this update are deemed necessary to comply with changes in both State and Federal law.

However, policies from multiple sections are grouped together in this Overview when and if the explanation is the same for the proposed revisions to a group of policies/guidelines.

#### **Questions?**

Any content-related questions should be directed to your District's associate.

All production related questions should be directed to the Coshocton Production Office at 632 Main Street, Coshocton, Ohio 43812 (email [production@neola.com](mailto:production@neola.com), phone 800-407-5815, fax 740-622-2557).

Billing questions should be directed to the Corporate Office at 3914 Clock Pointe Trail, Suite 103, Stow, Ohio 44224 (email [tkee@neola.com](mailto:tkee@neola.com), phone 330-926-0514, fax 330-926-0525).

#### **The Update Material**

The proposed new and revised policies included in this update have been prepared and reviewed by Davis & Kuelthau, s.c. & Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis & Lacy, s.c., Neola's outside legal counsel in Wisconsin, for compliance with Federal and State law, Federal and State Regulatory Agencies, and applicable Federal and State court decisions.

If you make substantive changes to a Neola template or substitute in its entirety a policy or other material of your own drafting, that material should be reviewed by the legal counsel for your District to verify compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and court decisions. Neola does not review any district-specific Material.

If the District authors language and adds it to a policy template or deletes content that is not marked as a choice in the policy template, then these actions will constitute District-specific edits. Neola does not review District-specific edits to update materials or District-specific policies for statutory compliance. (See "Caveat RE: District-Specific Edits" below.)

If a policy or guideline is marked revision, the proposed revisions will include material to be added and material to be deleted. As you review a revised policy or guideline, you may choose to accept any or all of the changes presented.

If a policy or guideline is marked as a replacement, that means there have been enough changes made that instead of showing each individual change, a complete, clean replacement copy has been provided. As you review a replacement policy or guideline, you should also compare the replacement materials to your current policy or guideline to determine if there is some District-specific wording in your current material that you want to be included in the replacement policy. If so, any wording from the current policy should be added using BoardDocs "Track Changes" tool before returning the replacement policy electronically to the Coshocton production office for processing.

Policies that are to be deleted from the District's Board-adopted Policy Manual require Board action to rescind the policy.

Your Neola Associate will contact you in the near future to schedule an appointment to review this update and ensure you are current on this and previous updates.

### **Caveat RE: Neola's Warranty**

Neola proudly warrants that the content of the policy templates is legally correct.

However, when Federal and State law is amended or new provisions are added to State or Federal law and revision or replacement of an existing policy template is necessitated, the copyright date noted at the end of the policy is updated as well.

Please note, Neola's warranty applies only to the policy template with the most current copyright date. All previous iterations of the policy template are no longer warranted.

Therefore, the material included in each update should be adopted if the District wants assurance that their adopted policies are warranted by Neola.

### **Notifying Neola of a Challenge to the Legal Accuracy of a Policy**

The Neola staff in Wisconsin is vigilant in providing policy language to our clients that have been vetted for legal accuracy by our outside counsel. Should questions arise as to the legal compliance or accuracy of Neola materials, it is our expectation that our outside counsel would have the opportunity to assist in the resolution of such a claim. That can occur only if we are notified immediately upon receipt of such a challenge. Please notify Neola's corporate office (330-926-0514) if an issue arises in which such a review or assistance is necessary. To be eligible for assistance under our warranty we must be notified with ten (10) business days of the receipt of such a challenge.

### **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

After reviewing the proposed revisions included in this update and making any decisions regarding the options presented, the Board should formally adopt the policies to assure compliance with current law and regulations.

If any of the templates in this update have not been previously adopted by the Board, it is recommended that the District consider approval of these policies to assure compliance with Wisconsin and Federal code and/or the law.

#### **Policy 1422 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (Revised)**

#### **Policy 3122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (Revised)**

#### **Policy 4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (Revised)**

The policies, administrative guidelines, and forms related to discrimination and harassment on the basis of a protected class have been revised to comport with the new Title IX regulations. Because of the number of revisions involved, these have been issued as replacement policies.

The Board should adopt these revisions to assure compliance with the regulations as well as consistency with other policies and the grievance process.

#### **Policy 1422.02 - Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee (Revised)**

#### **Policy 3122.02 - Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee (Revised)**

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**Policy 1623 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Revised)****Policy 3123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Revised)****Policy 4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Revised)**

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**Policy 1662 - Employee Anti-Harassment (Revised)****Policy 3362 - Employee Anti-Harassment (Revised)****Policy 4362 - Employee Anti-Harassment (Revised)****Policy 5517 - Student Anti-Harassment (Revised)**

The policies, administrative guidelines, and forms related to discrimination and harassment on the basis of a protected class have been revised to comport with the new Title IX regulations.

A number of provisions/options pertaining to prohibited staff-student relationships have been omitted from the anti-harassment policies listed above, including references to the sexual harassment of students and criminal sexual misconduct with minors.

**Because the policies referenced above exclude Title IX matters, which instead are addressed in Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, including the sexual harassment of students, those provisions are more appropriately included and referenced in Policy 2266. Neola is developing a new policy regarding staff-student relations to further address this issue that will be included in the next update to be released in the Fall of 2021.**

The Board should adopt the revised policies for consistency with other District policies.

**Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity (Revised)**

The policies, administrative guidelines, and forms related to discrimination and harassment on the basis of a protected class have been revised to comport with the new Title IX regulations. Because of the number of revisions involved, this policy has been issued as a replacement policy.

The Board should adopt the revised policies for consistency with other District policies.

**Policy 2260.01 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability (Revised)**

Board Policy 2260.01 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability places particular emphasis on protections for students who are identified as having a disability under Section 504 and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). This includes accessibility to qualified individuals with regard to facilities, programs and activities as directed by Federal law. Revisions to this policy are based on recent Office for Civil Rights (OCR) investigations and reviews of compliance issues, particularly related to vocational education/Career-Technical education programs, with particular emphasis on vocational education. Other revisions have been made to address changes in the terminology used to refer to students with disabilities and to revise the Complaint and Grievance Procedure for the processing of complaints of discrimination or retaliation so this procedure is consistent with the other nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policies. Due to the significance of the revisions involved, this policy has been issued as a replacement policy.

The Board should adopt this policy in order to maintain compliance under Section 504 and ADA as well as consistency with other District policies.

**ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES****AG 1422 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (Deleted)****AG 3122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (Deleted)****AG 4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (Deleted)**

The revised policies for Policy 1422, Policy 3122 and Policy 4122 are comprehensive and include the complaint procedure and grievance process for complaints of discrimination on the basis of a protected class in employment, and as such these administrative guidelines are no longer required.

These administrative guidelines should be deleted.



**AG 1623 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Revised)****AG 3123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Revised)****AG 4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Revised)**

Although revised Policies 1623, 3123, and 4123 are comprehensive and include the complaint procedure and grievance process for addressing complaints of discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, these administrative guidelines address the decision-making process for determining and identifying reasonable accommodations and undue hardship, employment criteria, pre-employment inquiries, and interviews. Therefore, these administrative guidelines have been revised to reflect current terminology and ensure consistency between the policies and their administrative guidelines.

These administrative guidelines should be revised and updated to reflect current standards.

**AG 3362.01 - Reporting Threatening Behaviors (Revised)****AG 4362.01 - Reporting Threatening Behaviors (Revised)**

Although revised Policies 1662, 3362, 4362, and 5517 are comprehensive and include the complaint procedure and grievance process for addressing complaints of harassment on the basis of a protected class, these administrative guidelines address the procedure for reporting threatening and intimidating behaviors to local law enforcement as required by State law. Therefore, these administrative guidelines have been revised to reflect current terminology and ensure consistency between the policies and their administrative guidelines.

These administrative guidelines should be updated.

**AG 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity (Deleted )**

Policy 2260 now includes the complaint procedure and grievance process for addressing complaints of discrimination on the basis of a protected class in educational programs, Administrative Guideline 2260 is no longer required. This guideline should be deleted.

**AG 2260.01A - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability, Including Procedures for the Identification, Evaluation, and Placement of Students Suspected of having a Disability, and the Right to FAPE (Revised)****AG 2260.01B - Section 504/ADA Parents' Procedural Rights, Including Due Process Hearing (Revised)**

Although the revision to Policy 2260.01 is comprehensive and includes the complaint procedure and grievance process for complaints of discrimination on the basis of disability for students, Administrative Guideline 2260.01A includes the **procedures applicable to Section 504 referrals, evaluations and plans for students with disabilities. Administrative Guideline 2260.01B includes the parent rights and procedural safeguards in connection with complaints regarding Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and impartial due process hearings. None of these topics are addressed in the revision to Policy 2260.01 and as such** these administrative guidelines have been revised to reflect current terminology and ensure consistency between the policy and administrative guidelines. .

These administrative guidelines should be updated.

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## WISCONSIN OVERVIEW AND COMMENTS

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#### **Social Media (Policy/AG 7544) Revisited**

In 2018 a collection of policies were prepared by a team of twenty-two (22) lawyers, IT experts, and Neola staff to provide Districts with a means to establish controls that govern the use of social media in their District. These policies and related documents were released in the Special Update - Social Media in November 2019 along with a toolkit for use with these policies.

Although regulating an employee's personal use of social media is possible only in the narrowest of circumstances, establishing rules about employees' use of social media as it relates to communication regarding the business of the District is something that schools can, and in Neola's judgment, should do.

Three existing policies were also suggested for revision in the Social Media Special Update. A comprehensive definition of "social media" was added to Bylaw 0100 Definitions and the definition of "apps and services" was revised as well. Additionally, revisions were proposed for Policy 7540 Technology to replace the previous definition of "social media" and finally, revisions to Policy 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety so that the language is current and compliant with the new social media policy.

While the suggested revisions were put in place before a global pandemic pushed Districts to utilize online learning platforms and more virtual methods of engagement with students, parents, and the community, such use makes consideration of these materials even more important today.

Although the new and revised policies have been thoughtfully prepared and reviewed by Neola's legal counsel for statutory compliance, each District must decide what specific language to include in its own unique policy collection.

It is highly recommended that at this juncture the District reevaluate the materials in the updates referenced above that are still available on each District's BoardDocs platform. While much thought will be necessary to consider these new materials and revised policies each District should take the time necessary to be sure that there is adequate policy guidance provided for the current use of social media technology and applications.

In the next update, Neola will revisit Policy 5722 – School-Sponsored Publications and Productions and issue a revised document and toolkit. The social media policy materials issued in 2019 played a large role in the development of the revised Policy 5722 materials.

Therefore, it is highly recommended that at this juncture the District reevaluate the materials in the update from 2019 that are still available on each District's BoardDocs platform and consider the District and school-level application of these technologies.

#### **Title IX/Nondiscrimination/Anti-Harassment**

This update includes a revised version of Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Title IX) due to the updated definition of 'rape' under Federal law. Forms related to the complaint process and investigation procedures in Policy/AG 2266 and in the nondiscrimination/anti-harassment policies included in the Special Update - Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment - July 2021, will be made available to you separately upon adoption of Policy 2266. If your District already has adopted Policy 2266, you will be granted access to these forms. Please contact your associate with any questions about those forms.

### Reminders

- The Minimum Wage in Wisconsin remains the same at \$7.25 for 2021, this is the same as the current Federal Minimum Wage.
- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued Notice 2020-279 which provides the 2021 mileage rate at 56 cents per mile for business travel (1.5 cents less than the 2020 rate).
- The U.S. Department of Labor maintains regulatory authority over state and local government employers, including public school districts. Note that the following federal laws have poster requirements that apply to school districts (no federal or federally-assisted contracts or subcontracts):
  - The Employee Polygraph Protection Act (EPPA)
  - The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Minimum Wage Notification
  - The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
  - Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)
  - Occupational Safety and Health Act (Workplace Safety)
  - Whistleblower Protections

In addition, certain organizations may be required to display posters that can only be obtained from DOL's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) (<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/owcp>). More information on these posters is available at <https://www.dol.gov/general/topics/posters/>. Links to all federal employment posters are always available on the Poster Page as are answers to frequently asked questions. Note that school districts with federal or federally-assisted contracts or subcontracts may have additional requirements.

## **Bylaws and Policies**

The following policies and guidelines were revised to include language either prohibiting or requiring permission for the use of District name, logo, mascot, or any other property or assets of the District in connection with fundraising, except where such permission is implicit because it is conducted by a District organization:

### **Bylaw 0100 - Definitions (Revised)**

The definitions for "Personal Communication Devices" and "Relative" have been modified to update the language used and make sure that current legal standards were reflected.

The definition of "Social Media" was updated to reflect optional language in the definition and that selection of the option should be consistent with the choice made in Policy 7544 - Social Media.

Legal Custodian of Records has been revised to reflect that the District Records Custodian (DRC) is designated in Policy 8310 - Public Records.

### **Bylaw 0144.2 - Board Member Ethics (Delete)**

This policy has been updated to reflect current legal standards with regard to Board member conflict of interest standards.

### **Bylaw 0144.3 - Conflict of Interest (Revised)**

The language that has been modified regarding a Board member utilizing their position to obtain financial gain to add the language *or anything of "substantial value"* is derived directly from 19.59(1)(a) Wis. Stats. Whereas, the language added about no Board member being permitted to accept anything of value is also derived directly from statute, 19.59(1)(b), however, it does not utilize the qualifier "substantial" and thereby it is presumed that the legislature wanted to put a broader obligation on Board member's official actions.

Since a court would need to presume that the legislature intended the distinctions, the Board should adopt policy that recognizes such differences.

This policy has been updated to reflect current legal standards with regard to Board member conflict of interest standards.

#### **Bylaw 0144.5 - Board Member Behavior and Code of Conduct (Revised)**

The standards from Bylaw 0144.2 - Board Member Ethics have been incorporated into this policy. In addition, the legal standard in Wisconsin Statute 946.12 has been included.

#### **Bylaw 0145 - Board Member Anti-Harassment (Revised)**

This policy has been revised to bring the language regarding the prohibition of harassment by a Board member from the conclusion of the policy to a more appropriate placement at the beginning of the policy. In addition, unnecessary language was removed. It is strongly recommended that the revisions to this policy be adopted.

#### **Bylaw 0167.3 - Public Comment at Board Meetings (Revised)**

The policy language has been clarified to separate optional board-directed recording of board open meetings from the access required to be given third parties to record meetings under the Open Meetings law. This revision is recommended for consistency with law.

#### **Bylaw 0174.2 - School Performance Report (Delete)**

This policy is recommended for deletion, as the required, necessary and up-to-date material is included in Policy 2700.01 - School Performance and Accountability Reports.

#### **Policy 1130/Policy 3230/Policy 4230 - Ethics and Conflict of Interest (Revised)**

These policies have been revised to clarify that no member of the District staff should have a personal or financial interest where a question of conflict with their duties could be raised. Further, the revisions reflect the specific pecuniary interest provision of the Wisconsin statute that applies to members of the District staff. These revisions are recommended for adoption.

#### **Policy 1210 – Board-District Administrator Relationship (Revised)**

The policy is revised to incorporate reference to the District Administrator's handling of complaints regarding board member conduct and cross-references to applicable policies. These revisions are recommended for adoption.

#### **Policy 2240 - Controversial Issues in the Classroom (Revised)**

This policy has been updated to reflect the recent increase in discussion regarding the inclusion of potentially controversial issues within the school setting. The proposed revisions are intended to limit discussion of controversial issues to topics related to the curriculum and to remind teachers of the importance of maintaining the role of exemplar when expressing personal opinions in the classroom.

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

#### **Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Revised)**

This policy has been revised to include the recognized definition of "Rape" as of January 2021. The revised definition is that provided by the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The original reference to the definition was required by the Clery Act at the time of the release of the regulations in May 2020. Also, there is a suggested revision in the Appeals section of the policy. While the current regulation does not specifically address the implementation of remedies during the appeals process, it seems to be inappropriate to impose disciplinary sanctions while an appeal is pending.

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

#### **Policy 2430 – District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities (Revised)**

The policy is revised to better reflect the scope of district-sponsored student clubs and activities that are not strictly curricular-related.

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

**Policy 2431 – Interscholastic Athletics (Revised)**

The policy is revised to remove a reference to the development of administrative guidelines and instead allow for Districts to choose the options that should be incorporated into the policy. In addition, a reference to concussion protocols has been added.

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

**Policy 2700.01 – School Performance Reports and Accountability Report Cards (Revised)**

This policy is revised to more accurately reflect the current structure of performance reports and accountability report cards, as well as the publication and distribution requirements for each.

These revisions are recommended to have policies that accurately reflect current requirements.

**Policy 3120 - Employment of Professional Staff (Revised)**

Other bylaws and policies establish the legal standards for Board members with regard to the employment of staff. For purposes of consistency, it is strongly recommended that the revisions to these policies be adopted.

**Policy 3170/Policy 4170 – Substance Abuse (Delete)**

These policies should be deleted as the content is outdated and is already incorporated into Policy 3122.01/Policy 4122.01.

**Policy 3215/Policy 4215/Policy 7434/Policy 5512 – Use of Tobacco and Nicotine (Revised)**

These policies have been revised to add a definition of “tobacco products retailer” to avoid inadvertently including retailers who sell tobacco products, but whose business is not primarily related to tobacco or nicotine products (e.g. a local gas station as compared to a vape store).

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

**Policy 3216/Policy 4216 - Staff Dress and Grooming (Revised)**

The policies have been updated to be more consistent with prevailing legal standards, as well as the diversity of district staff. These revisions are recommended for adoption.

**Policy 4120 - Employment of Support Staff (Revised)**

**Policy 4120.04 - Employment of Substitutes (Revised)**

Other bylaws and policies establish the legal standards for Board members with regard to employment of staff. For purposes of consistency, it is strongly recommended that the revisions to these policies be adopted.

**Policy 4161 – Unrequested Leaves of Absence (Revised)**

The policy is revised to more accurately reflect the process and to align the language with Policy 3161 – Unrequested Leaves of Absence.

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

**Policy 4162 – Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Employees that Transport Students (Revised)**

This policy is revised to incorporate post-accident drug and alcohol testing requirements for employees transporting students, including those with CDLs.

These revisions are recommended so the policy accurately reflects current requirements.

**Policy 5112 – Entrance Age (Revised)**

The policy is revised to remove enrollment information that is not statutorily required.

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

**Policy 5500.01 – Conduct in Virtual Classroom (New)**

This new policy has been developed in an effort to assist Districts with issues related to student conduct that may have arisen over the past year and a half of virtual instruction. Many districts may choose to continue to offer virtual instruction as an option to students. This policy may assist in establishing appropriate rules and controls for that environment.

#### **Policy 5520 - Disorderly Conduct (Revised)**

The policy has been revised to more closely align with disciplinary options under Wisconsin law. The revision is recommended for clarity of potential consequences for student misconduct.

#### **Policy 5720 – Student Activism and Expression (Revised)**

This policy is revised to clarify language and incorporate adherence to Board policy and administrative guidelines as an expectation in the course of student expression.

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

#### **Policy 5880 – Public Performance by Students (Revised)**

The policy is revised to better reflect practice associated with student performances in the community, and to remove reference to an administrative guideline that is no longer available.

These revisions are recommended.

#### **Policy 6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges (Revised)**

This policy has been revised to clearly identify that no student shall be denied participation in any educational opportunity due to their inability to pay any fee or charge imposed.

Specific provisions regarding students experiencing homelessness and the requirements pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Act have been incorporated into the policy.

These revisions reflect the current state of the law and should be adopted.

#### **Policy 6152.01 - Waiver of School Fees or Fines (New)**

The McKinney-Vento Act requires states and local school districts to review and revise policies to remove barriers to the education of homeless children and youth, "including barriers to enrollment and retention due to outstanding fees, or fines, or absences" (42 U.S.C. 11432(1)(I)). This new policy addresses this provision of the McKinney-Vento Act and provides eligibility standards for the waiver of fees or fines assessed and notification requirements.

If a fee or fine cannot be paid, this policy provides a resolution process so each case is viewed objectively when the District is determining whether they can collect the fees or fines or to provide a waiver.

These revisions are recommended for adoption to be in compliance with current law.

#### **Policy 7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring (Revised)**

Due to the significant increase in the use of virtual/online learning, this policy has been revised to allow a District to use prerecorded lessons or observations of online or virtual learning sessions as part of an employee's evaluation.

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

#### **Policy 7450 – Property Inventory (Revised)**

#### **Policy 7455 - Accounting System for Capital Assets (Revised)**

In December 2014, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) released the newly updated Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). This major rewrite of the regulations was issued after nearly 40 years of very little change in the compliance measures that federally funded programs must meet. The regulations covered the application process, financial management, procurement, inventory management, time and effort accountability, cost allowability, record retention, and program oversight.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has now revised sections of OMB Guidance for Grants and Agreements, also known as Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG). Proposed changes to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 were published in the Federal Register in January 2020, comments closed on March 23, 2020, and Final Revisions were published in August 2020. Despite the

intervening pandemic, OMB released its final revisions to the Uniform Grant Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200) right on schedule! The revisions continue the OMB's push for results-oriented accountability for grants, significantly rewrite the sections on procurement, and attempt to clarify prior requirements, including provisions related to period of performance and indirect costs. The revised rules became effective November 12, 2020.

These revisions reflect changes outlined in the President's Management Agenda (PMA). This guidance is intended to focus on improved stewardship and ensuring that the American people are receiving value for funds spent on grant programs. The revisions are limited in scope to support the implementation of statutory requirements, alignment of these provisions with other Federal requirements, and clarification of existing requirements to minimize risk in financial transactions.

These revisions are recommended for adoption.

#### **Policy 8500 - Food Services (Revised)**

This policy has been revised to add the emphasis being sought by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to prohibit stigmatizing of students who lack the funds to pay for their meals or have unpaid meal charges. Other revisions have been made with regard to dietary modifications and negative account balances as well as the inclusion of a nondiscrimination statement.

This revision is recommended for adoption.

#### **Policy 9270 - Home-Based, Private, or Tribal Schooling (Revised)**

The language in this policy has been revised to clarify the options private school or tribal school students have for participating in certain athletic and extra-curricular activities.

This revision is recommended for adoption.

#### **Policy 9500 – Relations with Educational Institutions and Organizations**

This policy is revised to clarify language regarding District relationships with other educational institutions and to add optional language regarding District coordination with third-party organizations or potentially District staff or other individuals in conducting educational research projects.

These revisions are recommended.

#### **Policy 9700 - Relations with Non-School Affiliated Groups (Revised)**

This policy has been modified to reflect that there shall be no advertising without the prior approval of either the Board or the District Administrator. Further, the section of this policy regarding crowdfunding is being recommended for deletion with a cross-reference to the stand-alone crowdfunding policy and AG being identified as the place where all such activities would be managed.

These revisions are strongly recommended.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES**

#### **AG 2240 - Controversial Issues in the Classroom (Revised)**

Optional language has been modified to better reflect the option's intention to promote balanced discussion. The revision is recommended but not required.

#### **AG 2440 - Summer and Interim Session School (Revised)**

Eligibility provisions and other terminology in this guideline have been updated for consistency with current law and the requirements established by the Department of Public Instruction regarding summer and interim session participation. The revisions are recommended for adoption.

#### **AG 3160A/Policy 4160A – Physical Examination (Revised)**

The guideline is revised to clarify the process relative to determining a staff member's fitness for duty and ability to perform the duties of their position.

The revision is recommended for adoption.

**AG 3421A/AG 4421A – Important Notice of Employees’ Right to Documentation of Health Coverage (Delete)**

This guideline is deleted because the information is no longer accurate as notices are provided by the Districts’ benefit plan administrator.

**AG 5111 – Admission to the District (Revised)**

The guideline is revised to reflect the corrected definition of homelessness for purposes of the McKinney Vento Act. The revision is recommended for adoption.

**AG 5112A - Admission to Kindergarten (Revised)**

This guideline has been revised to reflect the requirements of when a student must attain the age of four (4) or the age of five (5) to be enrolled in four (4) year-old or five (5) year-old kindergarten. The revision is recommended for adoption.

**AG 5113 - Admission of Students Participating Under Open Enrollment (Revised)**

The guideline is modified to provide an option under reapplication procedures whereby the Board does not require accepted non-resident students to reapply under their open enrollment policy, as long as the student has been continuously enrolled in the District. Additional language has been added with regard to transportation options.

**AG 5320 - Immunization of Students in School (Revised)**

Language within the guideline which was previously optional has been updated to be consistent with current requirements of the Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Administrative Code provisions. These revisions are recommended for compliance with current regulations.

**AG 5600A - Student Discipline (Delete)**

Like its accompanying policy which was deleted previously, this guideline is being deleted since details of student discipline are contained in the student code of conduct. It is recommended but not required to delete this outdated guideline.

**AG 5610.01 - Alternative Expulsion Hearing Procedure (New)**

This new guideline is only for districts that use the alternative hearing procedure and have the accompanying Policy 5610.01 - Alternative Expulsion Hearing Procedure. Previously, this language was contained in AG 5610, but has been removed as it is appropriate only for districts that use this procedure.

This guideline should be added by districts that use this procedure to be in compliance with State requirements.

**AG 8390 – Use of Animals in the Classroom and on School Premises (Renumbered/Replacement - Moved from 8405A)  
**AG 8405A - Use of Animals in the Classroom and On School Premises (Delete - Moved to 8390)****

The guideline language has been revised to provide detailed procedures relative to requesting, evaluating, and maintaining the use of a service animal on school grounds.

Additionally, this guideline reflects the protocols for when animals are to be brought into the classroom or onto District property.

It is strongly recommended that the District Administrator review this replacement Administrative Guideline for consideration of inclusion.

**AG 8450 - Management of Casual-Contact Diseases (Revised)**

This guideline has been revised to reflect the current expectations of the Department of Health Services regarding the management by school staff of casual-contact communicable diseases.

This guideline provides the appropriate reference to the DHS Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Diseases Chart which should be used by the staff as a general guide for school-based management of various communicable diseases.

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PO 0174.2 – School Performance Report (up for deletion)

PO 2700.01 – School Performance and State Accountability Report Cards (up for revision)

Key areas of current document are not covered or being deleted within PO 2700.01. Items of concern within PO 2700.01:

Parents shall be notified that the performance report will be provided to the parent electronically unless the parent requests a written copy of the report. By May 1st, the Board shall distribute copies of the report to those who have requested the report including students enrolled in charter schools located in the District, that have requested the report.

The School and School District Performance Report will be posted on the District's website.

Each of the items listed above are required by WI statute 115.38 School performance report; educational program review.

Why are the following items being deleted from PO 2700.01?

The report shall generally include the following information, as required or modified by the State Superintendent:

- A. indicators of academic achievement, including the performance of students on Statewide assessment examinations by subject area
- B. dropout, attendance, retention in grade and graduation rates
- C. number of suspensions and expulsions, the reasons for, and duration of, the suspensions and expulsions and the length of time students are expelled
- D. staffing and financial data information
- E. number and percentage of resident students attending a course in a nonresident district and the number and percentage of nonresident students attending a course in the district, and
- F. method of reading instruction used in the District

State statute 115.38 requires the following information to be included in the reports that are made available:

**The report shall include all of the following by school and by school district:**

Indicators of academic achievement, including the performance of pupils on the tests administered under s. [121.02 \(1\) \(r\)](#) and the performance of pupils, by subject area, on the statewide assessment examinations administered under s. [118.30](#).

Other indicators of school and school district performance, including dropout, attendance, retention in grade and graduation rates; percentage of habitual truants, as defined in s. [118.16 \(1\) \(a\)](#); percentage of pupils participating in extracurricular and community activities and advanced placement courses; percentage of graduates enrolled in postsecondary educational programs; and percentage of graduates entering the workforce.

The numbers of suspensions and expulsions; the reasons for which pupils are suspended or expelled, reported according to categories specified by the state superintendent; the length of time for which pupils are expelled, reported according to categories specified by the state superintendent; whether pupils return to school after their expulsion; the educational programs and services, if any, provided to pupils during their expulsions, reported according to categories specified by the state superintendent; the schools attended by pupils who are suspended or expelled; and the grade, sex and ethnicity of pupils who are suspended or expelled and whether the pupils are children with disabilities, as defined in s. [115.76 \(5\)](#).

Staffing and financial data information, as determined by the state superintendent, not to exceed 10 items. The state superintendent may not request a school board to provide information solely for the purpose of including the information in the report under this paragraph.

The number and percentage of resident pupils attending a course in a nonresident school district under s. [118.52](#), the number of nonresident pupils attending a course in the school district under s. [118.52](#), and the courses taken by those pupils.

The method of reading instruction used in the school district and the textbook series used to teach reading in the school district.

Annually by January 1, each school board shall notify the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school district of the right to request a school and school district performance report under this subsection. Except as provided in par. (b), annually by May 1, each school board shall, upon request, distribute to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school district, including pupils enrolled in charter schools located in the school district, or give to each pupil to bring home to his or her parent or guardian, a school and school district performance report that includes the information specified by the state superintendent under sub. (1). The report shall also include a comparison of the school district's performance under sub. (1) (a) and (b) with the performance of other school districts in the same athletic conference under sub. (1) (a) and (b). If the school district maintains an Internet site, the report shall be made available to the public at that site.

WI statute 121.02 8(o) also states:

**(o)** Annually comply with the requirements of s. [115.38 \(2\)](#). The school board may include additional information in the report under s. [115.38 \(2\)](#).

Where in the PO 2700.01 revision do we reference 'the school board may include additional information in the report'?

I believe we need our policies to reflect the requirements defined within the WI statutes. We need to ensure that any report that we, the school board, notify the parent or guardian of each pupil of the right to request, contains all of the statute required information and any additional information that the school board may wish to include. The parent or guardian of each pupil should be able to see what items will be provided to them based on policy information. PO 2700.01 revised document indicated that 'the Board will publish an annual school district performance report including all information prescribed by statute.' What is the publish date that the school board will have this report available? Where will it be published? Is this publishing date the same as the January 1<sup>st</sup> requirement within the statute for parent and guardian notification? The copy of each school's accountability report card provided to the parent or guardian is required by state statute to be available before May 1<sup>st</sup> annually. The revised PO 2700.01 does not indicate this timing.

When are the 'current', i.e. 2021 test results, available on the WISEdash Public Portal? The timing of the most recent report online availability should be stated within the policy.

If the list of report requirements is fully documented within another policy-including the reference that the school board may include additional information in the report, that policy should be referenced within PO 2700.01 in lieu of detailing the requirements within this policy.

As noted by state statute and the Board policy it is the Board's responsibility to publish and contact parents and guardians of the school performance and state accountability reports. The statute does not indicate that this responsibility can be delegated.

PO 0144.2 (up for deletion)

Key areas of current document are not covered within PO 0144.5. Items of concern not covered within PO 0144.5:

- F. Support all District employees in the proper performance of their duties by ensuring all staff members have access to quality professional development opportunities and receive regular, impartial job performance evaluations.
- G. Recognize that the Board is responsible for overall management and control of District affairs and property, including the development of policies by which the schools are to be administered, but that the day-to-day administration of the educational program and school business shall be the responsibility of the District Administrator and other designated staff members.
- H. Work continually with administration to identify the needs, goals, and priorities of the District.

Also:

Board members should meet responsibilities to the community in the following ways:

- A. Maintain open communication lines with all elements of the community and inform community members about the educational needs of the District, the actions of the Board and the accomplishments of the District's educational program
- B.
- C. Refer all public concerns and complaints through the proper channels in accordance with Board policy, and act on such matters at public meetings only when not resolved through administrative actions.

PO 0144.5 concerns:

General Expectations of All Board Members Item B -> verbiage doesn't make sense. Item B current revision says: Be familiar with and comply with Board policies, including policies governing Board member conduct and ethics (~~see Bylaw 0144.2~~) and Board member ethics and conflicts of interest (see Bylaw 0144.3). If there is no longer a policy that is titled for Board member 'ethics' then the statement should reflect the current title(s) of the applicable policy(s). Revision statement could say: Be familiar with and comply with Board policies governing Board member conduct and conflicts of interest (see Bylaw 0144.3).

Item K -> Current revision doesn't address that the Board, as required by law, is responsible for the overall management and control of District affairs and property. In order to be better aligned with legal requirements I suggest that the verbiage in PO 144.2 Item G be used in PO 0144.5 Item K.

Item N -> Current revision doesn't address that all staff members have access to professional development opportunities, as required by PI 8.01, section 2 (b). In order to be better aligned with legal requirements I suggest that the verbiage in PO 0144.2 Item F be used in PO 0144.5 Item N.

Item H verbiage from PO 0144.2 is not included anywhere in PO 0144.5. According to law, it is the responsibility of the Board to define district goals and needs. (WI 118.01) I suggest that Item H verbiage from PO 144.2 be included within PO 0144.5 possibly as Item S within the General Expectation of All Board Members section.

Items A and C of PO 0144.2 Section – Board members should meet responsibilities to the community in the following ways – have not been included in the PO 0144.5 revisions. I believe that there should be items defining how the Board members meet responsibilities to the community. If these will/are being addressed within other policies, then those policies should be referenced.

Document	Subsection	Area of Concern	Comment
NEOLA Vol 30			
	<b>PO 0144.2</b>	Do not delete - Key areas of current document are not covered within PO 0144.5	Deleting & add to PO 0144.5 is proposed - See additional writeup
	<b>PO 0144.5</b>	Key areas of PO 0144.2 are not covered within the update of this policy	See additional writeup
	<b>PO 0167.3</b>	Keep the word recording in item K	
	<b>PO 0174.2</b>	Do not delete - Key areas of current document are not covered within PO 2700.01	Policies need to accurately reflect the WI statute requirements - see additional writeup
	<b>PO 2700.01</b>	Needs to be written to comply with current WI statutes	See additional writeup
	<b>PO 5112</b>	"A child may be exempt from the required immunizations upon written request of the parent of such child stating the objection to immunization on religious grounds, personal convictions, or for medical reasons certified by a competent medical authority."	Keep statement to be in compliance with WI statute 252.04 (3).
NEOLA AG 30			
	<b>AG 2440</b>	Need to confirm item A. Eligibility number 3.	Policy is currently presented with ( ) for A. Eligibility/3.
	<b>AG 5320</b>	Needs further review as the AG is not in compliance with WI statute (personal conscience is not listed as an exemption.)(Section -> Exemptions: Parent Objections)	Adjust statement to be in compliance with WI statute 252.04 (3).
	<b>AG 8450A</b>	Document 8390 needs to be presented for review in order to compare information in both documents to ensure key requirements are included within the 'renumbered/replacement document'	Replacing with AG 8390 - when is this one going to be reviewed for approval?



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## 0100 - **DEFINITIONS**

The bylaws of the Board of Education of this District incorporate quotations from the laws and administrative code of the State of Wisconsin. Such quotations may be substantively altered only by appropriate legislative, judicial, or administrative action.

Whenever the following items are used in these bylaws, policies, and administrative guidelines, they shall have the meaning set forth below:

### **Administrative Guideline**

A statement, based on policy, usually written, which outlines and/or describes the means by which a policy should be implemented and which provides for the management cycle of planning, action, and assessment or evaluation. The District previously referred to administrative guidelines as rules.

### **Agreement**

A collectively negotiated contract with a recognized bargaining unit.

### **Apps and Services**

Apps and services are software (i.e., computer programs) that support the interaction of personal communication devices (as defined in Bylaw 0100, above) over a network, or client-server applications in which the user interface runs in a web browser. Apps and services are used to communicate/transfer information/data that allow students to perform actions/tasks that assist them in attaining educational achievement goals/objectives, enable staff to monitor and assess their students' progress, and allow staff to perform other tasks related to their employment. Apps and services also are used to facilitate communication to, from and among and between, staff, students, and parents, Board members, and/or other stakeholders and members of the community.

### **Board**

The School Board also commonly referred to as the Board of Education. Within these bylaws and policies, the terms Board and District may be used interchangeably, depending on the context of the policy.

### **Bylaw**

Rule of the Board for its own governance.

### **Clerk**

The chief clerk of the Board. (See Bylaw 0170)

**District**

The School District. Within these bylaws and policies, the terms Board and District may be used interchangeably, depending on the context of the policy.

**District Administrator**

The administrative head of the School District of Manawa. In policy, capitalization of the term District Administrator, implies delegation of responsibilities to appropriate staff members.

**Due Process**

Procedural due process requires prior knowledge (a posted discipline code), notice of offense (accusation), and the opportunity to respond. Specific due process requirements are dependent upon the circumstances and may vary depending on such circumstances.

**Full Board**

Authorized number of voting members entitled by law to govern the District. The full Board is the total number of Board members authorized by law regardless of the number of current sitting members.

**Information Resources**

The Board defines information resources to include any data/information in electronic, audio-visual or physical form, or any hardware or software that makes possible the storage and use of data/information. This definition includes but is not limited to electronic mail, voice mail, social media, text messages, databases, CD-ROMs/DVDs, web sites, motion picture film, recorded magnetic media, photographs, digitized information, or microfilm. This also includes any equipment, computer facilities, or online services used in accessing, storing, transmitting or retrieving electronic communications.

**Law Enforcement Officer(s) or Agencies**

These terms include any local, State, or Federal law enforcement agency of competent jurisdiction and its officers acting within their legal authority.

**Legal Custodian of Records**

The School District will designate one (1) District Records Custodian (DRC) to be the legal custodian of records for the District. The DRC shall keep and preserve the public records of the District and is granted authority to render a decision and carry out duties related to those public records. [The DRC is designated in Policy 8310 - Public Records.](#)

**May**

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is permitted but not required.

**Medical Advisor**

The School District is required to appoint a medical advisor. The medical advisor shall be a licensed physician and will participate in the annual review of the District emergency nursing services plan. The School District may also have the medical advisor fulfill other roles. (PI 8.01(g)(3))

**Meeting**

Any gathering which is attended by or open to all of the members of the Board, held with the intent on the part of the members of the body present to discuss or act as a unit upon the specific public business of that body. Wis. Stat. 19.82(2).

**Parent**

The natural, adoptive, or surrogate parents or the party designated by the courts as the legal guardian or custodian of a student. Both parents will be considered to have equal rights unless a court of law decrees otherwise.

**Personal Communication Devices**

Personal communication devices ("PCDs") include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile phones, smartphones, and/or other web-enabled devices of any type.

**Policy**

A general, written statement by the governing Board which defines its expectations or position on a particular matter and authorizes appropriate action that must or may be taken to establish and/or maintain those expectations.

**President**

The chief executive officer of the Board of Education. (See Bylaw 0170)

**Principal**

The educational leader and head administrator of one (1) or more District schools. In policy and administrative guidelines, implies authority to delegate responsibilities to appropriate members of his/her staff.

**Professional Staff Member**

District employees who are either certified teachers employed in a position for which certification is a requirement of employment or administrative employees who are responsible for oversight or supervision of a component or components of the District's operation, or serve as assistants to such persons, regardless of whether they hold an administrative contract or are required to have administrator certification, but excluding the District Administrator/Superintendent.

**Relative**

The mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, domestic partner, parent of spouse/domestic partner, child or step-child, grandparents, grandchild, ~~or~~ dependent or member of the immediate household.

**School Nurse**

A school nurse is a registered nurse who meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. Sec. 115.001(11). A school nurse has the authority to exclude students for signs of illness.

**School Official**

A school official is a person employed by the Board as an administrator, supervisor, teacher/instructor (including substitutes), or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the Board; a person or company with whom the Board has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, or medical consultant); a contractor, consultant, volunteer or other party to whom the Board has outsourced a service otherwise performed by Board employees (e.g. a therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his/her tasks (including volunteers).

**Shall**

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is required. (The word "will" or "must" also signifies a required action.)

**Social Media**

Social media are online platforms where users engage with another and/or share information and ideas through text, video, or pictures. Social media consists of any form of online publication or presence that allows interactive communication, including, but not limited to, text messaging, instant messaging, websites, web logs ("blogs"), wikis, online forums (e.g., chat rooms), virtual worlds, and social networks. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Google Hangouts, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr, Instagram, Pinterest, Skype, and Facetime. Social media does not include sending or receiving e-mail through the use of District-issued e-mail accounts. Apps and web services shall not be considered social media unless they are listed on the District's website as District-approved social media platforms/sites.

**Student**

A person who is officially enrolled in a school or program of the District.

**Superintendent**

Sometimes the administrative head of the School District is referred to as Superintendent but has the authority of the District Administrator by law. In policy, capitalization of the "S" in Superintendent implies delegation of responsibilities to appropriate staff members.

**Support Staff**

Any employee who provides support to the District's program and whose position does not require a professional certificate. This category includes special education paraprofessionals, even though it is a requirement to hold a special education program aide license issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) or another valid and current DPI license or permit..

**Technology Resources**

The Board defines technology resources to include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile telephones, smartphones, web-enabled devices, video and/or audio recording equipment, SLR and DSLR cameras, projectors, software and operating systems that work on any device, copy machines, printers and scanners, information storage devices (including mobile/portable storage devices such as external hard drives, CDs/DVDs, USB thumb drives and memory chips), the computer network, Internet connection, and online educational services and apps.

**Treasurer**

The chief financial officer of the Board (See Bylaw 0170)

**Vice-President**

The Vice-President of the Board. (See Bylaw 0170)

**Voting**

A vote at a meeting of the Board. The law requires that Board members must be present in order to have their vote officially recorded in the Board minutes, and to be available for a roll call vote. A Board member's presence at a meeting includes his/her presence if attending by telephone or other manner of remote access, so long as such remote access is compliant with State law. No voting by Proxy may be recorded or counted in an official vote of the Board. Remote access during quasi-judicial functions (e.g. termination hearings, expulsions) may be permitted after consultation with legal counsel.

Citations to Wisconsin statutes are shown by the Section Number (e.g., 120.11, Wis. Stats.). Citations to the Wisconsin Administrative Code are prefaced P.I. (e.g., P.I. 11). Citations to the United States Code are noted as U.S.C., Federal Register are noted as F.R., and the Code of Federal Regulations as C.F.R.

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#### 0122 - **BOARD POWERS**

The power of this Board extends to those matters expressly or implicitly granted by constitution, statute, local charter or ordinance, or other law, including the power to do all things reasonable to promote the cause of education [unless prohibited by Federal or State law.](#)

The Board shall also authorize the development and promulgation of rules and guidelines by the District Administrator for the proper operation and management of the District, including the conduct of students while in school or enroute on school buses.

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#### 0144.3 - **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Board members shall perform their official duties in an ethical manner and free from conflict of interest pursuant to 19.59, Wis. Stats. To this end:

- A. no Board member shall use his/her position as a Board member to obtain financial gain or anything of substantial value for himself/herself, immediate family as defined in 19.42(7), Wis. Stats., or any organization with which s/he is associated;
- B. no Board member shall accept any offer of anything of value from a person either directly or indirectly, nor shall solicit or accept anything of value, if it could be reasonably expected to influence the Board member's actions;
- C. no Board member shall engage in or have a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any activity that conflicts or raises a reasonable question of conflict with his/her duties and responsibilities in the school system and as a public officer;
- D. when a member of the Board determines that the possibility of such a personal or financial interest conflict exists, s/he should, prior to the matter being considered, disclose his/her interest (such disclosure shall become a matter of record in the minutes of the Board), and thereafter shall abstain from participation in both the discussion of the matter and the vote thereon. In the event that the potential conflict involves a program or activity in whole or in part financed through Federal grant funds, the potential conflict of interest must be disclosed to the Federal granting agency consistent with the requirements of the particular granting agency;-
- E. Board members shall also perform their duties in a manner that does not violate criminal conflict of interest laws pursuant to 946.13, Wis. Stats. by having a private pecuniary interest in a contract with the District in an amount that exceeds \$15,000 annually or by participating in making or performing some function as a Board member with respect to a contract in which the Board member has a private pecuniary interest, unless statutory exceptions apply.

~~Board members shall also perform their duties in a manner that does not violate criminal conflict of interest laws pursuant to 946.13, Wis. Stats., by having a private interest in a contract with the District in an amount that exceeds \$15,000 annually.~~

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0145 - **BOARD MEMBER ANTI-SEXUAL AND OTHER FORMS OF HARASSMENT**

The Board is committed to an environment that is free of harassment. The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate action to eliminate it.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against harassment based on race, color, national origin, age, sex (including gender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity), pregnancy, creed or religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, military service (as defined in 111.32, Wis. Stats.), ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the District’s premises during non-working hours, declining to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer about religious matters or political matters, or any other characteristic protected by law in its employment practices (hereinafter referred to as "Protected Classes"), and encourages those within the School District community as well as Third Parties, who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify such problems. The Board prohibits harassment that affects tangible job benefits, interferes unreasonably with an individual’s work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. ~~Harassment may occur employee to employee, employee to student, male to female, female to male, male to male, or female to female.~~

The harassment of a District staff member, student, or another Board member by a member of the Board is strictly forbidden. Any member who is found to have harassed a member of the staff, a student, or another Board member, will be subject to discipline by the Board and may be reported to law enforcement authorities. (See Policy 0144.5 - Board Member Behavior and Code of Conduct).

The Board believes that sexual or other forms of offensive speech and conduct are wholly inappropriate to the harmonious relationships necessary to the operation of the District and intolerable in an environment in which students and staff members of this District function.

Sexual harassment includes all unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and verbal or physical contacts of a sexual nature whenever submission to such conduct is made a condition of employment or a basis for an employment decision, or when such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. (See also Policy 1422 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, Policy 3122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, and Policy 4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity)

Other forms of harassment include verbal or non-verbal expression related to race, gender, age, religion, disability, pregnancy, or sexual orientation.

Substantial interference with a person/employee's work performance or creation of an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment is established when the conduct based on sex or one of the other Protected Classes referenced above, is such that a reasonable person under the same circumstances as the person/employee would consider the conduct sufficiently severe or pervasive so as to interfere substantially with the person's work performance or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment. (See also Policy 3362.01/Policy 4362.01 - Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members)

~~The harassment of a District staff member, student or another Board member by a member of the Board is strictly forbidden. Any member who is found to have harassed a member of the staff, a student, or another Board member will be subject to discipline by the Board and may be reported to law enforcement authorities.~~

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#### 0167.3 - **PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

#### **Agenda Item**

Any person or group who would like to have an item put on the agenda shall submit their request to the District Administrator no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting and include:

- A. name and address of the participant;
- B. group affiliation, if and when appropriate;
- C. topic to be addressed.

Such requests shall be subject to the recommendation of the District Administrator and the approval of Board President.

#### **Public Comment Section of the Meeting**

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board may provide a period for public comment at any regular or special meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such comment in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public comment is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public comment shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business, at the discretion of the presiding officer, and for individuals who live or work within the District and parents/guardians of students enrolled in the District.
- B. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- C. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name; address; and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- D. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.

- E. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- F. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- G. Participants shall address only topics within the legitimate jurisdiction of the Board.
- H. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- I. The presiding officer may:
  - 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
  - 2. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
  - 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
  - 4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.
  - 5. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.
- J. The portion of the meeting during which the comment of the public is invited shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless extended by a vote of the Board.
- K. The Board may authorize the administration to arrange for the ~~recording,~~ filming, photographing, broadcasting, or live streaming of open sessions of Board meetings.
- L. Signage, banners, or other material which impedes any person's view of the proceedings, including a Board member's view, shall be relocated so as not to obstruct views.

Recording, filming, or photographing the Board's open meetings by Third Parties is permitted pursuant to 19.90, Wis. Stat. Recording, filming, or photographing the Board's closed session is only permitted pursuant to Bylaw 0167.2 – Closed Session. The person operating the equipment should contact the District Administrator prior to the Board meeting to review possible placement of the equipment, and must agree to abide by the following conditions:

- 1. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
- 2. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
- 3. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience or otherwise disrupt the meeting while the Board is in session.

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#### 1210 - **BOARD - DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR RELATIONSHIP**

The Board believes that, in general, it is the primary duty of the Board to establish policies and that of the District Administrator to administer such policies. Policy should not be originated or changed without the input or recommendation of the District Administrator. The District Administrator should be given the latitude to determine the best method of implementing the policies of the Board.

The District Administrator, as the chief administrative officer of the District, is the primary professional advisor to the Board. S/He is responsible for the development, supervision, and operation of the school program and facilities, including the development of administrative guidelines consistent with Policy 1230.01 - Development of Administrative Guidelines. The Board shall retain oversight of any administrative guidelines established by the District Administrator to implement Board policy.

The District Administrator and those administrators directed by the District Administrator shall attend all Board meetings, when feasible. Administrative participation shall be by professional counsel, guidance, and recommendation - as distinct from deliberation, debate, and voting of Board members.

[In the interests of promoting and maintaining a healthy and productive work environment, the District Administrator shall report to the Board President any information regarding Board member conduct in violation of Policy 3362.01 - Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members, Policy 4362.01 - Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members, or Bylaw 0144.5 - Board Member Behavior and Code of Conduct. If such a report involves the Board President, the Board Vice-President shall be notified.](#)

The Board is responsible for determining the success of the District Administrator in meeting the goals established by the Board through annual evaluations of the District Administrator's performance. The Board, in formulating its position with regard to the performance of the District Administrator, shall rely, whenever possible, on the objective outcomes of its evaluations rather than on subjective opinions.

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#### 1422.02 - **NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE**

The Board ~~of Education~~ prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information in all aspects of employment, including hiring, firing, compensation, job assignments, promotions, layoffs, training, fringe benefits, or any other terms, conditions, or privileges of employment. The Board also does not limit, segregate, or classify applicants or employees in any way that would deprive or tend to deprive them of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect the status of the person as an employee ~~as an employee~~, based on genetic information. Harassment of a person because of his/her genetic information ~~is~~ is prohibited. Likewise, retaliation against a person for identifying, objecting to, or filing a complaint concerning a violation of this policy ~~an applicant or employee for engaging in protected activity~~ is prohibited.

The identity of the Compliance Officer (see Policy 1422 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity) shall be posted throughout the District and published in any District statement regarding the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of genetic information in all aspects of employment, in any staff handbooks, and in general information publications of the District as required by Federal and State law and on the District website.

In accordance with Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. 2000ff, et seq., and 29 C.F.R. Part 1635 ("GINA"), the Board shall not request, require or purchase genetic information of employees, their family members or applicants for employment. Further, in compliance with GINA this Act, applicants and employees are directed not to provide any genetic information, including the individual's family medical history, in response to necessary requests for medical information, with the exception that family medical history may be provided ~~acquired~~ as part of the certification process for FMLA leave, or when an employee is asking for leave to care for an immediate family member with a serious health condition. Applicants for employment are directed not to provide any genetic information, including the individual's family medical history, in response to requests for medical information as part of the District's application for employment process. Employees and applicants for employment shall not be penalized for providing genetic information in good faith in response to a request from a District employee or agent, unless that applicant or employee refuses to delete the information at the request of the employee or agent of the District.

The ~~Board~~ District recognizes that genetic information may be acquired through commercially and publicly available media including documents like newspapers, books, magazines, periodicals, television shows or the Internet. The ~~Board~~ District ~~prohibits, however, District~~ its employees and agents including commercial background investigation agents from searching these such sources with the intent of finding or obtaining genetic information, or accessing sources from which they are likely to acquire genetic information. If genetic information about an employee or applicant is obtained in error, it shall be redacted immediately and not shared beyond the point of first receipt.

As used in this policy, "Genetic information," as defined by GINA, means information about: (a) an individual's genetic tests; (b) the genetic tests of that individual's family members; (c) the manifestation of disease or disorder in family members of the individual (i.e., family medical history); (d) an individual's request for, or receipt of, genetic services, or the participation in clinical research that includes genetic services by the individual or a family member of the individual; or (e) the genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or a pregnant woman who is a family member of the individual and the genetic information of an embryo legally held by an individual or family member using assistive reproductive technology.

The term "genetic information" does not include information about the sex or age of the individual, the sex or age of family members, or information about the race or ethnicity of the individual or family member that is not derived from a genetic test.

As used in this policy, "genetic test" means an analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins, or metabolites that detect genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes. The term includes any test of a person's DNA/RNA.

If the ~~District's employees or agents~~~~District either~~ legally and/or inadvertently receives genetic information about an employee or applicant ~~for employment from the employee, applicant for employment, or a medical provider~~ it shall be treated as a confidential medical record in accordance with law.

The ~~District's~~~~District Administrator shall appoint a~~ Compliance Officer (see Policy 1422 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity) ~~is who shall be~~ responsible for overseeing the ~~Board~~~~District's~~ compliance with this policy and GINA and proposing revisions and additions to this policy as necessary to ensure the Board's compliance with GINA~~Federal regulations and promptly dealing with any inquiries or complaints~~. This person shall be responsible for working with the Board's legal counsel to fully implement the requirements of GINA in all activities of the School District. The Compliance Officer ~~S/He shall~~ also ~~shall~~ verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination for Title II of ~~GINA~~~~the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008~~ is provided to staff members, and that all ~~District~~ requests for health-related information (e.g., to support an employee's request for reasonable accommodation under the ADA or a request for sick leave) ~~are~~is accompanied by a written warning that directs the employee or health care provider not to collect or provide genetic information. The warning shall read as follows:

### **Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) Disclosure Requirement**

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 ~~or ("GINA")~~ prohibits employers and other entities covered by the law~~GINA Title II~~, including the Board ~~of Education~~, from requesting or requiring genetic information of an employee or applicant~~individual~~ or family member of an employee or applicant~~the individual~~, except as specifically allowed by law. To comply with GINA~~this law~~, do not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information (unless the request pertains to a request for FMLA leave for purposes of caring for an immediate family member with a serious health condition). "Genetic information," as defined by GINA, includes an individual's family medical history, the results of an individual's or family member's genetic test, the fact that an individual or an individual's family member sought or received genetic services or participated in clinical research that includes genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual's family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services. Questions concerning compliance with the requirements of GINA may be directed to the Compliance Officer at 920-596-5840.

The ~~Board~~~~District~~ offers health services, including a wellness program. Participation in the services/program is voluntary. Genetic information (such as family medical history) may be obtained as part of an individual's participation in the service/program. If that occurs, individual genetic information may be provided to the individual receiving the services and to his/her health services providers, but only genetic information in aggregate form will be provided to the ~~District~~~~Board~~ and no applicant or employee shall be identified or identifiable from the reported information.

The grievance procedure for complaints of discrimination in Policy 1422 applies to complaints of discrimination, including harassment, or retaliation prohibited by GINA and may be utilized if an employee alleges discrimination or harassment on the basis of genetic information or retaliation for identifying, objecting to, or filing a complaint concerning a violation of GINA or this policy.

42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq.

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#### 1422 - **NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Board does not discriminate in the employment of administrative staff on the basis of ~~the Protected Classes of~~ race, color, national origin, age, sex (including transgender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity), pregnancy, creed or religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, military service (as defined in 111.32, Wis. Stats.), ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours, declining to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer about religious matters or political matters, or any other legally protected category in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities~~characteristic protected by law in its employment practices.~~

Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination and the identity of the School District's Compliance Officer(s) (see below) will be published on the District's website, posted throughout the District, and included in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.

#### **Definitions**

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

Complainant is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

**Day(s):** Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

**Military status:** refers to a person's status in the uniformed services, which includes the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service, including active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty for training, full-time National Guard duty, and performance of duty or training by a member of Wisconsin organized militia. It also includes the period of time for which a person is absent from employment for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the person to perform any duty listed above.

**Respondent** is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

**School District community** means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties** include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals

who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

### District Compliance Officers

The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District's "Compliance Officers" (also known as "Civil Rights Coordinators"; hereinafter referred to as the "COs").

Carmen O'Brien  
Business Manager  
School District of Manawa  
800 Beech Street  
Manawa, WI 54949  
920-596-5840  
cobrien@manawaschools.org

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High School/Middle School Principal  
School District of Manawa  
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Manawa, WI 54949  
920-596-5310  
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The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually in the staff handbooks and on the School District's website.

The COs are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with the applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination, retaliation, or denial of equal access. The COs shall also verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination has been provided for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended), Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ~~Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972,~~ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) to students, their parents, staff members, and the general public. ~~A copy of each of the Acts and regulations on which this notice is available upon request from the CO.~~

### Reports and Complaints of ~~Unlawful~~ Discrimination and Retaliation

Employees are required to~~expected to promptly~~ report incidents of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination and/or retaliation to an administrator, supervisor, or other supervisory employees so that the Board may address the conduct. Any administrator, supervisor, or other supervisory employees who receive such a report~~complaint~~ shall file it with the CO at the employee's~~his/her~~ first opportunity, but no later than two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Discrimination against an individual based on their sex (including gender status, sexual orientation, and gender identity) is discrimination in violation of Title VII. Specifically, discrimination on the basis of sex stereotyping/gender-nonconformity constitutes sex discrimination. This is true irrespective of the cause of the person's gender non-conforming behavior. Employment actions based upon an individual's sex could be suspect and potentially impermissible.

COs are required to investigate allegations of conduct involving the discrimination or harassment of an employee or applicant based upon his/her gender status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Any questions concerning whether alleged conduct might violate this prohibition should be brought to the CO's attention promptly.

Employees who believe they have been ~~unlawfully~~ discriminated/retaliated against are entitled to utilize the complaint process set forth below. Initiating a complaint will not adversely affect the Complainant's~~complaining individual's~~ employment. While there are no time limits for initiating complaints under this policy, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint as soon as possible after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

The COs will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation. COs shall accept reports~~complaints~~ of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation directly from any member of the School District community or a Third Party,~~or receive reports that are initially filed with another Board employee (District employees, students, parent(s), and member of the Board), a resident of the District, or a visitor to the District.~~ Upon receipt of a report of alleged discrimination/retaliation~~complaint, the either directly or through a school building administrator, a~~ CO will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the Complainant's request and the nature of the alleged discrimination/retaliation) investigation, or the District Administrator will designate a specific individual to conduct the process necessary for an informal or formal investigation. ~~the CO will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process.~~ The CO will

provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and the Respondent upon request.~~any person who files a complaint. All members of the School District community must report incidents of discrimination/retaliation that are reported to them to the CO within two (2) business days of learning of the incident/conduct.~~

Any Board employee who directly observes ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to one of the COs within two (2) business days. Additionally, any Board employee who observes an act of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation is expected to intervene to stop the misconduct, unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other Board employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the misconduct. Thereafter, the CO must contact the Complainant~~employee~~ within two (2) business days to advise ~~him/her~~ of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

## Investigation and Complaint Procedure

Except for sex discrimination and/or sexual harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, any employee who alleges to have been~~Any employee who believes that s/he has been~~ subjected to ~~unlawful~~ discrimination or retaliation may seek resolution of ~~the~~his/her complaint through the procedures described below. The complaint procedures involve an investigation of the individual's claims of discrimination/retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated.

Once the complaint process begins, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) ~~business~~ days of the complaint being received).

The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of any individual to pursue a complaint of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division, or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC").

## Complaint Procedure

A Complainant who alleges discrimination/retaliation~~An individual who believes s/he has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation (hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant")~~, may file a complaint, either orally or in writing; 1) with a Principal; 2) the CO; or 3) to the District Administrator or other supervisory employees. Any complaint received regarding the District Administrator or a Board member shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the CO for such complaints. Additionally, if the complaint is regarding a CO, the complaint shall be reported to the District Administrator, who shall coordinate with the other appointed/designated~~assume the role of~~ CO or, if appropriate appoint/designate another individual to serve as CO for the complaint regarding a CO.~~for such complaints.~~

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination and retaliation, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals are encouraged~~should make every effort~~ to file a complaint within thirty (30) ~~calendar~~ days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a Complainant informs a Principal, District Administrator, or other supervisory employees, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of discrimination or retaliation, that employee must report such information to the CO at the employee's first opportunity, but no later than~~within~~ two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Throughout the course of the process, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All complaints must include the following information to the extent known it is available: the identity of the Respondent~~individual believed to have engaged in, or be engaging in, the discriminatory/retaliatory conduct~~; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the CO shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter, the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further discrimination or retaliation, including; but not limited to; a change of work assignment or schedule for the Complainant and/or the Respondent~~person who allegedly engaged in the misconduct~~. In making such a determination, the CO should consult the Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with~~his/her position to~~ the proposed action. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the CO may still may take whatever actions are deemed~~s/he deems~~ appropriate in consultation with the District Administrator.

Within two (2) days of receiving the complaint, the CO or designee will initiate an investigation by at a minimum confirming receipt of the complaint with the Complainant and informing the Complainant of the investigation process.~~Within two (2) business days of~~

~~receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate an investigation to determine whether the Complainant has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation.~~

Simultaneously, the CO will inform the Respondent that a formal individual alleged to have engaged in the discriminatory or retaliatory conduct (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent"), that a complaint has been received. The Respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations and upon request provided with a copy of any relevant policies and/or administrative guidelines, including this Policy. The Respondent must also be informed of the opportunity to submit a written response to the complaint and the obligation to do so within five (5) ~~business~~-days.

Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO or designee will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment based on a protected class or retaliation within thirty (30) days of receiving the formal complaint. ~~though certain cases may require additional time, the CO will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of discrimination/retaliation within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the formal complaint. The investigation will include:~~

The investigation will include:

- A. interviews with the Complainant;
- B. interviews with the Respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who may reasonably be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;
- D. consideration of any documentation or other information presented by the Complainant, Respondent, or any other witness that is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator that summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent has engaged in harassment/retaliation of the Complainant ~~Complainant has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation~~. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances. In determining if discrimination or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation, the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, if the matter involves the District Administrator, engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within five (5) ~~business~~-days of receiving the report of the CO, the District Administrator either must ~~either~~ issue a written final decision regarding whether the charges have been substantiated or request further investigation. A summary explanation of the copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be provided delivered to both the Complainant and the Respondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five (5) ~~business~~-days, or as quickly as possible if additional time is necessary due to the availability of necessary witness(es) or documents. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above.

If the District Administrator determines the Respondent engaged in discrimination/retaliation toward the Complainant, the District Administrator ~~Complainant was subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation, s/he~~ must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the discrimination/retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, age-appropriate, effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

A Complainant or Respondent who is dissatisfied with the final decision of the District Administrator may appeal through a signed written statement to the Board within five (5) ~~business~~-days of the party's his/her receipt of the District Administrator's ~~final~~ decision. The written statement of appeal must be submitted to the District Administrator, who will forward the request to the Board President.

In an attempt to resolve the complaint, the Board shall review the findings and may meet with the concerned parties and their

representatives within twenty (20) ~~business~~ days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) ~~business~~ days of its decision. The decision of the Board will be final.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation regardless of whether the ~~Complainant~~~~employee alleging the misconduct~~ pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board or its designee.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described interviews/meetings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint ~~process~~~~procedure~~ is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The Board will employ all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

All records generated under the terms of this policy shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Respondents must be provided an opportunity to meaningfully respond to allegations, which may include disclosure of the Complainant's identity. ~~Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity. All Complainants will be advised that their identities may become known to the Respondent(s) through the investigation process.~~

During the course of an investigation, the CO will instruct each person who is interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an investigation is expected not to disclose to third parties any information that is learned or provided ~~s/he learns and/or provides~~ during the course of the investigation.

### **Remedial ActionSanctions and Monitoring**

~~The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against unlawful discrimination by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct. While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law. When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter. In those cases where unlawful discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies and/or the Employee Handbook.~~

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken due to the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be a District employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

### **Sanctions and Disciplinary Action**

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against discrimination by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law and any relevant codes of conduct.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the age and maturity level of any student involved. In those cases where discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior ~~disciplinary~~~~remedial~~ action has been taken against the Respondent~~an employee~~, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effect.

### **Retaliation**

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation, or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy. ~~Specifically, the Board will not retaliate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made unlawful by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a charge, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws, or because that individual exercised their rights, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise of any right granted or protected by those laws.~~

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of ~~unlawful~~ discriminatory practices. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District staff where appropriate. All training, as well as all information provided regarding the Board's policy and discrimination in general, will be age and content appropriate.

### **Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all ~~information,~~ documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and/or received as part of an investigation, which may include ~~including,~~ but are not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/statements;
- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and statements collected;
- C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
- D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;
- E. narratives of, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness statements;
- F. all documentary evidence;
- G. e-mails, texts, or social media posts pertaining to the investigation;
- H. contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
- I. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
- J. dated written determinations to the parties;
- K. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
- L. written documentation of any ~~supportive~~ ~~interim~~ measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and/or the Respondent ~~complainants~~, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt; and



- M. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects;:-
  - N. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Codes of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
  - O. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
  - P. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time and location of the training, and a copy of the materials reviewed and/or presented during the training.]**
- It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**
- Q. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
  - R. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
  - S. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
  - T. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and alleged perpetrator in advance of any interview or hearing;
  - U. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The ~~information~~, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The ~~information~~, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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#### 1623 - **SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT**

The Board prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant based upon his/her disability. As such, the Board will not engage in employment practices or adopt policies that discriminate on the basis of disability, or otherwise discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in regard to job application procedures, the hiring, advancement or discharge of employees, employee compensation, job training, or other terms, conditions and privileges of employment. The Board further will not limit, segregate or classify applicants or employees in any way that adversely affects their opportunities or status because of disability. Additionally, the Board will not participate in any contractual or other relationships that have the effect of subjecting qualified individuals with disabilities who are applicants or employees to discrimination on the basis of disability.

[Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination in employment practices and the identity of the School District's Compliance Officer\(s\) \(see below\) will be published on the District's website, posted throughout the District, and included in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.](#)

#### **Definitions**

[Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.](#)

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[Respondent:](#) is the individual who is alleged to have engaged in discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the Complainant files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

[District community:](#) means students, District employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), and Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

[Third Parties:](#) include but are not limited to guests and/or visitors on District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with or seeking to do business with the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

**"An individual with a disability"** means a person who has, ~~has had~~ a record of, or is regarded as having, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

#### **Major Life Activities**

Major life activities are functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, sitting, reaching, interacting with others, and working.

Major life activities also include the operation of a major bodily function, including, but not limited to, functions of the immune system, special sense organs and skin, normal cell growth, and digestive, genitourinary, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, hemic, lymphatic, musculoskeletal and reproductive functions. The operation of a major bodily function includes the operation of an individual organ within a body system.

### **Impairment That Substantially Limits a Major Life Activity**

~~An impairment that is episodic in nature or in remission is considered a disability if it would substantially limit a major life activity when active.~~

The determination of whether an impairment substantially limits a major life activity must be made without regard to the ameliorative effects of mitigating measures such as medication, medical supplies, equipment or appliances, low-vision devices (defined as devices that magnify, enhance, or otherwise augment a visual image, but not including ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses), prosthetics (including limbs and devices), hearing aid(s) and cochlear implant(s) or other implantable hearing devices, mobility devices, oxygen therapy equipment or supplies, use of assistive technology, reasonable accommodations or "auxiliary aids or services," learned behavioral or adaptive neurological modifications, psychotherapy, behavioral therapy, or physical therapy.

An impairment that is episodic in nature or in remission is considered a disability if it would substantially limit a major life activity when active.

### **Qualified Individual with a Disability**

A qualified ~~individual person~~ with a disability means the individual satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other job-related requirements of the employment position ~~the such~~ individual holds or desires and ~~, with or without reasonable accommodation,~~ can perform the essential functions of the job in question, with or without reasonable accommodation.

### **Reasonable Accommodation**

The Board will provide a reasonable accommodation to a qualified individual who has an actual disability or who has a record of a disability unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the ~~Board District's~~ program and/or activities. A reasonable accommodation is not ~~necessarily~~ required for an individual who is merely regarded as having a disability.

### **Facilities**

No qualified person with a disability will be denied the benefits of, excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/American with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities.

For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities.

### **District Compliance Officer(s)**

The Board designates the following individual(s) to serve as the District's 504 CO(s)/ADA Coordinator(s) (hereinafter referred to as the "COs").

Carmen O'Brien  
Business Manager  
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800 Beech Street  
Manawa, WI 54949  
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The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually in the staff handbooks and on the School District's website.

The COs are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination/retaliation or denial of equal access. The COs also shall verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended), Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975 is provided to staff members and the general public. A copy of each of the Acts and regulations on which this notice is based will be made available upon request from the CO ~~Any sections of the and fulfill its responsibilities under Section 504 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended ("ADA"). A copy of Section 504 and the ADA, including copies of their implementing regulations, may be obtained from the District COs.~~

The COs will oversee the investigation of any complaints of discrimination based on disability, which may be filed pursuant to the Board's adopted internal complaint procedure, and will attempt to resolve such complaints. Any complaint received regarding the District Administrator or a Board member shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the CO for such complaints, as appropriate. Additionally, if the complaint is regarding a CO, the complaint shall be reported to the District Administrator, who shall coordinate with the other appointed/designated CO, or, if appropriate appoint/designate another individual to serve as CO for the complaint regarding a CO.

The Board will provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging violations of Section 504/ADA. (See Complaint Procedure below.)

### **Training**

~~The COs will also oversee the training of employees in the District so that all employees understand their rights and responsibilities under Section 504 and the ADA, and are informed of the Board's policies, administrative guidelines, and practices with respect to fully implementing and complying with the requirements of Section 504/ADA.~~

~~The Board will provide in-service training and consultation to staff responsible for the education of persons with disabilities, as necessary and appropriate.~~

### **Facilities**

~~No qualified person with a disability will, because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies.~~

~~For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities.~~

### **Notice**

~~Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination in employment practices and the identity of the COs will be posted throughout the District, and published in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.~~

### **Complaint Procedures**

If a person believes that s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of his/her disability, the person may utilize the following complaint procedures as a means of reaching, at the lowest possible administrative level, a prompt and equitable resolution of the matter.

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations ("Section 504"), employees will be notified of their right to file an internal complaint regarding an alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of Section 504. In addition, employees will be notified of their right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Internal complaints must be put in writing and must identify the specific circumstances or areas of dispute that have given rise to the complaint, and offer possible solutions to the dispute. The complaint must be filed with COs within the time limits specified below. The COs are available to assist individuals in filing a complaint.

### **Internal Complaint Procedure**

The following internal complaint procedure is available to employees for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging discrimination based upon disability. Use of the internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies, including the filing of a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

- A. An employee with a complaint based on alleged discrimination on the basis of disability may first discuss the problem with the CO.
- B. If the informal discussion does not resolve the matter, or if the employee skips Step A, the individual may file a formal written complaint with the CO. The written complaint must contain the name and address of the individual or representative filing the complaint, be signed by the Complainant or someone authorized to sign for the Complainant, describe the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the CO of the nature and date of the alleged violation and propose a resolution. The complaint must be filed within thirty (30) ~~calendar~~ days of the circumstances or event giving rise to the complaint unless the time for filing is extended by the CO for good cause.
- C. The CO will conduct an independent investigation of the matter (which may or may not include a hearing). This complaint procedure contemplates informal, but thorough investigations, affording all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to present witnesses and other evidence relevant to the complaint. The CO will provide the Complainant with a written disposition of the complaint within ten (10) ~~business~~ days. If no decision is rendered within ten (10) business days, or the decision is unsatisfactory in the opinion of the Complainant, the employee may file, in writing, an appeal with the District Administrator. The CO shall maintain the District's files and records relating to the complaint.
- D. The District Administrator will, within ten (10) ~~business~~ days of receiving the written appeal, conduct a hearing with all parties involved in an attempt to resolve the complaint.  
  
The District Administrator will render his/her decision within ten (10) ~~business~~ days of the hearing.
- E. The employee may be represented, at his/her own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.
- F. The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights or the filing of a court case. Use of this internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

If it is determined that the Complainant was subjected to ~~unlawful~~ discrimination, the CO must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the discrimination/retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

### **OCR Complaint**

At any time, if an employee believes that s/he has been subjected to discrimination based upon his/her disability in violation of Section 504 or the ADA, the individual may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"). The OCR can be reached at:

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Citigroup Center  
500 W. Madison Street Suite 1475  
Chicago, IL 60661  
(312) 730-1560  
FAX: (312) 730-1576  
TDD: (877) 521-2172  
E-mail: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The District will employ all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the District's legal obligations to investigate, take appropriate action, and conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

All records generated under the terms of this policy shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity.

During the course of a formal investigation, the CO or designee will instruct each person who is interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an investigation is expected not to disclose to third parties any information that is learned or provided during the course of the investigation.

### **Remedial Action and Monitoring**

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken due to the discrimination or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be a District employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

### **Sanctions and Disciplinary Action**

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against discrimination by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law and any relevant codes of conduct.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the age and maturity level of any student involved. In those cases where discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior disciplinary action has been taken against the Respondent, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effect.

### **Retaliation**

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation, or participates as a witness in an investigation, is prohibited. ~~Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, Specifically, the Board will not discriminate/retaliate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten~~ or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made ~~unlawful~~ by Section 504 or the ADA, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint~~charge~~, testified, assisted or participated, or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of discriminatory practices. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District students and staff where appropriate. All training and information provided regarding the Board's policy and discrimination, in general, will be age and content-appropriate.

### **Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO is responsible for overseeing the retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and/or received as part of an investigation, which may include but are not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/grievances/statements/responses pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy;
- B. any narratives that memorialize oral reports/allegations/complaints/grievances/statements/responses pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy;

- C. any documentation that memorializes the actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities related to the investigation and/or the District's response to the alleged violation of this policy;
  - D. written witness statements;
  - E. narratives, notes from, and audio, video, or digital recordings of witness interviews/statements;
  - F. e-mails, texts, and social media posts that directly relate to or constitute evidence pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy (i.e., not after-the-fact commentary about or media coverage of the incident);
  - G. notes and summaries prepared contemporaneously by the investigator in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.), but not including transitory notes whose content is otherwise memorialized in other documents;
  - H. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and other documentation that memorializes oral disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of this policy;
  - I. dated written determinations/reports (including summaries of relevant exculpatory and inculpatory evidence) and other documentation that memorializes oral notifications to the parties concerning the outcome of the investigation, including any consequences imposed as a result of a violation of this policy;
  - J. documentation of any supportive measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and the Respondent, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates the no contact orders were issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt of the no contact orders;
  - K. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects;
  - L. copies of the Board policy and procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Codes of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
  - M. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
  - N. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy including, but not limited to notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conduct an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time, and location of the training, the name and title (or credentials) of the presenter, and a copy of the materials reviewed or presented during the training.]**
- It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**
- O. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
  - P. copies of any notices sent to the Respondent of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
  - Q. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview or meeting;
  - R. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal (e.g., FERPA, ADA) and/or State law, such as student records and confidential medical records.

The documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years and longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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**Prohibited Harassment**

The Board is committed to a work environment that is free of harassment of any form. The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate action to eliminate it. Any member of the School District community who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our employees.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against discriminatory harassment based on race, color, national origin, age, sex (including ~~trans~~gender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity), pregnancy, creed or religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, military service (as defined in 111.32, Wis. Stats.), ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours, declining to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer about religious matters or political matters (collectively, "Protected Classes"), or any other characteristic protected by law in its employment practices (hereinafter referred to as "harassment" "Protected Classes Characteristics"), and encourages those within the School District community as well as third parties, who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify such problems. The Board prohibits harassment that affects tangible job benefits, interferes unreasonably with an individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Harassment may occur employee-to-employee, employee-to-student, male-to-female, female-to-male, male-to-male, or female-to-female.

The Board will investigate all allegations of harassment and, in those cases where harassment is substantiated, ~~the Board will~~ take immediate steps ~~calculated~~ to end the harassment, prevent its reoccurrence, and, ~~if applicable,~~ remedy its effects.

Individuals who are found to have engaged in harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

~~For purposes of this policy, "School District community" means individuals subject to the control and supervision of the Board including, but not limited to, students, teachers, staff, volunteers, and Board members, agents, contractors, or other persons.~~

~~For purposes of this policy, "third parties" include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with the District, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off School District property).~~

**Notice**

Notice of the Board's policy on anti-harassment related to employment practices and the identity of the District's Compliance Officers will be posted throughout the District and published in any District statement regarding the availability of employment, staff handbooks, and general information publications of the District as required by Federal and State law and this policy.

**Definitions**

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

**Complainant:** is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to harassment, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**Day(s):** Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

**Respondent:** is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in harassment, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**School District community:** means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties:** include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

### Bullying

Bullying rises to the level of harassment when one or more persons systematically and chronically inflict physical hurt or psychological distress on one (1) or more students or employees and that bullying is based upon one (1) or more Protected Classes, that is, characteristics that are protected by Federal civil rights laws. It is defined as any unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior, including any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, by an adult or student, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or work environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school or work performance or participation; and may involve:

- A. teasing;
- B. threats;
- C. intimidation;
- D. stalking;
- E. cyberstalking;
- F. cyberbullying;
- G. physical violence;
- H. theft;
- I. sexual, religious, or racial harassment;
- J. public humiliation; or
- K. destruction of property.

~~"Harassment" means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a school employee on the basis of the employee's Protected Classes Characteristics that:~~

- A. ~~places a school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property;~~
- B. ~~is sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent so as to create a hostile working environment which materially alters the employee's working conditions from the perspective of a reasonable person similarly situated;~~
- C. ~~has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school or any other aspect of the District's operations.~~

"Harassment" also includes "hate speech"—the use of language, behavior, or images/symbols that express prejudice against a particular group or groups on the basis of any protected characteristic(s).

Examples are:

- A. making statements that promote violence toward a racial or ethnic group;
- B. drawing, displaying, or posting images or symbols of prejudice (e.g., swastikas).

### **Sexual Harassment**

For purposes of this policy and consistent with Pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ~~and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972,~~ "sexual harassment" is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other physical, verbal, or visual conduct based on sex constitutes sexual harassment when:

- A. a supervisory employee engages in harassing behavior towards a subordinate employee, regardless of whether such conduct creates a hostile work environment;
- B. acquiescence in or submission to such conduct is an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment;
- C. an individual's acquiescence in, submission to, or rejection of such conduct becomes the basis for employment decisions affecting that individual;
- D. such conduct is sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent such that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment;
- E. consensual sexual relationships where such relationship leads to favoritism of a subordinate employee with whom the superior is sexually involved and where such favoritism results in an adverse employment action for another employee or otherwise creates a hostile work environment;
- F. inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the District into a student's personal space and personal life.

Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of any ~~either~~ gender against a person of the same or another ~~opposite~~ gender.

Sexual Harassment covered by Policy 2266/AG 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, i.e., sexual harassment prohibited by Title IX, is not included in this policy. Allegations of such conduct shall be addressed solely by Policy 2266/AG 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.

Prohibited acts that constitute sexual harassment under this policy may take a variety of forms. Examples of the kinds of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- A. unwelcome sexual propositions, invitations, solicitations, and flirtations;
- B. unwanted physical and/or sexual contact ~~assault~~;
- C. threats or insinuations that a person's employment, wages, promotion, assignments, or other conditions of employment may be adversely affected by not submitting to sexual advances;
- D. unwelcome verbal expressions ~~of a sexual nature~~, including graphic sexual commentaries about a person's body, dress, appearance, or sexual activities; the unwelcome use of sexually degrading language, profanity, jokes or innuendoes; unwelcome suggestive or insulting sounds or whistles; obscene telephone calls, text messages, or social media postings;
- E. sexually suggestive objects, pictures, graffiti, videos, videotapes, posters, audio recordings, or literature, placed in the work ~~or educational~~ environment that reasonably may embarrass or offend individuals; ~~remarks speculating about a person's sexual activities or sexual history, or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history;~~
- F. unwelcome and inappropriate touching, patting, or pinching; obscene gestures;

- G. asking or telling about sexual fantasies, sexual preferences, or sexual activities;
- H. speculation about a person's sexual activities or sexual history or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history;
- I. giving unwelcome personal gifts, such as lingerie, that suggest the desire for a romantic relationship;
- J. leering or staring at someone in a sexual way, such as staring at a person's breasts, buttocks, or groin;
- K. consensual sexual relationships where such relationship leads to favoritism of a subordinate employee with whom the superior is sexually involved and where such favoritism adversely affects other employees or otherwise creates a hostile work environment; ~~and~~
- L. inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the School District community into a student's personal space and personal life; and
- M. verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex-stereotyping that does not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

Sexual relationships between staff members, where one staff member has supervisory responsibilities over the other, are discouraged as a matter of Board policy. Such relationships have an inherent possibility of being construed as sexual harassment because the consensual aspect of the relationship may be the result of implicit or explicit duress caused by uncertainty regarding the consequences of non-compliance.

Romantic or sexual relationships between District staff (teachers, aides, administrators, coaches or other school authorities) and a student is expressly prohibited. Any school staff member who engages in sexual conduct with a student may also be guilty of a crime and any information regarding such instances will be reported to law enforcement authorities.

### **Boundary Invasions**

Boundary invasions may be appropriate or inappropriate. Appropriate boundary invasions make medical or educational sense. For example, a teacher or aide assisting a kindergartner after a toileting accident or a coach touching a student during wrestling or football can be appropriate. However, other behaviors might be going too far, are inappropriate and may be signs of sexual grooming. Inappropriate boundary invasions may include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. hugging, kissing, or other physical contact with a student;
- B. telling sexual jokes to students;
- C. engaging in talk containing sexual innuendo or banter with students;
- D. talking about sexual topics that are not related to curriculum;
- E. showing pornography to a student;
- F. taking an undue interest in a student (i.e. having a "special friend" or a "special relationship");
- G. initiating or extending contact with students beyond the school day for personal purposes;
- H. using e-mail, text messaging, or websites to discuss personal topics or interests with students;
- I. giving students rides in the staff member's personal vehicle or taking students on personal outings without administrative approval;
- J. invading a student's privacy (e.g. walking in on the student in the bathroom, locker-room, asking about bra sizes or previous sexual experiences);
- K. going to a student's home for non-educational purposes;
- L. inviting students to the staff member's home without proper chaperones (i.e. another staff member or parent of student);
- M. giving gifts or money to a student for no legitimate educational purpose;
- N. accepting gifts or money from a student for no legitimate educational purpose;

- O. being overly "touchy" with students;
- P. favoring certain students by inviting them to come to the classroom at non-class times;
- Q. getting a student out of class to visit with the staff member;
- R. providing advice to or counseling a student regarding a personal problem (i.e. problems related to sexual behavior, substance abuse, mental or physical health, and/or family relationships, etc.), unless properly licensed and authorized to do so;
- S. talking to a student about problems that would normally be discussed with adults (i.e. marital issues);
- T. being alone with a student behind closed doors without a legitimate educational purpose;
- U. telling a student "secrets" and having "secrets" with a student;
- V. other similar activities or behavior.

Inappropriate boundary invasions are prohibited and must be reported promptly to one of the District Compliance Officers, as designated in this policy, the Building Principal or the District Administrator.

### **Religious (Creed) Harassment**

Prohibited religious harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's religion or creed and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's religious tradition, clothing, or surnames, and/or involves religious slurs.

### **National Origin/Ancestry Harassment**

Prohibited national origin/ancestry harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's national origin or ancestry and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's national origin or ancestry, such as negative comments regarding customs, manner of speaking, language, surnames, or ethnic slurs.

### **Age Harassment**

Prohibited age-based harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's age, being over age forty (40), and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

### **Race/Color Harassment**

Prohibited race/color based harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's race and/or color and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's race or color, such as racial slurs, nicknames implying stereotypes, epithets, and/or negative references regarding racial customs.

### **Disability Harassment**

Prohibited disability harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's disability, perceived disability, or record of disability, and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's current or past disability ~~disabling condition~~ or a perceived condition, such as negative comments about speech patterns, movement, physical impairments or defects/appearances, or the like. Such harassment may further occur where conduct is directed at or pertains to a person's genetic information.

### **Anti-Harassment Compliance Officers**

The following individual(s) shall serve as the District's Anti-Harassment Compliance Officer(s) (hereinafter, "the Compliance Officer(s)" or "CO" "COs"):

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The Compliance Officer(s) are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding harassment.

### **Reports and Complaints of Harassing Conduct**

The Compliance Officer(s) will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to harassment, to assist students, other members of the District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct, or to intercede informally on behalf of the individual in those instances where concerns have not resulted in the filing of a formal complaint and where all parties are in agreement to participate in an informal process.

Compliance Officers shall accept reports of harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a Third Party, or receive reports that are initially filed with an administrator, supervisor, or other District-level official. Upon receipt of a report of alleged harassment, the Compliance Officer(s) will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the request of the Complainant or the nature of the alleged harassment), or the District Administrator will designate a specific individual to conduct the process necessary for an informal or formal investigation. The Compliance Officer(s) will provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and Respondent. In the case of a formal complaint, the Compliance Officer(s) will prepare recommendations for the District Administrator or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All Board employees must report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the Compliance Officer within two (2) days of learning of the incident.

Any Board employee who directly observes harassment is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to the Compliance Officer(s) within two (2) days. Additionally, any Board employee who observes an act of harassment is expected to intervene to stop the harassment, unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other Board employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the harassment. Thereafter, the Compliance Officer(s) or designee must contact the Complainant, if age eighteen (18) or older, or Complainant's parents/guardians if the Complainant is under the age eighteen (18), within two (2) days to advise of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

Members of the School District community ~~and third parties, which includes all staff,~~ along with Third Parties are encouraged to promptly report incidents of harassing conduct to an administrator, supervisor or other District official so that the Board may address the conduct before it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent. Any administrator, supervisor, or other District official who receives such a ~~report/complaint~~ shall file it with the ~~District's~~ Compliance Officer within two (2) days of receiving the report of harassment at his/her first opportunity.

Members of the School District community and Third Parties~~or third parties~~ who believe they have been harassed by another member of the School District community or a ~~Third Party~~third party are entitled to utilize the Board's complaint process that is set forth below. Initiating a complaint, whether formally or informally, will not adversely affect the ~~Complainant's/complaining individual's~~ employment unless the complaining individual makes the complaint maliciously or with the knowledge that it is false.

Reporting procedures are as follows:

- A. Any employee who believes s/he has been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy is encouraged to report the alleged harassment to the appropriate school official as identified in D below.
- B. Teachers, administrators, and other District officials who have knowledge of or receive notice that an employee has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy shall immediately report the alleged harassment to the appropriate school official as defined in D below.

- C. Any other person with knowledge or belief that an employee has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited by this policy shall be encouraged to immediately report the alleged acts to an appropriate school official as identified in D below.
- D. Appropriate District officials are as follows:
1. Any complaint under this policy shall be reported to the District's Compliance Officer unless the complaint is regarding the Compliance Officer. In such cases, the complaints shall be reported to the District Administrator, who will coordinate with the other appointed/designated CO, or, if appropriate appoint/designate another individual to serve as CO for the complaint regarding a CO. ~~for such complaints.~~
  2. Any complaint under this policy regarding the District Administrator or Board Member that is received by the District Compliance Officer shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the District Compliance Officer for such complaints.
- E. The reporting party or Complainant shall be encouraged to use a report form available from the Principal of each building or available from the District office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Use of formal reporting forms shall not be mandated. However, all oral complaints shall be reduced to writing. Further, nothing in this policy shall prevent any person from reporting harassment directly to the District Administrator or other supervisory employee.
- F. To provide individuals with options for reporting harassment to an individual of the gender with which they feel most comfortable, the District shall designate both a male and a female District Compliance Officer.

If during an investigation of alleged bullying, aggressive behavior, and/or harassment in accordance with Policy 5517.01 - Bullying, the Principal believes that the reported misconduct may have created a hostile work environment and may have constituted discriminatory harassment based on a Protected Class, the Principal shall report the act of bullying, aggressive behavior and/or harassment to the Compliance Officer(s) who shall investigate the allegation in accordance with this policy. If the alleged harassment involves Sexual Harassment as defined by Policy 2266, the matter will be investigated in accordance with the grievance process and procedures outlined in Policy 2266. While the Compliance Officer investigates the allegation, or the matter is being addressed pursuant to Policy 2266, the Principal shall suspend the Policy 5517.01 investigation to await the Compliance Officer's written report or the determination of responsibility pursuant to Policy 2266. The Compliance Officer shall keep the Principal informed of the status of the Policy 1662 investigation and provide the Principal with a copy of the resulting written report. Likewise, the Title IX Coordinator will provide the Principal with the determination of responsibility that results from the Policy 2266 grievance process.

~~A CO will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to harassment, to assist students, other members of the School District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct.~~

~~The COs are assigned to accept complaints of harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a visitor to the District or to receive complaints that are initially filed with a school building administrator. Upon receipt of a complaint either directly or through a school building administrator, a CO will begin either an investigation or the CO will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process. The CO will prepare recommendations or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations. All members of the School District community should report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the CO within two (2) business days of learning of the incident.~~

### **Investigation and Complaint Procedure**

Except for sexual harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities, aAny employee or other member of the School District community or Third Party (e.g., visitor to the District) who believes that they have/he has been subjected to harassment or has witnessed harassment of another may seek resolution of the his/her complaint through the procedures ~~as~~ described below. The complaint process involves an investigation of the Complainant's claims of harassment or retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated. ~~Further, a process for investigating claims of harassment and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the claim of harassment was substantiated are set forth below.~~

~~Once the complaint process begins, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) business days of the complaint being received).~~

The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of any individual to pursue a complaint of harassment or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"), the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division, and/or Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"). The Chicago Office of the OCR can be reached at John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn Street, 37th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604; Telephone: 312-730-1560; FAX: 312-730-1576; TDD: 800-877-8339; Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov; Web: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.



## Complaint Procedure

~~A Complainant~~ An individual who believes s/he has been subjected to harassment hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant," who alleges harassment based on a protected class or retaliation may file a complaint, either orally or in writing: 1) with a teacher, Principal; 2) directly to one of the 7 COs; or 3) to the District Administrator; or other supervisory employee. As noted above, any complaint received regarding the District Administrator or a Board member shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the CO for such complaints. Additionally, if the complaint is regarding a CO, the complaint shall be reported to the District Administrator, who ~~may will consult;~~ in consultation with the other appointed/designated CO, if any, and if necessary appoint/designate another individual to serve in the role of CO ~~assume the role of the CO~~ for such a complaint regarding a CO.

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of harassment and retaliation, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) ~~calendar~~ days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a Complainant informs a Principal, District Administrator, or other supervisory employee, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of discrimination or retaliation, that employee must report such information to the CO within two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Throughout the course of the process as described herein, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All written complaints must include the following information to the extent known it is available: the identity of the Respondent ~~individual believed to have engaged in, or be actively engaging in, harassment~~; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); ~~and~~ a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the CO shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further harassment or retaliation including but not limited to a change of work assignment or schedule for the Complainant and/or the Respondent ~~alleged harasser~~. In making such a determination, the CO should consult the Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with his/her position to the proposed action. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the CO may still take whatever actions deemed ~~s/he deems~~ appropriate in consultation with the District Administrator. No temporary arrangements shall be disciplinary to either the Complainant or Respondent.

Within two (2) ~~business~~ days of receiving a complaint, the CO will inform the Respondent ~~individual alleged to have engaged in the harassing or retaliatory conduct, hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent"~~, that a complaint has been received.

The Respondent is not entitled to receive a copy of any written complaint unless the CO determines it is appropriate to do so; however, the Respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations. The CO shall inform the Respondent of the requirements of this policy, which may include providing the Respondent with a copy of this policy or information about where to find it. Respondent shall be afforded the opportunity to submit a written response to the complaint. The CO shall inform the Respondent of the Respondent's deadline to provide the CO with the written response to the allegations in the complaint.

Within five (5) days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate an investigation by at a minimum confirming receipt of the complaint with the Complainant and informing the Complainant of the investigation process.

~~Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO or designee will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment based on a protected class or retaliation within thirty (30) days of receiving the formal complaint.~~

~~Within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate a formal investigation to determine whether the Complainant has been subject to offensive conduct/harassment.~~

~~Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the formal complaint.~~ The investigation will include:

- A. interview(s) with the Complainant;
- B. interview(s) with the Respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who ~~may~~ reasonably may be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;

- D. consideration of any documentation or other evidence presented by the Complainant, ~~R~~espondent, or any other witness which is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO or designee shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator that summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of harassment as provided in this policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent engaged in harassment of or retaliation toward the Complainant~~Complainant has been subjected to harassment~~. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved. In determining if discriminatory harassment or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation, the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, if the matter involves the District Administrator engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within five (5) ~~business~~-days of receiving the report of the CO, the District Administrator must either issue a written final-decision regarding whether or not the complaint of harassment has been substantiated or request further investigation. A copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be delivered to both the Complainant and the ~~R~~espondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five (5) ~~business~~-days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above.

If the District Administrator determines the Respondent engaged in harassment of or retaliation toward the Complainant, the District Administrator must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the harassment or retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, age-appropriate, effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

The decision of the District Administrator shall be final. If the investigation results in disciplinary action, the employee subject to discipline is entitled to file a grievance pursuant to Board Policy 3340. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prevent an employee from bringing a complaint before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of harassment regardless of whether the member of the School District community or ~~T~~hird ~~P~~arty alleging the harassment pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the formal complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

All timelines pertinent to the investigation process are intended to be guidelines to assure that the investigation proceeds with all deliberate efficiency. Failure of the CO to meet any specific timeline does not invalidate the investigation or provide a defense to the allegations.

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The ~~School~~-District will employ reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and all the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligation in an investigation of harassment. The School District will respect the privacy of the Complainant, the ~~R~~espondent, and all witnesses in a manner consistent with the School District's legal obligations under State and Federal law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided with the Complainant's identity.~~All Complainants proceeding through the formal investigation process should be advised that their identities may be disclosed to the respondent.~~

During the course of an investigation, the CO will determine whether confidentiality during the investigation process is necessary to protect the interests and reputations of those involved and/or to protect the integrity of the investigation and if so, shall instruct all members of the School District community and third parties who are interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of a harassment investigation is expected not to disclose any information that is learned or provided~~s/he learns or that s/he provides~~ during the course of the investigation.

## Directives During Investigation

The CO may recommend to the District Administrator placing any employee involved in an investigation under this Policy on administrative leave pending resolution of the matter. If the District Administrator is the Respondent, the CO shall make such recommendation to the Board. Administrative leave may be appropriate in situations in which protecting the safety of any individual or the integrity of the investigation necessitates such action.

The CO shall determine whether any witnesses in the course of an investigation should be provided a *Garrity* warning apprising the person of his/her obligations to answer questions truthfully and honestly while preserving the right against self-incrimination in the context of any resulting criminal investigation or prosecution.

Every employee interviewed in the course of an investigation is required to provide truthful responses to all questions. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

## Remedial Action ~~Sanctions~~ and Monitoring

~~The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further such harassment.~~

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken due to because of the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be an employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

## Sanctions and Disciplinary Action

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment/retaliation by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable law.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances. In those cases where harassment is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior disciplinary action has been taken against the Respondent, all<sup>##</sup> subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects.

## Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging harassment/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

## **Allegations Constituting Criminal Conduct**

If the CO has reason to believe that the Complainant has been the victim of criminal conduct, such knowledge should be reported to local law enforcement. After such report has been made, the District Administrator shall be advised that local law enforcement was notified.

If the Complainant has been the victim of criminal conduct and the accused is the District Administrator, such knowledge should be reported by the CO to local law enforcement. After such report has been made, the Board President shall be advised that local law enforcement was notified.

Any reports made to local law enforcement shall not terminate the COs obligation and responsibility to continue to investigate a complaint of harassment. While the COs may work cooperatively with outside agencies to conduct concurrent investigations, the harassment investigation shall not be stopped due to the involvement of outside agencies without good cause after consultation with the District Administrator.

### **Reprisal**

Submission of a good faith complaint or report of harassment will not affect the Complainant's or reporter's work status or work environment. However, the Board also recognizes that false or fraudulent claims of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such claims may be filed. The Board reserves the right to discipline any person filing a false or fraudulent claim of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such a claim.

The District will discipline or take appropriate action against any member of the School District community who retaliates against any person who reports an incident of harassment prohibited by this policy or participates in a proceeding, investigation, or hearing relating to such harassment. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.

### **Miscellaneous**

The District shall conspicuously post a notice including this policy against harassment in each school in a place accessible to the School District community and members of the public. This notice shall also include the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the COs, the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the State agency responsible for investigating allegations of discrimination in educational employment, and the mailing address and telephone number of the United States Equal Opportunity Employment Commission.

A link to this policy and any related administrative guidelines shall appear in the employee handbook and a copy shall be made available upon request of employees and other interested parties.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of harassment. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District staff at such times as the Board in consultation with the District Administrator determines is necessary or appropriate.

The Board will respect the privacy of the Complainant, the individuals against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as practicable, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery, disclosure, or other legal obligations.

### **Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO(s) is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all ~~information,~~ documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and /or received as part of an investigation, which may include~~including,~~ but are not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/statements;
- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and statements collected;
- C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
- D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;
- E. narratives of, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness statements;
- F. all documentary evidence;
- G. e-mails, texts, or social media posts pertaining to the investigation;

- H. contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
  - I. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
  - J. dated written determinations to the parties;
  - K. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
  - L. written documentation of any supportive~~interim~~ measures offered and/or provided to Complainant and/or the Respondent~~Complainants~~, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt; and
  - M. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects.
  - N. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Code of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
  - O. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
  - P. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time and location of the training, and a copy of the materials reviewed and/or presented during the training.]**
- It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**
- Q. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
  - R. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
  - S. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
  - T. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The ~~information,~~ documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The ~~information,~~ documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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111.31, 118.195, 118.20, Wis. Stats.  
29 U.S.C. 621 et seq., Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967  
29 U.S.C. 794, Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
42 U.S.C. 1983  
42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act  
42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., Age Discrimination Act of 1975  
42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended  
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#### 2240 - **CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN THE CLASSROOM**

The Board believes that the consideration of controversial issues has a legitimate place in the instructional program of the district.

Properly introduced and conducted, the consideration of such issues can help students learn to identify important issues, explore fully and fairly all sides of an issue, weigh carefully the values and factors involved, and develop techniques for formulating and evaluating positions. In addition, the opportunity can lead students to learn about how to use critical thinking and problem solving skills, to study and analyze relevant issues, evaluate different sources of information, make intelligent decisions regarding issues and how to appreciate the value of differing viewpoints.

For purposes of this policy, a controversial issue is a topic on which opposing points of view have been promulgated by responsible opinion and/or are likely to arouse both support and opposition in the community. These issues may range across a wide spectrum of political, social, economic and religious topics.

The Board will permit the introduction and proper educational use of controversial issues provided that their use in the instructional program:

- A. is related to the instructional goals of the course of study and level of maturity of the students;
- B. does not tend to indoctrinate or persuade students to a particular point of view;
- C. encourages open-mindedness and is conducted in a spirit of scholarly inquiry.
- D. does not cause a substantial disruption in the school environment.

Controversial issues related to the program may be initiated by the students themselves provided they are presented in the ordinary course of classroom instruction, relate to the topic of instruction, and do not cause substantial disruption to the school environment and it is not disruptive to the educational setting.

Controversial issues may not be initiated by a source outside the schools unless prior approval has been given by the principal. Issues pertaining to human growth and development, as defined by statute, are subject to 118.019, Wis. Stats.

In the discussion of any controversial issue in the classroom or in the course of professional duties, a teacher may express a personal opinion, but shall identify it as such, and must not express such an opinion for the purpose of persuading students to his/her point of view and may only express a personal opinion after the teacher has confirmed that student discussion has concluded.

Teachers should be mindful that this does not permit them to offer opinions on topics that would not be the subject of discussion in the classroom due to their appropriateness for the age(s) of the students involved. As always, teachers are expected to serve as exemplars for their students by demonstrating good judgment as professionals when discussing controversial issues and expressing

personal opinions in the classroom.

The classroom should not be used as a forum for the discussion of District employment issues.

The Board recognizes that a course of study or certain instructional materials may contain content and/or activities that some parents find objectionable. If after careful, personal review of the program lessons and/or materials, a parent indicates to the school that either content or activities conflicts with his/her religious beliefs or value system, the school will honor a written request for his/her child to be excused from particular classes for specified reasons. The student, however, will not be excused from participating in the course or activities mandated by the State and will be provided alternative learning activities during times of parent-requested absences.

~~The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines for dealing with controversial issues.~~

(See also Policy 3310 – Freedom of Speech in Noninstructional Settings)

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## 2260 - **NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

The Board is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students in the District.

The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, (including **trans**gender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student program and activities. This policy is intended to support and promote nondiscriminatory practices in all District and school activities, particularly in the following areas:

- A. use of objective bases for admission to any school, class, program, or activity;
- B. prohibition of harassment towards students and procedures for the investigation of claims (see Policy 5517);
- C. use of disciplinary authority, including suspension and expulsion authority;
- D. administration of gifts, bequests, scholarships and other aids, benefits, or services to students from private agencies, organizations, or persons;
- E. selection of instructional and library media materials in a nondiscriminatory manner and that reflect the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society;
- F. design and implementation of student evaluation practices, materials, and tools, but not at the exclusion of implementing techniques to meet students' individual needs;
- G. design and configuration of facilities;
- H. opportunity for participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities provided that separate programs for male and female students may be available provided comparable activities are made available to all in terms of type, scope, and District support; and
- I. the school lunch program and other school-sponsored food service programs.

The Board is also committed to equal employment opportunity in its employment policies and practices as they relate to students. The Board's policies pertaining to employment practices can be found in Policy 1422, Policy 3122, and Policy 4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.

[The District will identify, evaluate, and provide a free appropriate public education to students with disabilities who are determined eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 \(Section 504\).](#)

[The District's educational programs include the academic and nonacademic setting. Each qualified student with a disability shall be educated with students without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. In the nonacademic setting, a student with a](#)

disability shall participate with students without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate.

Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination and the identity of the District's Compliance Officer(s) (see below) will be published on the District's website, posted throughout the District, and included in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.

### **Principal's Responsibilities**

Each Principal shall verify that the procedures used with students and parents for selection of and participation in any part of the District's academic, co-curricular, or extra-curricular programs do not discriminate on the basis of the Protected Classes.

### **District Administrator's Responsibilities**

In furtherance of the aforesaid goal, the District Administrator shall:

#### A. Curriculum Content

1. review current and proposed courses of study and textbooks to detect any bias based upon the Protected Classes ascertaining whether or not supplemental materials, singly or taken as a whole, fairly depict ~~those~~ the Protected Classes ~~contribution of both sexes, various races, ethnic groups, etc.~~ toward the development of human society;
2. provide that necessary programs are available for students with limited use of the English language;

#### B. Staff Training

develop an ongoing program of staff training and in-service training for school personnel designed to identify and solve problems of bias based upon the Protected Classes in all aspects of the program;

#### C. Student Access

1. review current and proposed programs, activities, facilities, and practices to ensure that all students have equal access thereto and are not segregated on the basis of the Protected Classes in any duty, work, play, classroom, or school practice, except as may be permitted under State regulations;
2. verify that facilities are made available in a non-discriminatory fashion, in accordance with Board Policy 7510 - Use of District Facilities, for non-curricular student activities that are initiated by parents or other members of the community, including but not limited to any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society;
3. verify that the educational programs of this District are accessible to all students;  
  
All programs need to be designed and scheduled so the location or nature of the facility or area will not deny an otherwise qualified student with a disability the opportunity to participate in the academic or other school programs on the same basis as students without disabilities.
4. require that service animals for students who require this type of assistance shall be permitted access to all facilities, programs, and events of the District.

#### D. District Support

require that like aspects of the District program receive like support as to staff size and compensation, purchase and maintenance of facilities and equipment, access to such facilities and equipment, and related matters;

#### E. Student Evaluation

verify that tests, procedures, ~~and~~ or guidance and counseling materials, which are designed to evaluate student progress, rate aptitudes, analyze personality, or in any manner establish or tend to establish a category by which a student may be judged, are not differentiated or stereotyped on the basis of the Protected Classes.

### **Definitions**

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

**Complainant:** is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

**Day(s):** Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

**Military status:** refers to a person's status in the uniformed services, which includes the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service, including active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty for training, and full-time National Guard duty. It also includes the period of time for which a person is absent from school for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the person to perform any duty listed above.

**Respondent:** is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in unlawful discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

**School District community:** means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties:** include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

The District Administrator shall ~~appoint and~~ publicize the name of the compliance officer(s) who is/are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with the applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination or equal access. The Compliance Officer(s) also verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended), Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ~~Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972,~~ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), is provided to students, their parents, staff members, and the general public.

The District Administrator shall attempt annually to identify children with disabilities, ages 3 - ~~21~~22, who reside in the District but do not receive a public education.

In addition, ~~the District Administrator~~s/he shall establish procedures to identify students who are Limited English Proficient, including immigrant children and youth, to assess their ability to participate in District programs, and develop and administer a program that meets the English language and academic needs of these students. This program shall include procedures for student placement, services, evaluation, and exit guidelines and shall be designed to provide students with effective instruction that leads to academic achievement and timely acquisition of proficiency in English. As a part of this program, the District will evaluate the progress of students in achieving English language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing, on an annual basis.

## Reporting Procedures

~~Students and District employees are required, and all other members of the District community and Third Parties~~Students, parents and all other members of the School District community are encouraged to promptly report suspected violations of this policy to ~~an~~a ~~teacher or~~ administrator, supervisor, or other District official so that the Board may address the conduct. Any teacher, ~~or~~ administrator, supervisor, or other District employee or official who receives such a complaint shall file it with the District's Compliance Officer within two (2) days at his/her first opportunity. **[NOTE: While students are advised to report discrimination/retaliation to administrators, supervisors, or other District officials, the Board recognizes that some students may report discrimination/retaliation to a teacher. When a teacher receives such a report, the teacher must file it with the CO as indicated above.]**

~~Students who believe they have been denied equal access to District educational opportunities in a manner inconsistent with this policy may initiate a complaint and the investigation process that is set forth below. Initiating a complaint will not adversely affect the complaining individual's participation in educational or extra-curricular programs unless the complaining individual makes the complaint maliciously or with the knowledge that it is false.~~

Members of the District community, which includes students or Third Parties, who believe they have been discriminated/retaliated against are entitled to utilize the complaint process set forth below. Initiating a complaint, whether formally or informally, will not adversely affect the Complainant's employment or participation in educational or extra-curricular programs. While there are no time limits for initiating complaints under this policy, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint as soon as possible after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

If during an investigation of alleged bullying, aggressive behavior and/or harassment in accordance with Policy 5517.01 - Bullying, the Principal believes that the reported misconduct may constitute unlawful discrimination based on a Protected Class, the Principal

shall report the act to one of the COs, who shall investigate the allegation in accordance with this policy. While the CO investigates the allegation, the Principal shall suspend the Policy 5517.01 investigation to await the CO's written report. The CO shall keep the principal informed of the status of the Policy 2260 investigation and provide the Principal with a copy of the resulting written report.

The COs will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to discrimination/retaliation. COs shall accept reports of discrimination/retaliation directly from any member of the District community or a Third Party and reports that initially are made to another District employee. Upon receipt of a report of alleged discrimination/retaliation, the CO will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the Complainant's request and the nature of the alleged discrimination/retaliation) or designate a specific individual to conduct such a process.

The CO will provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and the Respondent. In the case of a formal complaint, the CO will prepare recommendations for the District Administrator or oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All members of the District community must report incidents of discrimination/retaliation that are reported to them to the CO within two (2) days of learning of the incident/conduct.

Any District employee who directly observes discrimination/retaliation of a student is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to one of the COs within two (2) days. Additionally, any District employee who observes an act of unlawful discrimination/retaliation is expected to intervene to stop the misconduct unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other District employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the misconduct. Thereafter, the CO/designee must contact the Complainant if age eighteen (18) or older or the Complainant's parents/guardians if the student is under the age of eighteen (18) within two (2) days to advise of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

### **~~Title IX Complaint Coordinators~~/District Compliance Officers (hereinafter referred to as the "COs")**

The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District's CO's:

Carmen O'Brien  
Business Manager  
School District of Manawa  
800 Beech Street  
Manawa, WI 54949  
920-596-5840  
cobrien@manawaschools.org

Daniel Wolfgram  
High School/Middle School Principal  
800 Beech Street  
Manawa, WI 54949  
920-596-5310  
dwolfgram@manawaschools.org

The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually in the staff and student handbooks, and on the School District's web site.

A CO will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to student discrimination in educational opportunities under this policy.

### **Investigation and Complaint Procedure**

The CO shall investigate any complaints brought under this policy. Throughout the course of the process as described herein, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All complaints must include the following information to the extent known it is available: a description of the alleged violation, the identity of the Respondent individual(s) believed to have engaged in, or to be actively engaging in, conduct in violation of this policy, if any; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); ~~and~~ a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the CO shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge~~report~~ by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken during the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further loss of educational opportunity, including but not limited to a change of work assignment or class schedule

for the Complainant, tentative enrollment in a program, or other appropriate action. In making such a determination, the CO should consult the **Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with the proposed action prior to any action being taken. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the CO still may take whatever actions are deemed appropriate in consultation with the District Administrator.**~~The Complainant should be notified of any proposed action prior to such action being taken.~~

As soon as appropriate in the investigation process, the CO will inform ~~the Respondent~~~~any individual named by the Complainant in connection with an alleged violation of this policy~~, that a complaint has been received. The person(s) must also be provided an opportunity to respond to the complaint.

All investigations shall be commenced as soon as practicable upon receipt of a complaint and concluded as expeditiously as feasible, in consideration of the circumstances, while taking measures to complete a thorough investigation. The complaining party shall be notified in writing of receipt of the complaint within forty-five (45) days of the complaint and shall reach a determination concerning the complaint within ninety (90) days of receipt unless additional time is agreed to by the complaining party.

The investigation will include:

- A. interviews with the Complainant;
- B. interviews with ~~the Respondent~~~~any persons named in the complaint~~;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who ~~may~~ reasonably ~~may~~ be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;
- D. consideration of any documentation or other evidence presented by the Complainant, Respondent, or any other witness which is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO ~~or designee~~ shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator which summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definitions in this Policy, as well as in State and Federal law as to whether the Complainant has been denied access to educational opportunities on the basis of one of the protected classifications, based on a preponderance of evidence standard. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation, the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, **if the matter involves the District Administrator**, engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within ~~five (5)~~~~ten (10)~~ ~~business~~ days of receiving the report of the CO ~~or designee~~, the District Administrator ~~must~~ either ~~must~~ issue a ~~written~~~~final~~ decision regarding ~~whether the charges have been substantiated~~~~the complaint~~ or request further investigation. A copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be delivered to ~~both the Complainant and Respondent (-) and to the Respondent, if any~~ **[END OF OPTION]**. The District Administrator may redact information from the decision in the event the release of information raises concerns regarding the integrity of the complaint or investigation process. The Board authorizes the District Administrator to consult with legal counsel to determine the extent to which information in an investigation report must be provided to either the Complainant or Respondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within ~~five (5)~~~~ten (10)~~ ~~business~~ days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above. The decision of the District Administrator will be reviewed by the Board upon request.

If the Complainant feels that the decision does not adequately address the complaint s/he may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by submitting a written request to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Pupil Nondiscrimination Program, or by contacting the DPI Pupil Nondiscrimination Program at (608) 267-9157. Any person, including the Respondent in a complaint, who is subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination as a result of a complaint may choose to file a grievance utilizing the District's grievance procedure as outlined in Policy 3340 or Policy 4340.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report regardless of whether the member of the School District community or third party chooses to pursue the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the complaint

investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint process is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

### **Additional School District Action**

If the evidence suggests that any conduct at issue violates any other policies of the Board, is a crime, or requires mandatory reporting under the Children's Code (Sec. 48.981, Wis. Stat.) (Policy 8462), or threats of violence (Policy 8462.01), the CO or District Administrator shall take such additional actions as necessary and appropriate under the circumstances, which may include a report to the appropriate social service and/or law enforcement agency charged with responsibility for handling such investigations.

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

**The District will employ all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the District's legal obligations to investigate, take appropriate action, and comply with any discovery or disclosure obligations. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, however. All Complainants proceeding through the investigation process should be advised that as a result of the investigation, allegations against individuals may become known to those individuals, including the Complainant's identity.**

**All records generated under the terms of this policy shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity.**

**During the course of an investigation, the CO or designee will instruct each person who is interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an investigation is expected not to disclose to third parties any information that is learned or provided during the course of the investigation.**

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

~~The District will make reasonable efforts to protect the privacy of any individuals involved in the investigation process. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, however. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity. All Complainants proceeding through the investigation process should be advised that as a result of the investigation, allegations against individuals may become known to those individuals, including the Complainant's identity.~~

~~During the course of an investigation, the CO or designee will instruct all members of the School District community and third parties who are interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an investigation is expected not to disclose any information that is learned or provided/s/he learns or that s/he provides during the course of the investigation.~~

### **Remedial Action and Monitoring**

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken because of the discrimination, the opportunity to complete assignments missed due to absences related to the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be a District employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

### **Sanctions and Disciplinary Action**

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against discrimination/retaliation by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law and the terms of any relevant codes of conduct.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the ages and maturity level of any student involved. In those cases where discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior disciplinary action has been taken against the Respondent, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects.

### **Retaliation**

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging harassment/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made unlawful by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of discriminatory practices. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District students and staff where appropriate. All training, as well as all information, provided regarding the Board's policy and discrimination in general, will be age and content appropriate.

### **Retention of ~~Public Records, Student Records, and~~ Investigatory Records and Materials**

The Compliance Officer(s) is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all information, documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and received as part of an investigation, including but not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/statements;
- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and statements collected;
- C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
- D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;
- E. narratives of, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness statements;
- F. all documentary evidence;
- G. e-mails, texts, or social media posts related to the investigation;
- H. contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
- I. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
- J. dated written determinations to the parties;
- K. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
- L. written documentation of any ~~supportive~~~~interim~~ measures offered and/or provided to Complainant and/or the Respondent~~complainants~~, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates issued, and the dates the parties

acknowledged receipt; and

- M. documentation of all actions, both individual and systemic, taken to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects.
- N. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Code of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
- O. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
- P. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time and location of the training, and a copy of the materials reviewed and/or presented during the training.]**

**It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**

- Q. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
- R. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
- S. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
- T. copies of any notices sent to the complainant and alleged perpetrator in advance of any interview or hearing;
- U. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The information, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The information, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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Legal

- 118.13 Wis. Stats.
- P.I. 9, Wis. Adm. Code
- P.I. 41, Wis. Adm. Code
- Fourteenth Amendment, U.S. Constitution
- 20 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974
- 20 U.S.C. 7905, Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act
- 29 U.S.C. 794, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
- 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- 42 U.S.C. 2000 et seq., Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act
- 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended
- 29 C.F.R. Part 1635, The GINA Regulations
- 34 C.F.R. Part 110, The Age Discrimination Act Regulations
- Guidelines for Vocational Education Programs, Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, March 21, 1979

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#### 2260.01 - SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504"), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended ("ADA"), and the implementing regulations (collectively "Section 504/ADA"), no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, ~~solely by reason of his/her disability,~~ be excluded from participation in, ~~be~~ denied the benefits of, or ~~be~~ subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance solely by reason of disability. The Board does not discriminate in admission or access to, ~~or~~ participation in, ~~or~~ treatment in its programs or activities. As such, the Board's policies and practices will not discriminate against students with disabilities and the Board will make its facilities, programs, and activities accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities ~~will make accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities its facilities, programs, and activities~~. No discrimination will be knowingly permitted against any individual with a disability on the sole basis of that disability in any of the programs, activities, policies, and/or practices in the District.

Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination in employment practices and the identity of the School District's Compliance Officer(s) (see below) will be published on the District's website, posted throughout the District, and included in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.

#### Free Appropriate Public Education

The Board is committed to identifying, evaluating, and providing a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") to students with disabilities within its jurisdiction who are determined eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") or Section 504, regardless of the nature or severity of their disabilities.

If a student has a physical or mental impairment that significantly limits one or more major life activities (see Definitions below), the Board shall provide the student a FAPE. An appropriate education may include regular or special education and related aids and services to accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities. For students with disabilities who are not eligible for specially designed instruction under the IDEA, the related aids and services (including accommodations/modifications/interventions) they need in order to have their needs met as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities are met shall be delineated, along with their placement, in a Section 504 Plan (Form 2260.01A F13). Parents/guardians/custodians ("parents") are invited and encouraged to participate fully in the evaluation process and development of a Section 504 Plan. The quality of education services provided to students with disabilities shall be equal to the quality of services provided to students without disabilities.

The Board is committed to educating (or providing for the education of) each qualified student with a disability within its jurisdiction with students without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. Generally, the District will place a student with a disability in the general education environment unless it is demonstrated that the education of the student in the general education environment, even with the use of supplementary aids and services, cannot be achieved satisfactorily. If the District places a student in a setting other than the general education environment, it shall take into account the proximity of the alternate setting to the student's home. If the Board operates a separate class or facility that is identified as being provided for students with disabilities, the facility, program, and activities and services must be comparable to the facilities, programs, and activities and services offered to students without disabilities.

The District will provide non-academic extra-curricular services and activities in such a manner as is necessary to afford qualified students with disabilities an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities. Nonacademic and extra-curricular services and activities may include counseling services, athletics, transportation, health services, recreational activities, special interests groups or clubs sponsored by the District, referrals to agencies that provide assistance to individuals with disabilities, and employment of students. In providing or arranging for the provision of meals and recess periods and nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities, including those listed above, the District will verify that students with disabilities participate with students without disabilities in such services and activities to the maximum extent appropriate.

In accordance with Section 504, parents and students shall be notified of their right to file an internal complaint regarding an alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of Section 504. In addition, students and their parents shall be notified of their right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"). Finally, students and parents shall be advised of their right to request a due process hearing before an Impartial Hearing Officer ("IHO") regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of persons with disabilities, and their right to examine relevant education records. (See also AG 2260.01B - Section 504/ADA - Complaint and Due Process Procedures).

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**Individual** ~~"An individual~~ with a disability" means a person who has, ~~has had~~ a record of, or is regarded as having, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

## **Major Life Activities**

Major life activities are functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, sitting, reaching, interacting with others, and working.

Major life activities also include the operation of a major bodily function, including, but not limited to, functions of the immune system, special sense organs and skin, normal cell growth, and digestive, genitourinary, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, hemic, lymphatic, musculoskeletal and reproductive functions. The operation of a major bodily function includes the operation of an individual organ within a body system.

## **Impairment That Substantially Limits a Major Life Activity**

~~An impairment that is episodic in nature or in remission is considered a disability if it would substantially limit a major life activity when active.~~

The determination of whether an impairment substantially limits a major life activity must be made without regard to the ameliorative effects of mitigating measures such as medication, medical supplies, equipment or appliances, low-vision devices (not including ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses), prosthetics (including limbs and devices), hearing aids and cochlear implants or other implantable hearing devices, mobility devices, oxygen therapy equipment or supplies, assistive technology, reasonable accommodations or auxiliary aids or services, or learned behavioral or adaptive neurological modifications.

An impairment that is episodic in nature or in remission is considered a disability if it would substantially limit a major life activity when active.

## **Qualified Individual with a Disability**

With respect to public preschool, elementary, and secondary educational services, a qualified individual~~person~~ with a disability means a student with a disability~~disabled person~~:

- A. who is of an age during which ~~nondisabled~~ persons without disabilities are provided educational services;
- B. who is of any age during which it is mandatory under Wisconsin law to provide educational services to ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities; or
- C. to whom the State is required to provide a free appropriate public education pursuant to the IDEA~~Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA)~~.

With respect to vocational education services, a qualified individual~~person~~ with a disability means a student~~disabled person~~ with a disability who meets the academic and technical standards requisite to admission or participation in the vocational program or activity. The Board will not deny a student with disability access to its vocational education programs or courses due to architectural and/or equipment barriers, or because the student needs related aids or services to receive an appropriate education.

With respect to employment, a qualified individual with a disability means the individual satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other job-related requirements of the employment position the individual holds or desires and can perform the essential functions of the job in question, with or without reasonable accommodation.

### **Reasonable Accommodation**

With respect to employment, the Board will provide a reasonable accommodation to a qualified individual who has an actual disability or who has a record of a disability, unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the Board's program and/or activities. A reasonable accommodation is not required for an individual who is merely regarded as having a disability.

### **Facilities**

No qualified person with a disability will be denied the benefits of, excluded from participation in, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities.

For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities.

### **District Compliance Officers (hereinafter referred to as the "COs")**

The following person(s) is/are designated as the District Section 504 Compliance Officer(s)/ADA Coordinator(s):

Carmen O'Brien  
 Director of Curriculum & Assessment  
 School District of Manawa  
 800 Beech Street  
 Manawa, WI 54949  
 920-596-5840  
 cobrien@manawa.k12.wi.us

Daniel Wolfgram  
 High School/Middle School Principal  
 School District of Manawa  
 800 Beech Street  
 Manawa, WI 54949  
 920-596-5310  
 dwolfgram@manawa.k12.wi.us

The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually in the staff and student handbooks and on the School District's web site.

The COs ~~are~~ responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination/retaliation or denial of equal access. The COs also shall verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination for Title II of the

~~Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended), Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975 is provided to staff members and the general public. A copy of each of the Acts and regulations on which this notice is based will be made available upon request from the CO and fulfill its responsibilities under Section 504 and Title II of the ADA. A copy of Section 504 and the ADA, including copies of their implementing regulations, may be obtained from the CO.~~

~~The CO will oversee the investigation of any complaints of discrimination based on disability, which may be filed pursuant to the Board's adopted internal complaint procedure, and will attempt to resolve such complaints.~~

The Board will provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging violations of Section 504/ADA. (See below.) The Board ~~will~~ further will establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards in accordance with Section 504, including the right to an impartial due process hearing, for parents of students with disabilities. Finally, students and parents will be advised of their right to request a due process hearing before an Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO) regarding the identification, evaluation or educational placement of persons with disabilities, including the right to participation by the student's parents and representation of counsel, and their right to examine relevant education records.

### **Training**

~~The CO will also oversee the training of employees of the Board so that all employees understand their rights and responsibilities under Section 504 and the ADA, and are informed of the Board's policies, administrative guidelines, and practices with respect to fully implementing and complying with the requirements of Section 504/ADA.~~

~~The Board will provide in-service training and consultation to staff responsible for the education of persons with disabilities, as necessary and appropriate.~~

### **Facilities**

~~No qualified person with a disability will, because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies.~~

~~For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, providing accommodations to parents with disabilities who desire access to their child's educational program or meetings pertinent thereto. Programs and activities will be designed and scheduled so that the location and nature of the facility or area will not deny a student with a disability the opportunity to participate on the same basis as students without disabilities.~~

### **Education**

~~The Board is committed to identifying, evaluating, and providing a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") to students within its jurisdiction who are disabled within the definition of Section 504, regardless of the nature or severity of their disabilities.~~

~~If a student has a physical or mental impairment that significantly limits one or more major life activities, the Board will provide the student with a free appropriate public education ("FAPE"). An appropriate education may include regular or special education and related aids and services to accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities. For disabled students who are not eligible for specially designed instruction under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act ("IDEIA"), the related aids and services (including accommodations/modifications/interventions) they need in order to have their needs met as adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met, shall be delineated, along with their placement, in a Section 504 Plan (Form 2260.01A-F13). Parents/guardians/custodians ("parents") are invited and encouraged to participate fully in the evaluation process and development of a Section 504 Plan.~~

~~The Board is committed to educating (or providing for the education of) each qualified person with a disability who resides within the District with persons who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate. Generally, the District will place a person with a disability in the regular educational environment unless it is demonstrated that the education of the person in the regular environment even with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. If the District places a person in a setting other than the regular educational environment, it shall take into account the proximity of the alternate setting to the person's home.~~

~~The Board will provide non-academic extracurricular services and activities in such a manner as is necessary to afford qualified persons with disabilities an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities. Nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities may include counseling services, physical recreational athletics, transportation, health services, recreational activities, special interests groups or clubs sponsored by the District, referrals to agencies that provide assistance to persons with disabilities, and employment of students. In providing or arranging for the provision of meals and recess periods, and nonacademic~~

~~and extracurricular services and activities, including those listed above, the District will verify that persons with disabilities participate with persons without disabilities in such services and activities to the maximum extent appropriate.~~

### **Reports and Complaints of Discrimination and Retaliation**

Students and District employees are required, and all other members of the District community and Third Parties are encouraged, to promptly report incidents of discrimination and/or retaliation to an administrator, supervisor, or other District official so that the Board may address the conduct. Any teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee or official who receives such a complaint shall file it with the CO within two (2) days. [NOTE: While students are advised to report discrimination/retaliation to administrators, supervisors, or other District officials, the Board recognizes that some students may report discrimination/retaliation to a teacher. When a teacher receives such a report, the teacher must file it with the CO as indicated above.]

Members of the District community, which includes students or Third Parties, who believe they have been discriminated/retaliated against are entitled to utilize the complaint process set forth below. Initiating a complaint, whether formally or informally, will not adversely affect the Complainant's employment or participation in educational or extra-curricular programs. While there are no time limits for initiating complaints under this policy, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint as soon as possible after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

A student and/or parent may initiate the internal complaint procedure when they believe that a violation, misapplication or misinterpretation of Section 504 has occurred. Additionally, the following procedure may be used for any disagreement with respect to actions regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational program or placement of students who are identified as having a disability or believed to have a disability pursuant to Section 504 and are not eligible under the IDEA, except in the case of disciplinary actions where the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct apply. Use of the internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies, including the filing of a complaint with the OCR or requesting an impartial due process hearing.

If during an investigation of alleged bullying, aggressive behavior and/or harassment in accordance with Policy 5517.01 - Bullying, the Principal believes that the reported misconduct may constitute discrimination based on a Protected Class, the Principal shall report the act to one of the COs, who shall investigate the allegation in accordance with this policy. While the CO investigates the allegation, the Principal shall suspend the Policy 5517.01 investigation to await the CO's written report. The CO shall keep the Principal informed of the status of the Policy 2260 investigation and provide the Principal with a copy of the resulting written report.

The COs will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to discrimination/retaliation. COs shall accept reports of discrimination/retaliation directly from any member of the District community or a Third Party and reports that initially are made to another District employee. Upon receipt of a report of alleged discrimination/retaliation, the CO will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the Complainant's request and the nature of the alleged discrimination/retaliation) or designate a specific individual to conduct such a process.

The CO will provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and the Respondent. In the case of a formal complaint, the CO will prepare recommendations for the District Administrator or oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All members of the District community must report incidents of discrimination/retaliation that are reported to them to the CO within two (2) days of learning of the incident/conduct.

Any District employee who directly observes discrimination/retaliation of a student is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to one of the COs within two (2) days. Additionally, any District employee who observes an act of discrimination/retaliation is expected to intervene to stop the misconduct unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other District employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the misconduct. Thereafter, the CO/designee must contact the Complainant if age eighteen (18) or older or the Complainant's parents/guardians if the student is under the age eighteen (18) within two (2) days to advise of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

### **Investigation and Complaint Procedure**

The CO shall investigate any complaints brought under this policy. Throughout the course of the process as described herein, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All complaints must include the following information to the extent known it is available: a description of the alleged violation, the identity of the Respondent individual(s) believed to have engaged in, or to be actively engaging in, conduct in violation of this policy, if any; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); ~~and~~ a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the CO shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the report by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken during the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further ~~discrimination or retaliation~~~~loss of educational opportunity~~, including but not limited to a change of ~~work assignment or~~ class schedule for the Complainant ~~and/or the Respondent~~~~, tentative enrollment in a program, or other appropriate action~~. In making such a determination, the CO should consult the **Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with the proposed action. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the CO still may take whatever actions are deemed appropriate in consultation with the District Administrator**~~prior to any action being taken. The Complainant should be notified of any proposed action prior to such action being taken.~~

As soon as appropriate in the investigation process, the CO will inform any individual named by the Complainant in connection with an alleged violation of this policy, that a complaint has been received. The person(s) must also be provided an opportunity to respond to the complaint.

Within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate an investigation by at a minimum confirming receipt of the complaint with the complainant and informing the complainant of the investigation process.

~~Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO or designee will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment based on a protected class or retaliation within thirty (30) days of receiving the formal complaint. Investigations shall be completed promptly. What constitutes promptness will depend on the complexity of the issues, the number of incidents or factual elements, the number of witnesses and documents to be consulted, and the availability of witnesses and other evidence. The CO shall keep the Complainant reasonably informed of the investigation's progress.~~

The investigation will include:

- A. interview(s) with the Complainant;
- B. interview(s) with the Respondent~~any persons named in the complaint~~;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who reasonably may ~~reasonably~~ be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;
- D. consideration of any documentation or other information~~evidence~~ presented by the Complainant, Respondent, or any other witness which is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO or the designee shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator which summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of discrimination/retaliation as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent has engaged in harassment/retaliation of the Complainant~~definitions in this Policy, as well as in State and Federal law as to whether the Complainant has been denied access to educational opportunities on the basis of one of the protected classifications, based on a preponderance of evidence standard~~. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances~~, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved~~. In determining if discrimination or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation, the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, **if the matter involves the District Administrator**, engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within five (5)~~ten (10) business~~ days of receiving the report of the CO or designee, the District Administrator must either issue a final decision regarding whether the charges have been substantiated~~the complaint~~ or request further investigation. A copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be delivered to the Complainant and to the Respondent. The District Administrator may redact information from the decision in the event the release of information raises concerns regarding the integrity of the complaint or investigation process. The Board authorizes the District Administrator to consult with legal counsel to determine the extent to which information in an investigation report must be provided to either the Complainant or Respondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five (5)~~ten (10) business~~ days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above. The decision of the District Administrator will be reviewed by the Board upon request.

If the Complainant feels that the decision does not adequately address the complaint s/he may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint, or report of, discrimination/retaliation regardless of whether the Complainant pursues~~member of the School District community or third party chooses to pursue~~ the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy, or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board or its designee.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described interviews/meetings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the OCR or ICRC, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint process is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

### **Additional School District Action**

If the evidence suggests that any conduct at issue violates any other policies of the Board, is a crime, or requires mandatory reporting under the Children's Code (Sec. 48.981, Wis. Stat.), the CO or District Administrator shall take additional such actions as necessary and appropriate under the circumstances, which may include a report to the appropriate social service and/or law enforcement agency charged with responsibility for handling such investigations.

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The District will employ all~~make~~ reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the District's legal obligations to investigate, take appropriate action, and comply with any discovery or disclosure obligations~~privacy of any individuals involved in the investigation process~~. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, however. All Complainants proceeding through the investigation process should be advised that as a result of the investigation, allegations against individuals may become known to those individuals, including the Complainant's identity.

All records generated under the terms of this policy shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity.

During the course of an investigation, the CO or designee will instruct each person~~all members of the School District community and third parties~~ who is~~are~~ interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an investigation is expected not to disclose to third parties any information that is learned or provided~~s/he learns or that s/he provides~~ during the course of the investigation.

### **Remedial Action and Monitoring**

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken due to the discrimination, the opportunity to complete assignments missed due to absences related to the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be a District employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

### **Sanctions and Disciplinary Action**

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against discrimination by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law and the terms of any relevant code of conduct.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the age and maturity level of any student involved. In those cases where discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior disciplinary action has been taken against the Respondent, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effect.

### **Impartial Due Process Hearing**



A student and/or parent may request an impartial due process hearing regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of a student with a disability. The student and/or parent may but are not required to first exhaust the above complaint procedure before requesting an impartial due process hearing. The parent of a student with a disability and a student over eighteen (18) years old (if not under guardianship) or an emancipated student has the right to: (1) examine records or documents that the school relied on in making its decision about the student; (2) request an impartial due process hearing that provides the parent and/or student with an opportunity to participate and permits representation by an attorney; and (3) have an opportunity for review of the decision made at the hearing.

A request for an impartial due process hearing should be made as soon as possible following a dispute in order to ensure that witnesses are available but no more than two years following the date of the matter in dispute. A request for an impartial due process hearing must be put in writing, identify the specific circumstances or areas of dispute that have given rise to the request for a hearing, and offer possible solutions to the dispute. The request for due process hearing must be filed with a District CO within the time limits specified above. The CO is available to assist individuals in filing a request for an impartial due process hearing.

When a request for an impartial due process hearing is received, the aggrieved party will have the opportunity to receive a hearing conducted by an IHO (i.e., by a person not employed by the District, not involved in the education or care of the child, and not having a personal or professional interest that would conflict with the IHO's objectivity in the hearing). The District will maintain a list of trained IHOs that may include IDEA/Article 7 hearing officers, attorneys, and Directors of Special Education outside the District. The District CO will appoint an IHO from that list, and the District will bear the costs of the hearing. The appointment of an IHO will be made within fifteen (15) days after the request for an impartial due process hearing is received.

A party to an impartial due process hearing has the right to:

- A. be accompanied and advised by legal counsel and individuals with special knowledge or training with respect to the problems of students with disabilities at the party's own cost;
- B. present evidence and confront, cross-examine and compel the attendance of witnesses;
- C. a written or electronic verbatim record of the hearing; and
- D. written findings of fact and conclusions of law setting forth the reasons for the decision.

The IHO shall conduct the impartial due process hearing within a reasonable period of time (i.e., not to exceed ninety (90) days from the request for a hearing, unless this time-frame is mutually waived by the parties or is determined by the IHO to be impossible to comply with due to extenuating circumstances). The IHO will give the parent and/or student written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. Notice will be given no less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the hearing, unless otherwise agreed to by the parent and/or student. The notice shall include:

- A. a statement of the time, place and nature of the hearing;
- B. a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is being held;
- C. a reference to the particular section(s) of the statutes and rules involved;
- D. a statement of the availability of relevant records for examination;
- E. a short and plain statement of the matters asserted; and
- F. a statement of the right to be represented by counsel.

The IHO shall conduct the hearing in a manner that will afford all parties a full and fair opportunity to present evidence and otherwise to be heard. The parent and/or student may be represented by another person of the parent or student's choice, including an attorney. The IHO shall make a full and complete record of the proceedings.

The IHO shall render a decision in writing to the parties within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of the hearing. The decision will be based solely on the testimony and demonstrative evidence presented at the hearing and include a summary of the evidence (i.e., findings of fact) and the reason for the decision (conclusions of law). The IHO's decision shall include a statement that either party may appeal the decision.

Appeal of the IHO's decision may be made to a Federal court of competent jurisdiction.

### **OCR Complaint**

At any time, if a student or parent believes that the student has been subjected to discrimination based upon disability in violation of Section 504 or the ADA, the student or parent may file a complaint with the OCR. The OCR can be reached at:

U.S. Department of Education  
Office for Civil Rights  
Chicago Office  
John C. Kluczynski Federal Building  
230 S. Dearborn Street, 37th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60604  
Telephone: 312-730-1560  
FAX: 312-730-1576  
TDD: 800-877-8339  
E-mail: [OCR.Chicago@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.Chicago@ed.gov)  
Web: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>

Except in extraordinary circumstances, the OCR does not review the result of individual placement and other educational decisions, so long as the District complies with the "process" requirements of Subpart D of Section 504.

### **Notice**

Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination in education practices and the identity of the COs will be published on the District's website and posted throughout the District, and included~~published~~ in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.

### **Retaliation**

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging discrimination/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made by any Federal or State civil rights law, made a report/formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated, or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of discriminatory practices. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District students and staff where appropriate. All training and information provided regarding the Board's policy and discrimination in general will be age and content appropriate.

### **Retention of ~~Public Records, Student Records, and~~ Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all information, documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and received as part of an investigation, including but not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/statements;
- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and statements collected;
- C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
- D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;

- E. narratives of, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness statements;
  - F. all documentary evidence;
  - G. e-mails, texts, or social media posts related to the investigation;
  - H. contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
  - I. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
  - J. dated written determinations to the parties;
  - K. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
  - L. written documentation of any supportive interim measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and/or the Respondent/Complainants, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt; and
  - M. documentation of all actions, both individual and systemic, taken to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects.
  - N. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Codes of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
  - O. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
  - P. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; [REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time and location of the training, and a copy of the materials reviewed and/or presented during the training.]
- It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**
- Q. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
  - R. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
  - S. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
  - T. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and alleged perpetrator in advance of any interview or hearing;
  - U. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

Additionally, the CO shall retain copies of any written request for an impartial due process hearing, the IHO's notices to the parties, the evidence entered in the hearing, any transcript of the hearing, and the IHO's decision.

The information, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The information, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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#### 2414 - **HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Board of Education directs that students receive instruction in human growth and development, consistent with Chapter 118.019(2) Wis. Stats, to include the following:

A. Medically accurate and age-appropriate instruction in the following topics:

1. the importance of communication about sexuality between the student and the student's parents or guardians
2. reproductive and sexual anatomy and physiology, including biological, psychosocial, emotional, and intellectual changes that accompany maturation
3. puberty, pregnancy, parenting, body image, and gender stereotypes
4. the skills needed to make responsible decisions about sexuality and sexual behavior throughout the student's life, including how to refrain from making inappropriate verbal, physical, and sexual advances and how to recognize, rebuff, and report any unwanted or inappropriate verbal, physical, and sexual behaviors
5. the benefits of and reasons for abstaining from sexual activity

Instruction under this subdivision shall stress the value of abstinence as the only reliable way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections and shall identify the skills necessary to remain abstinent

6. methods for developing healthy life skills, including setting goals, making responsible decisions, communicating, and managing stress
7. how alcohol and drug use affect responsible decision making
8. the impact of media and one's peers on thoughts, feelings, and behaviors related to sexuality
9. adoption resources, prenatal care, and postnatal supports
10. the nature and treatment of sexually transmitted infections

B. use instructional methods and materials that do not discriminate against a student based upon the student's race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic or cultural background or against sexually active students or children with disabilities

C. address self-esteem, personal responsibility, healthy relationships, and positive interpersonal skills, with an emphasis on healthy relationships

- D. identify counseling, medical, and legal resources for survivors of sexual abuse and assault, including resources for escaping violent relationships

The District Administrator will ensure that any instruction provided under this policy also includes instruction in the same year, when age-appropriate, that fulfills the requirements of Chapter 118.019(2m~~f~~) Wis. Stats. required subjects as listed below:

- A. presents abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior for unmarried students;
- B. emphasizes that abstinence from sexual activity before marriage is the only reliable way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome;
- C. provides instruction in parental responsibility and the socioeconomic benefits of marriage for adults and their children;
- D. explains pregnancy, prenatal development, and childbirth;
- E. explains the criminal penalties for engaging in sexual activities involving a child under Ch. 948, Wis. Stats.;
- F. explains the sex offender registration requirements under ~~Section~~ 301.45, Wis. Stats.;

Instruction under this paragraph shall include who is required to report under ~~S.~~ 301.45, Wis. Stats., what information must be reported, who has access to the information reported, and the implications of being registered under ~~Section~~ 301.45, Wis. Stats.

- G. provides medically accurate information about the human papilloma virus and the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

The Board authorizes the curriculum to include separating students on the basis of gender as determined by the District Human Growth and Development Committee.

A citizens' advisory committee shall be established, in accordance with Board Policy 9140 - Citizens' Advisory Committees and 118.019(5), Wis. Stats., in order to ensure the effective participation of staff, parents, health-care professionals, members of clergy, and other residents of the District in the design and implementation of this program area.

The District shall provide parents annually with an outline of the human growth and development program used in their child's grade level as well as information regarding how the parent may inspect the complete program and instructional materials. Prior to use in the classroom, the program shall be made available to parents for inspection.

The District shall notify the parents, in advance of the instruction and give them an opportunity, prior to instruction, to review the complete program and instructional materials, and of their right to have their child excused from the instruction. The notice shall state that, in the event a student is excused, that student will still receive instruction under ~~Wis. Stat.~~ 118.01(2)(d)2c, Wis. Stats. unless exempted and under ~~Wis. Stat.~~ 118.01(2)(d)8, Wis. Stats.

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#### 2430 - **DISTRICT-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Board believes that the goals and objectives of this District are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, including those that are not conducted in a regular classroom but are related to the District's curriculum and/or mission.

The purpose of District-sponsored~~curricular-related~~ activities shall be to enable students to explore a wider range of individual interests than may be available in the District's courses of study but are still directly related to accomplishing the educational outcomes for students as adopted by the Board in Policy 2131. The Board encourages all students, including those students in elementary and middle school grades, to participate in such opportunities. In implementing this policy, the District Administrator shall take steps to make such opportunities accessible to all students.

For purposes of this policy, District-sponsored~~curricular-related~~ activities are typically defined as those activities in which:

- A. the subject matter is actually taught or will be taught in a regularly offered course;
- B. the subject matter concerns the District's composite courses of study;
- C. participation is required for a particular course;
- D. participation results in academic credit; or
- E. the subject matter is of interest to students and aligns with the District's goals and mission.

No ~~curricular-related~~ activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it meets one or more of the criteria stated above and has been approved by the District Administrator.

Such activities, along with competitive extra-curricular activities/athletics (not directly related to courses of study), may be conducted on-or-off-school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of students sponsored by the Board and directed by a staff advisor.

Non-District sponsored~~Non-curricular~~ student activities that are initiated by parents or other members of the community may be allowed under the provisions of Policy 7510 - Use of District Facilities. The Board, however will not:

- A. assume any responsibility for the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such activities;
- B. provide any funds or other resources;

C. allow any member of the District's staff to assist in the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such an activity during the hours s/he is functioning as a member of the staff.

No non-district-sponsored organization may use the name, logo, mascot, or any other name which would associate an activity with the District. Additionally, no nondistrict-sponsored organization may use the assets of the District, including but not limited to facilities, technology, or communication networks without the specific permission(s) as outlined in the relevant District policies.

In addition to the eligibility requirements established by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, to be eligible for any athletic or other extra-curricular activity, a student must meet the criteria established in the Activities Code.

Students shall be fully informed of the curricular-related activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in these activities. District-sponsored activities shall be available to all students who elect to participate and who meet eligibility standards.

The District Administrator shall prepare administrative guidelines to implement a program of curricular-related clubs and activities. Such guidelines should ensure that the needs and interests of the students are properly assessed and procedures are established for continuing evaluation of each club and activity.

To remain a member of a District-established student group or national organization such as the National Honor Society, a student must continue to meet all of the eligibility criteria and abide by the principles and practices established by the group or the organization.

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**2431 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

The Board recognizes the value to the District and to the community of a program of interscholastic athletics for as many students as feasible and in accordance with Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity. The Board believes that it is the purpose of an interscholastic program to provide the benefits of an athletic experience to as large a number of students as feasible within the District.

The Board recognizes that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of each participant with emphasis on the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Athletics should encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by the participants.

Interscholastic athletic programs provide opportunities for participants to develop positive school morale, practice hospitality and exercise the qualities of fair play and courtesy. The interscholastic athletic program is a part of the school curriculum, educational in purpose and conduct.

The athletic program affords opportunities for wholesome school-community relations under constructive conditions. It is the responsibility of school authorities to inform the community regarding the purposes of the program. The community should recognize that an athletic contest is an integral part of the school program because of its educational values. If interscholastic athletics cease to possess educational value, then these should cease to be school functions.

The Board encourages the full participation of elementary and middle school students in interscholastic athletic activities. For purposes of Board policy, "full participation" means fair and equal participation to the extent that the budget, facilities or type of activity allow.

The District shall maintain membership in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and the District's conference. The District shall abide by all WIAA and conference rules and regulations, and student athletes shall also be expected to abide by all eligibility rules and regulations.

The District Administrator ~~shall develop appropriate administrative guidelines for the operation of the Athletic Program and a Code of Conduct for those who participate. Such guidelines should provide for~~ provides the following safeguards:

- A. Prior to enrolling in the sport, each participant shall submit to a thorough physical examination by a District-approved physician and parents shall report any past or current health problems along with a physician's statement that any such problems have or are being treated and pose no threat to the student's participation.
- B. Any student who is found to have a health condition which may be life-threatening to self or others shall not be allowed to participate until the situation has been analyzed by a medical review panel that has determined the conditions under which the student may participate.

- C. Any student who incurs an injury requiring a physician's care is to have written approval by a physician prior to the student's return to participation.
- D. Any student suspected of having a head injury or concussion shall be provided with safety protocols specified in Policy 5340 - Student Accidents/Illness/Concussion.

In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes and maintain ethical standards, school personnel, coaches, athletic trainers, and lay coaches should never dispense, supply, recommend or permit the use of any drug, medication, or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes.

The District Administrator is authorized to establish a set of behavior expectations for participants as well as the implementation of appropriate disciplinary procedures for those who violate sportsmanship expectations.~~The guidelines should also provide a set of behavioral expectations for each type of participant. The District Administrator is authorized to implement suitable disciplinary procedures against those who violate the following sportsmanship expectations.~~

To support the efforts to strengthen sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity, the Board commits itself to:

- A. adopt policies (upon recommendation of the administration) that reflect the District's educational objectives and promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity;
- B. support and reward participants, coaches, school administrators, and fans who display good sportsmanship.

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### 3120 - **EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

The Board recognizes that positions be filled with highly-qualified and competent personnel are vital to the successful operation of the District.

All employees other than the District Administrator or support staff members (Policy 0100 – Definitions) are considered professional employees.

The Board shall approve the employment, fix the compensation, and establish the term of employment for each professional staff member employed by this District. Teachers, governed by Wis. Stat. 118.22 and administrators, governed by Wis. Stat. 118.24, may only be employed by contract and only following majority vote of the full membership of the Board or as required or permitted by law.

The District Administrator shall provide a description of the work schedule, hours of work per week, a determination of whether the employee is exempt or non-exempt for purposes of overtime eligibility (See Policy 6700). For non-exempt employees, there shall be a clear statement in the job description and employee handbook which states the following: "No non-exempt employee may perform work for the District outside of his/her regular schedule without prior supervisory approval. Violations of this requirement will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment," and for overtime eligible employees, there shall be a clear statement in the job description and employee handbook which states the following: "No overtime eligible employee may perform overtime work for the District without prior supervisory approval. Violations of this requirement will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment."

Such approval shall be given only to those candidates for employment recommended by the District Administrator.

When any recommended candidate has been rejected by the Board, the District Administrator shall make a substitute recommendation.

All applications for employment shall be referred to WECAN.

~~Relatives of Board members may be employed by the Board. If the Board member benefits financially either directly or indirectly, the Board member may not participate in any way in the discussion or vote on any matter relating to said employment.~~

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Relatives of staff members may be employed by the Board. The newly employed staff member shall not be placed in a position in which s/he will be supervised directly by, or supervise directly, his/her relative.

Any professional staff member's intentional misstatement of fact pertaining to his/her qualifications for employment or the determination of salary shall constitute grounds for dismissal by the Board.

The employment of professional staff members prior to approval by the Board is authorized when their employment is required to maintain continuity in the educational program, except as prohibited by law, including the employment of full-time teachers and certain administrative employees on a substitute basis, pending Board approval. Employment shall be recommended to the Board at the next regular meeting.

No candidate for employment as professional staff shall receive recommendation for such employment without having proffered visual evidence of proper certification or application for such certification. For staff members instructing children in reading and/or language arts, pre-school and/or grades kindergarten through sixth grade, their certificate must verify successful completion of instruction that includes the teaching of phonics.

For each candidate, a satisfactory background check will be conducted by the Department of Public Instruction or appropriate State agency.

Any person who signs a contract to teach in the District must, within ten (10) days after signing the contract, file in the office of the District Administrator a statement showing the date of expiration and the grade and character of the certificate or license held.

The District Administrator shall prepare procedures for the recruitment and selection of all professional staff that includes reporting newly hired employees to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

### **DISTRICT SUPPORTED ALTERNATIVE LICENSING PROGRAMS**

As part of the Board's efforts to provide the highest quality education for all students in all subject areas, the Board authorizes the District Administrator, where appropriate, to support teacher licensure opportunities.

### **EXPERIENCED-BASED LICENSURE FOR TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

"Technical education" means technology education and any technology-related occupation.

"Vocational education" means agriculture, child services, clothing services, food services, housing and equipment services, family and consumer education, family and consumer services, home economic-related occupations, health care-related occupations, trade specialist, business education, business and office, and marketing education.

The District Administrator may support the application for an experience-based license for a teacher to teach in a technical and/or vocational education field, provided that the individual can be credited with at least 100 points using the following system:

A. The following points for experience in a technical field (must comprise at least twenty-five (25) of the required 100 points):

1. For a bachelor's degree in any science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field and any teaching license or permit, or in a field related to the vocational subject, 100 points.
2. For a bachelor's degree in any science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field, or in a field related to the vocational subject seventy-five (75) points.
3. For a bachelor's degree in a field other than those described in numbers 1. and 2., above, any science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or technical or technology education field, sixty-five (65) points.
4. For industry or vocational certification, ninety (90) points.
5. For industry experience in a trade or technical field or vocation, five (5) points per forty (40) hours worked up to a maximum of ninety (90) points.
6. For an internship in a trade or technical field or in the vocation, twenty-five (25) points.
7. For being mentored in a trade or technical skill or in the vocation by a colleague or a Wisconsin Technology Education Association or a recognized vocational association approved mentor, twenty-five (25) points.
8. For an apprenticeship in a trade or technical field or in the vocation, five (5) points per forty (40) hours worked up to a maximum of ninety (90) points.

B. The following points for pedagogical experience (must be at least twenty-five (25) out of the 100 required points):

1. For a bachelor's degree in technical or technology education, 100 points.
2. For a bachelor's degree in a field other than any science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or technical or technology education field, or in a subject related to the vocation and any teaching license or permit, seventy-five (75) points.
3. For credit earned at an accredited institution of higher education or technical college, three (3) points per credit up to a maximum of seventy-five (75) points for technical or technology education courses and science, technology, engineering, or mathematics courses or any field related to the vocation and three (3) points per credit up to a maximum of seventy-five (75) points for education and pedagogical courses.
4. For completing at least 100 hours of training in pedagogy, five (5) points per fifty (50) hours up to a maximum of seventy-five (75) points.

Individuals that have sufficient points may be employed by the District under an experience-based license provided that the District Administrator implements a professional development curriculum for the teacher to follow during the three (3) year period of the initial license. The District Administrator shall monitor the teacher's progress in fulfilling the curriculum.

### **PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PERMIT**

The District Administrator may support the teaching license application of an individual to teach a course in engineering, mathematics, science, computer science, art, music, or world languages that do not yet hold a professional teacher license provided that the following criteria are met:

- A. The District is experiencing a shortage in the availability of teachers with professional teaching certification in the subject area and is unable to fill a position with an acceptable licensed teacher.
- B. The individual holds at least a bachelor's degree in engineering, mathematics, science, computer science, art, music, or world languages.
- C. The individual possesses at least five (5) years of verifiable industry experience in the same field as the bachelor's degree.
- D. The individual has completed at least 100 hours of pedagogical training in an alternative teacher licensing program approved by DPI.
- E. The District Administrator shall implement a plan to provide supervision of the teacher by a teacher that holds regular professional teaching licensure during the two (2) year period of the permit.
- F. The hiring of the teacher under this alternative licensure program will not displace a regularly licensed teacher in the District.

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### 3122.02 - NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE

The Board ~~of Education~~ prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information in all aspects of employment, including hiring, firing, compensation, job assignments, promotions, layoffs, training, fringe benefits, or any other terms, conditions, or privileges of employment. The Board also does not limit, segregate, or classify applicants or employees in any way that would deprive or tend to deprive them of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect the status of ~~the person~~an employee as an employee, based on genetic information. Harassment of a person because of ~~his/her~~ genetic information ~~is also~~ is prohibited. Likewise, retaliation against a person for identifying, objecting to, or filing a complaint concerning a violation of this policy~~an applicant or employee for engaging in protected activity~~ is prohibited.

The identity of the Compliance Officer (see Policy 3122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity) shall be posted throughout the District and published in any District statement regarding the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of genetic information in all aspects of employment, in any staff handbooks, and in general information publications of the District as required by Federal and State law and on the District website.

In accordance with Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. 2000ff, et seq., and 29 C.F.R. Part 1635 ("GINA"), the Board shall not request, require or purchase genetic information of employees, their family members or applicants for employment. Further, in compliance with GINA this Act, applicants and employees are directed not to provide any genetic information, including the individual's family medical history, in response to necessary requests for medical information, with the exception that family medical history may be ~~provided~~acquired as part of the certification process for FMLA leave, or when an employee is asking for leave to care for an immediate family member with a serious health condition. Applicants for employment are directed not to provide any genetic information, including the individual's family medical history, in response to requests for medical information as part of the District's application for employment process. Employees and applicants for employment shall not be penalized for providing genetic information in good faith in response to a request from a Board employee or agent, unless that applicant or employee refuses to delete the information at the request of the employee or agent of the Board.

The ~~Board District~~ recognizes that genetic information may be acquired through commercially and publicly available media including documents like newspapers, books, magazines, periodicals, television shows or the Internet. The ~~Board District~~ prohibits, ~~however,~~ its employees and agents including commercial background investigation agents from searching ~~these~~such sources with the intent of finding or obtaining genetic information, or accessing sources from which they are likely to acquire genetic information. If genetic information about an employee or applicant is obtained in error, it shall be redacted immediately and not shared beyond the point of first receipt.

As used in this policy, "Ggenetic information," ~~as defined by GINA,~~ means information about: (a) an individual's genetic tests; (b) the genetic tests of that individual's family members; (c) the manifestation of disease or disorder in family members of the individual (i.e., family medical history); (d) an individual's request for, or receipt of, genetic services, or the participation in clinical research that includes genetic services by the individual or a family member of the individual; or (e) the genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or a pregnant woman who is a family member of the individual and the genetic information of an embryo legally held by an individual or family member using assistive reproductive technology.

The term "genetic information" does not include information about the sex or age of the individual, the sex or age of family members, or information about the race or ethnicity of the individual or family member that is not derived from a genetic test.

As used in this policy, "genetic test" means an analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins, or metabolites that detect genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes. The term includes any test of a person's DNA/RNA.

If the ~~Board's employees or agents~~District either legally and/or inadvertently receives genetic information about an employee or applicant ~~for employment from the employee, applicant for employment or a medical provider~~ it shall be treated as a confidential medical record in accordance with law.

The ~~District Administrator shall appoint a~~Compliance Officer (See Policy 3122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity) is~~who shall be~~ responsible for overseeing the ~~Board~~District's compliance with this policy and GINA and proposing revisions and additions to this policy as necessary to ensure the Board's compliance with GINA~~Federal regulations and promptly dealing with any inquiries or complaints.~~ This person shall be responsible for working with the Board's legal counsel to fully implement the requirements of GINA in all activities of the School District. The Compliance Officer~~S/He~~ shall also verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination for Title II of ~~GINA~~the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 is provided to staff members, and that all ~~District~~ requests for health-related information (e.g., to support an employee's request for reasonable accommodation under the ADA or a request for sick leave) are~~is~~ accompanied by a written warning that directs the employee or health care provider not to collect or provide genetic information. The warning shall read as follows:

**Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) Disclosure Requirement**

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 ~~or ("GINA")~~ prohibits employers and other entities covered by the law~~GINA Title II~~, including the Board ~~of Education~~, from requesting or requiring genetic information of an employee or applicant~~individual~~ or family member of an employee or applicant~~the individual~~, except as specifically allowed by law. To comply with GINA~~this law~~, do not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information (unless the request pertains to a request for FMLA leave for purposes of caring for an immediate family member with a serious health condition). "Genetic information," as defined by GINA, includes an individual's family medical history, the results of an individual's or family member's genetic test, the fact that an individual or an individual's family member sought or received genetic services or participated in clinical research that includes genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual's family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services. Questions concerning compliance with the requirements of GINA may be directed to the Compliance Officer at 920-596-5840.

The ~~Board~~District offers health services, including a wellness program. Participation in the services/program is voluntary. Genetic information (such as family medical history) may be obtained as part of an individual's participation in the service/program. If that occurs, individual genetic information may be provided to the individual receiving the services and to his/her health services providers, but only genetic information in aggregate form will be provided to the Board and no applicant or employee shall be identified or identifiable from the reported information.

The grievance procedure for complaints of discrimination in Policy 3122 applies to complaints of discrimination, including harassment, or retaliation prohibited by GINA and may be utilized if a District employee alleges discrimination or harassment on the basis of genetic information or retaliation for identifying, objecting to, or filing a complaint concerning a violation of GINA or this policy.

**~~{NOTE: It should be noted that any sections of the District's collective bargaining agreements dealing with terms and conditions of employment should contain a statement of nondiscrimination similar to that in the Board's statement above.}~~**

42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq.  
~~Title II of,~~ the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008  
29 C.F.R. Part 1635

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### 3122 - **NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Board does not discriminate in the employment of professional staff on the basis of ~~the Protected Classes of~~ race, color, national origin, age, sex (including transgender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity), pregnancy, creed or religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, military service (as defined in 111.32, Wis. Stats.), ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours, declining to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer about religious matters or political matters, or any other legally protected category in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities characteristic protected by law in its employment practices.

Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination and the identity of the School District's Compliance Officer(s) (see below) will be published on the District's website, posted throughout the District, and included in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.

#### **Definitions**

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

Complainant is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

**Day(s):** Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

**Military status:** refers to a person's status in the uniformed services, which includes the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service, including active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty for training, full-time National Guard duty, and performance of duty or training by a member of Wisconsin organized militia. It also includes the period of time for which a person is absent from employment for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the person to perform any duty listed above.

**Respondent** is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

**School District community** means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties** include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals



who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

### District Compliance Officers

The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District's "Compliance Officers" (also known as "Civil Rights Coordinators"; hereinafter referred to as the "COs").

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School District of Manawa  
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Manawa, WI 54949  
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The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually in the staff handbooks and on the School District's website.

The COs are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with the applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination, retaliation, or denial of equal access. The COs shall also verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination has been provided for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended), Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ~~Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972,~~ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) to students, their parents, staff members, and the general public. ~~A copy of each of the Acts and regulations on which this notice is available upon request from the CO.~~

### Reports and Complaints of ~~Unlawful~~ Discrimination and Retaliation

Employees are required to~~expected to promptly~~ report incidents of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination and/or retaliation to an administrator, supervisor, or other supervisory employees so that the Board may address the conduct. Any administrator, supervisor, or other supervisory employees who receive such a report/complaint shall file it with the CO at the employee's/his/her first opportunity, but no later than two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Discrimination against an individual based on their sex (including gender status, sexual orientation, and gender identity) is discrimination in violation of Title VII. Specifically, discrimination on the basis of sex stereotyping/gender-nonconformity constitutes sex discrimination. This is true irrespective of the cause of the person's gender non-conforming behavior. Employment actions based upon an individual's sex could be suspect and potentially impermissible.

COs are required to investigate allegations of conduct involving the discrimination or harassment of an employee or applicant based upon his/her gender status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Any questions concerning whether alleged conduct might violate this prohibition should be brought to the CO's attention promptly.

Employees who believe they have been ~~unlawfully~~ discriminated/retaliated against are entitled to utilize the complaint process set forth below. Initiating a complaint will not adversely affect the ~~Complainant's/complaining individual's~~ employment. While there are no time limits for initiating complaints under this policy, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint as soon as possible after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

The COs will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation. COs shall accept reports/complaints of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation directly from any member of the School District community or a Third Party, ~~or receive reports that are initially filed with another Board employee (District employees, students, parent(s), and member of the Board), a resident of the District, or a visitor to the District.~~ Upon receipt of a report of alleged discrimination/retaliation/complaint, ~~the either directly or through a school building administrator,~~ a CO will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the Complainant's request and the nature of the alleged discrimination/retaliation) investigation, or the District Administrator will designate a specific individual to conduct the process necessary for an informal or formal investigation. ~~the CO will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process.~~ The CO will

provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and the Respondent upon request.~~any person who files a complaint. All members of the School District community must report incidents of discrimination/retaliation that are reported to them to the CO within two (2) business days of learning of the incident/conduct.~~

Any Board employee who directly observes ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to one of the COs within two (2) business days. Additionally, any Board employee who observes an act of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation is expected to intervene to stop the misconduct, unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other Board employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the misconduct. Thereafter, the CO must contact the Complainant~~employee~~ within two (2) business days to advise ~~him/her~~ of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

## Investigation and Complaint Procedure

Except for sex discrimination and/or sexual harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, any employee who alleges to have been~~Any employee who believes that s/he has been~~ subjected to ~~unlawful~~ discrimination or retaliation may seek resolution of ~~the~~his/her complaint through the procedures described below. The complaint procedures involve an investigation of the individual's claims of discrimination/retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated.

Once the complaint process begins, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) ~~business~~ days of the complaint being received).

The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of any individual to pursue a complaint of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division, or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC").

## Complaint Procedure

A Complainant who alleges discrimination/retaliation~~An individual who believes s/he has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation (hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant");~~ may file a complaint, either orally or in writing; 1) with a Principal; 2) the CO; or 3) to the District Administrator or other supervisory employees. Any complaint received regarding the District Administrator or a Board member shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the CO for such complaints. Additionally, if the complaint is regarding a CO, the complaint shall be reported to the District Administrator, who shall coordinate with the other appointed/designated~~assume the role of~~ CO or, if appropriate appoint/designate another individual to serve as CO for the complaint regarding a CO.~~for such complaints.~~

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination and retaliation, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals are encouraged~~should make every effort~~ to file a complaint within thirty (30) ~~calendar~~ days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a Complainant informs a Principal, District Administrator, or other supervisory employees, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of discrimination or retaliation, that employee must report such information to the CO at the employee's first opportunity, but no later than~~within~~ two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Throughout the course of the process, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All complaints must include the following information to the extent known it is available: the identity of the Respondent~~individual believed to have engaged in, or be engaging in, the discriminatory/retaliatory conduct~~; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the CO shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter, the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further discrimination or retaliation, including; but not limited to; a change of work assignment or schedule for the Complainant and/or the Respondent~~person who allegedly engaged in the misconduct~~. In making such a determination, the CO should consult the Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with~~his/her position to~~ the proposed action. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the CO may still may take whatever actions are deemed~~s/he deems~~ appropriate in consultation with the District Administrator.

Within two (2) days of receiving the complaint, the CO or designee will initiate an investigation by at a minimum confirming receipt of the complaint with the Complainant and informing the Complainant of the investigation process.~~Within two (2) business days of~~

~~receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate an investigation to determine whether the Complainant has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation.~~

Simultaneously, the CO will inform the Respondent that a formal individual alleged to have engaged in the discriminatory or retaliatory conduct (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent"), that a complaint has been received. The Respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations and upon request provided with a copy of any relevant policies and/or administrative guidelines, including this Policy. The Respondent must also be informed of the opportunity to submit a written response to the complaint and the obligation to do so within five (5) ~~business~~-days.

Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO or designee will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment based on a protected class or retaliation within thirty (30) days of receiving the formal complaint. ~~though certain cases may require additional time, the CO will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of discrimination/retaliation within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the formal complaint. The investigation will include:~~

The investigation will include:

- A. interviews with the Complainant;
- B. interviews with the Respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who may reasonably be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;
- D. consideration of any documentation or other information presented by the Complainant, Respondent, or any other witness that is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator that summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent has engaged in harassment/retaliation of the Complainant ~~Complainant has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation~~. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances. In determining if discrimination or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation, the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, if the matter involves the District Administrator, engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within five (5) ~~business~~-days of receiving the report of the CO, the District Administrator either must ~~either~~ issue a written final decision regarding whether the charges have been substantiated or request further investigation. A summary explanation of the copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be provided delivered to both the Complainant and the Respondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five (5) ~~business~~-days, or as quickly as possible if additional time is necessary due to the availability of necessary witness(es) or documents. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above.

If the District Administrator determines the Respondent engaged in discrimination/retaliation toward the Complainant, the District Administrator ~~Complainant was subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation, s/he~~ must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the discrimination/retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, age-appropriate, effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

A Complainant or Respondent who is dissatisfied with the final decision of the District Administrator may appeal through a signed written statement to the Board within five (5) ~~business~~-days of the party's his/her receipt of the District Administrator's ~~final~~ decision. The written statement of appeal must be submitted to the District Administrator, who will forward the request to the Board President.

In an attempt to resolve the complaint, the Board shall review the findings and may meet with the concerned parties and their

representatives within twenty (20) ~~business~~ days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) ~~business~~ days of its decision. The decision of the Board will be final.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation regardless of whether the ~~Complainant~~~~employee alleging the misconduct~~ pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board or its designee.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described interviews/meetings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint ~~process~~~~procedure~~ is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The Board will employ all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

All records generated under the terms of this policy shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Respondents must be provided an opportunity to meaningfully respond to allegations, which may include disclosure of the Complainant's identity. ~~Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity. All Complainants will be advised that their identities may become known to the Respondent(s) through the investigation process.~~

During the course of an investigation, the CO will instruct each person who is interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an investigation is expected not to disclose to third parties any information that is learned or provided ~~s/he learns and/or provides~~ during the course of the investigation.

### **Remedial Action** ~~Sanctions~~ and Monitoring

~~The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against unlawful discrimination by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct. While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law. When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter. In those cases where unlawful discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies and/or the Employee Handbook.~~

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken due to the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be a District employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

### **Sanctions and Disciplinary Action**

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against discrimination by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law and any relevant codes of conduct.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the age and maturity level of any student involved. In those cases where discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior ~~disciplinary~~~~remedial~~ action has been taken against the Respondent~~an employee~~, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effect.

### **Retaliation**

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation, or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy. ~~Specifically, the Board will not retaliate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made unlawful by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a charge, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws, or because that individual exercised their rights, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise of any right granted or protected by those laws.~~

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of ~~unlawful~~ discriminatory practices. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District staff where appropriate. All training, as well as all information provided regarding the Board's policy and discrimination in general, will be age and content appropriate.

### **Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all ~~information,~~ documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and/or received as part of an investigation, which may include ~~including,~~ but are not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/statements;
- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and statements collected;
- C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
- D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;
- E. narratives of, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness statements;
- F. all documentary evidence;
- G. e-mails, texts, or social media posts pertaining to the investigation;
- H. contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
- I. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
- J. dated written determinations to the parties;
- K. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
- L. written documentation of any ~~supportive~~ ~~interim~~ measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and/or the Respondent ~~complainants~~, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt; and

- M. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects;:-
- N. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Codes of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
- O. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
- P. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time and location of the training, and a copy of the materials reviewed and/or presented during the training.]**
- It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**
- Q. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
- R. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
- S. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
- T. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and alleged perpetrator in advance of any interview or hearing;
- U. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The ~~information~~, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The ~~information~~, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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- 111.31 et seq., Wis. Stats.
- 111.335(d)(2), Wis. Stats.
- 118.195, Wis. Stats.
- 118.20, Wis. Stats.
- Fourteenth Amendment, U.S. Constitution
- 20 U.S.C. Section 1701 et seq., Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974
- 20 U.S.C. Section 7905, Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act
- 29 U.S.C. 701 et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
- 38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq., Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act
- 42 U.S.C. 2000 et seq., Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 1973 as amended
- 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended
- 29 C.F.R. Part 1635, The GINA Regulations
- 34 C.F.R. Part 110, The Age Discrimination Act Regulations

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### ~~3170~~ **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

~~The Board of Education recognizes alcoholism and drug abuse as treatable illnesses. When such illnesses impair the performance of professional staff members, the Board recognizes the responsibility to assist in a manner recommended by appropriate specialists in the treatment of those illnesses.~~

~~A professional staff member having an illness or other problem relating to the use of alcohol or other drugs will receive the same careful consideration and offer of assistance that is presently extended to professional staff members having any other illness.~~

~~The responsibility to correct unsatisfactory job performance or behavior resulting from a suspected alcohol or drug problem rests with the professional staff member. Failure to do so will result in appropriate corrective or disciplinary action as determined by the Board. The Board will assist an employee with an alcohol or drug problem in developing reasonable accommodations so that the employee may perform his/her work, consistent with State and Federal law. Existence of a substance abuse problem does not excuse misconduct in employment or violation of Board policy.~~

~~No professional staff member will have his/her job security or promotion opportunities jeopardized by his/her request for counseling or referral assistance.~~

~~Professional staff members who suspect they may have an alcohol or other drug abuse problem are encouraged to seek counseling and information on a confidential basis by contacting resources available for such service such as the District's Employee Assistance Program.~~

~~This policy shall be administered in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and applicable State laws.~~

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### 3215 - **USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

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

It shall be a violation of this policy for any professional staff of the District to use, consume, display, promote, or sell any tobacco products, tobacco industry brand, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or electronic smoking or vaping devices, regardless of content at any time on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events.

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

#### **Exceptions**

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

FDA approved cessation products or tobacco dependence products are exempt from this policy for adults and staff eighteen years and older. Staff using such products and bringing them to any school property or school-sponsored activity are responsible for safe-keeping of these products at all times and are responsible for assuring that no students are able to obtain access to these products.

#### **Policy Specific Definitions**

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

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

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

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

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

The term "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette or pipe, or any other lighted or heated product containing, made, or derived from nicotine, tobacco, marijuana, or other plant, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for inhalation. "Smoking" also includes carrying or using an activated electronic smoking device.

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

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

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

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### 3216 - **STAFF DRESS AND GROOMING**

The Board believes that professional staff members set an example in dress and grooming for their students to follow. ~~A professional staff member who understands and adheres to this belief enhances his/her status, presents an image of dignity, and encourages discipline and respect for authority.~~

The Board authorizes the development of standards for staff dress and grooming that promote a professional educational atmosphere that gives consideration to the impact on the educational process and the diversity of the District's staff.

~~The Board retains the authority to specify the following dress and grooming guidelines for staff that will prevent such matters from having an adverse impact on the educational process.~~ When assigned to District duty, all professional staff members shall follow the guidelines as identified in the Employee Handbook.

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### 3230 - ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The proper performance of school business is dependent upon the maintenance of unusually high standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and professional conduct by Board members, and the District's employees, officers and agents and is essential to the Board's commitment to earn and keep the public's confidence in the School District.

For these reasons, the Board adopts the following guidelines designed to avoid the occurrence or appearance of any conflicts of interest do not occur. These guidelines apply to all District employees, officers, and agents, including members of the Board. These guidelines are not intended to be all-inclusive, nor to substitute for good judgment on the part of all professional employees, officers, and agents. Professional employees are expected to perform their duties in an ethical manner and free from an actual conflict of interest or from situations that create the appearance of a conflict of interest, in a manner consistent with 19.59, Wis. Stats. The Board's interest in enforcing this policy is to assure that the decisions and actions of public employees retain the public's trust. Therefore, even a conflict relationship that can be viewed as beneficial to the District or that was intended to be beneficial to the District, may still be a violation of this policy.

- A. No professional employee, officer, or agent shall engage in or have a personal or financial or other interest, directly or indirectly, in any activity that conflicts or raises a reasonable question of conflict with his/her duties and responsibilities in the school system. Specifically, professional employees must perform their duties in a manner that does not violate criminal conflict of interest laws pursuant to 946.13, Wis. Stats. by having a private pecuniary interest in an amount that exceeds~~This includes not only those interests that violate state criminal law, which typically requires at least \$15,000 in financial interest,~~ but also lesser valued conflicts that nonetheless create the appearance of using one's public position to secure a private pecuniary interest and/or benefit.
- B. Professional employees, officers, and agents shall not engage in business, private practice of their profession, the rendering of services, anything of substantial value, or the sale of goods of any type where advantage is taken of any professional relationship they may have with any employee, student, client, or parents of such students or clients in the course of their employment or professional relationship with the School District.

Included, by way of illustration, rather than limitation are the following:

1. the provision of any private lessons or services for a fee unless the provision of services is arranged outside of school and is separate from and in addition to regular support provided to students as part of the professional staff member's regular duties.
2. soliciting on school premises or under circumstances which are coercive for the private sale of goods or services to students or other employees
3. the use, sale, or improper divulging of any privileged information through his/her access to School District records, about a student or client granted in the course of the employee's, officer's or agent's employment or professional relationship with the School District.

4. the referral of any student or client for lessons or services to any private business or professional practitioner if there is any expectation of reciprocal referrals, sharing of fees, or other remuneration for such referrals
  5. the requirement of employees, students or clients to purchase any private goods or services provided by an employee, officer or agent or any business or professional practitioner with whom any employee, officer or agent has a financial or other relationship, as a condition of receiving any grades, credits, promotions, approvals, or recommendations
- C. Should exceptions to this policy be necessary in order to provide mandatory services to students or clients of the School District, all such exceptions will be made known to the employee's supervisor and will be disclosed to the District Administrator and approval of the Board of Education before entering into any private relationship.
- D. Professional employees, officers, and agents shall not make use of materials, equipment, or facilities of the School District for their own personal financial gain or business interest. Examples would be the use of facilities before, during, or after regular business hours for service to private practice clients, or the checking out of items from an instructional materials center for private practice.
- E. Professional employees, officers, and agents shall not participate in the selection, award and administration of any contract to an entity in which they have a pecuniary interest or from which they derive a profit or in which a dependent of the employee has a pecuniary interest or from which the dependent derives a profit. "Dependent" includes the employee's spouse; unemancipated child, stepchild, or adopted child under the age of eighteen (18); or individual for whom the employee provides more than one-half (1/2) of the individual's support during a year. A "pecuniary interest" means an interest in a contract or purchase that will result or is intended to result in an ascertainable increase in the income or net worth of the employee or the employee's dependent who is under the direct or indirect administrative control of the professional employee or who receives a contract or purchase order that is reviewed, approved, or directly or indirectly administered by the employee.
- Professional employees, officers, and agents may not solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts.
- However, pursuant to Federal rules, the School District has set standards for when an employee, officer or agent may accept a gift of an unsolicited item of nominal value. For purposes of this section, "nominal value" means that the gift has a monetary value of \$50.00 or less.
- F. Professional employees, officers, and agents must disclose any potential conflict of interest which may lead to a violation of this policy to the School District. Upon discovery of any potential conflict of interest, the School District will disclose, in writing, the potential conflict of interest to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.
- The District will also disclose, in a timely manner, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery or gratuity that affect a Federal award to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.
- G. Professional employees, officers and agents found to be in violation of this conflict of interest policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

No professional staff employee may accept or engage in any employment, consulting, advising, or other professional activity with any organization other than the District, whether the employee will receive compensation for such outside activity or not, without first providing notice to the District Administrator.

In the event that, within the course of administering a Federally funded grant program or service to the District, any professional employee that identifies a conflict of interest, a potential conflict of interest, or that the appearance of a conflict of interest may arise in the course of administering the Federal grant funds, the employee must immediately notify either the Federal agency administering the grant in a manner consistent with that particular agencies rules on conflict of interests, or the District employee directly responsible for grant compliance. Such notice shall be provided at the earliest possible time.

It is a violation of this policy to take action or to refrain from taking action, or for an employee to otherwise use his/her public position to obtain a financial gain or anything of substantial value for himself/herself or his/her immediate family, as defined in 19.42(7), Wis. Stats.

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### 3362 - EMPLOYEE ANTI-HARASSMENT

#### Prohibited Harassment

The Board is committed to a work environment that is free of harassment of any form. The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate action to eliminate it. Any member of the School District community who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our employees.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against discriminatory harassment based on race, color, national origin, age, sex (including ~~trans~~gender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity), pregnancy, creed or religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, military service (as defined in 111.32, Wis. Stats.), ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours, declining to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer about religious matters or political matters (collectively, "Protected Classes"), or any other characteristic protected by law in its employment practices (hereinafter referred to as "harassment" "Protected Classes Characteristics"), and encourages those within the School District community as well as Third Parties, who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify such problems. The Board prohibits harassment that affects tangible job benefits, interferes unreasonably with an individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Harassment may occur employee-to-employee, employee-to-student, male-to-female, female-to-male, male-to-male, or female-to-female.

The Board will investigate all allegations of harassment and, in those cases where harassment is substantiated, ~~the Board will~~ take immediate steps ~~calculated~~ to end the harassment, prevent its reoccurrence, and, ~~if applicable,~~ remedy its effects.

Individuals who are found to have engaged in harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

~~For purposes of this policy, "School District community" means individuals subject to the control and supervision of the Board including, but not limited to, students, teachers, staff, volunteers, and Board members, agents, contractors, or other persons.~~

~~For purposes of this policy, "third parties" include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with the District, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off School District property).~~

#### Notice

Notice of the Board's policy on anti-harassment related to employment practices and the identity of the District's Compliance Officers will be posted throughout the District and published in any District statement regarding the availability of employment, staff handbooks, and general information publications of the District as required by Federal and State law and this policy.

#### Definitions

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

**Complainant:** is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to harassment, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**Day(s):** Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

**Respondent:** is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in harassment, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**School District community:** means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties:** include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

### Bullying

Bullying rises to the level of harassment when one or more persons systematically and chronically inflict physical hurt or psychological distress on one (1) or more students or employees and that bullying is based upon one (1) or more Protected Classes, that is, characteristics that are protected by Federal civil rights laws. It is defined as any unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior, including any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, by an adult or student, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or work environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school or work performance or participation; and may involve:

- A. teasing;
- B. threats;
- C. intimidation;
- D. stalking;
- E. cyberstalking;
- F. cyberbullying;
- G. physical violence;
- H. theft;
- I. sexual, religious, or racial harassment;
- J. public humiliation; or
- K. destruction of property.

~~"Harassment" means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a school employee on the basis of the employee's Protected Classes Characteristics that:~~

- ~~A. places a school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property;~~
- ~~B. is sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent so as to create a hostile working environment which materially alters the employee's working conditions from the perspective of a reasonable person similarly situated;~~
- ~~C. has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school or any other aspect of the District's operations.~~



"Harassment" also includes "hate speech"—the use of language, behavior, or images/symbols that express prejudice against a particular group or groups on the basis of any protected characteristic(s).

Examples are:

- A. making statements that promote violence toward a racial or ethnic group;
- B. drawing, displaying, or posting images or symbols of prejudice (e.g., swastikas).

### **Sexual Harassment**

For purposes of this policy and consistent with Pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ~~and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972,~~ "sexual harassment" is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other physical, verbal, or visual conduct based on sex constitutes sexual harassment when:

- A. a supervisory employee engages in harassing behavior towards a subordinate employee, regardless of whether such conduct creates a hostile work environment;
- B. acquiescence in or submission to such conduct is an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment;
- C. an individual's acquiescence in, submission to, or rejection of such conduct becomes the basis for employment decisions affecting that individual;
- D. such conduct is sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent such that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment;
- E. consensual sexual relationships where such relationship leads to favoritism of a subordinate employee with whom the superior is sexually involved and where such favoritism results in an adverse employment action for another employee or otherwise creates a hostile work environment;
- F. inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the District into a student's personal space and personal life.

Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of any~~either~~ gender against a person of the same or another~~opposite~~ gender.

Sexual Harassment covered by Policy 2266/AG 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, i.e., sexual harassment prohibited by Title IX, is not included in this policy. Allegations of such conduct shall be addressed solely by Policy 2266/AG 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.

Prohibited acts that constitute sexual harassment under this policy may take a variety of forms. Examples of the kinds of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- A. unwelcome sexual propositions, invitations, solicitations, and flirtations;
- B. unwanted physical and/or sexual contact~~assault~~;
- C. threats or insinuations that a person's employment, wages, promotion, assignments, or other conditions of employment may be adversely affected by not submitting to sexual advances;
- D. unwelcome verbal expressions ~~of a sexual nature~~, including graphic sexual commentaries about a person's body, dress, appearance, or sexual activities; the unwelcome use of sexually degrading language, profanity, jokes or innuendoes; unwelcome suggestive or insulting sounds or whistles; obscene telephone calls, text messages, or social media postings;
- E. sexually suggestive objects, pictures, graffiti, videos, videotapes, posters, audio recordings, or literature, placed in the work ~~or educational~~ environment that reasonably may embarrass or offend individuals; ~~remarks speculating about a person's sexual activities or sexual history, or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history;~~
- F. unwelcome and inappropriate touching, patting, or pinching; obscene gestures;

- G. asking or telling about sexual fantasies, sexual preferences, or sexual activities;
- H. speculation about a person's sexual activities or sexual history or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history;
- I. giving unwelcome personal gifts, such as lingerie, that suggest the desire for a romantic relationship;
- J. leering or staring at someone in a sexual way, such as staring at a person's breasts, buttocks, or groin;
- K. consensual sexual relationships where such relationship leads to favoritism of a subordinate employee with whom the superior is sexually involved and where such favoritism adversely affects other employees or otherwise creates a hostile work environment; ~~and~~
- L. inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the School District community into a student's personal space and personal life; and
- M. verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex-stereotyping that does not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

Sexual relationships between staff members, where one staff member has supervisory responsibilities over the other, are discouraged as a matter of Board policy. Such relationships have an inherent possibility of being construed as sexual harassment because the consensual aspect of the relationship may be the result of implicit or explicit duress caused by uncertainty regarding the consequences of non-compliance.

Romantic or sexual relationships between District staff (teachers, aides, administrators, coaches or other school authorities) and a student is expressly prohibited. Any school staff member who engages in sexual conduct with a student may also be guilty of a crime and any information regarding such instances will be reported to law enforcement authorities.

### **Boundary Invasions**

Boundary invasions may be appropriate or inappropriate. Appropriate boundary invasions make medical or educational sense. For example, a teacher or aide assisting a kindergartner after a toileting accident or a coach touching a student during wrestling or football can be appropriate. However, other behaviors might be going too far, are inappropriate and may be signs of sexual grooming. Inappropriate boundary invasions may include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. hugging, kissing, or other physical contact with a student;
- B. telling sexual jokes to students;
- C. engaging in talk containing sexual innuendo or banter with students;
- D. talking about sexual topics that are not related to curriculum;
- E. showing pornography to a student;
- F. taking an undue interest in a student (i.e. having a "special friend" or a "special relationship");
- G. initiating or extending contact with students beyond the school day for personal purposes;
- H. using e-mail, text messaging, or websites to discuss personal topics or interests with students;
- I. giving students rides in the staff member's personal vehicle or taking students on personal outings without administrative approval;
- J. invading a student's privacy (e.g. walking in on the student in the bathroom, locker-room, asking about bra sizes or previous sexual experiences);
- K. going to a student's home for non-educational purposes;
- L. inviting students to the staff member's home without proper chaperones (i.e. another staff member or parent of student);
- M. giving gifts or money to a student for no legitimate educational purpose;
- N. accepting gifts or money from a student for no legitimate educational purpose;

- O. being overly "touchy" with students;
- P. favoring certain students by inviting them to come to the classroom at non-class times;
- Q. getting a student out of class to visit with the staff member;
- R. providing advice to or counseling a student regarding a personal problem (i.e. problems related to sexual behavior, substance abuse, mental or physical health, and/or family relationships, etc.), unless properly licensed and authorized to do so;
- S. talking to a student about problems that would normally be discussed with adults (i.e. marital issues);
- T. being alone with a student behind closed doors without a legitimate educational purpose;
- U. telling a student "secrets" and having "secrets" with a student;
- V. other similar activities or behavior.

Inappropriate boundary invasions are prohibited and must be reported promptly to one of the District Compliance Officers, as designated in this policy, the Building Principal or the District Administrator.

### **Religious (Creed) Harassment**

Prohibited religious harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's religion or creed and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's religious tradition, clothing, or surnames, and/or involves religious slurs.

### **National Origin/Ancestry Harassment**

Prohibited national origin/ancestry harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's national origin or ancestry and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's national origin or ancestry, such as negative comments regarding customs, manner of speaking, language, surnames, or ethnic slurs.

### **Age Harassment**

Prohibited age-based harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's age, being over age forty (40), and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

### **Race/Color Harassment**

Prohibited race/color based harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's race and/or color and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's race or color, such as racial slurs, nicknames implying stereotypes, epithets, and/or negative references regarding racial customs.

### **Disability Harassment**

Prohibited disability harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's disability, perceived disability, or record of disability, and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's current or past disability ~~disabling condition~~ or a perceived condition, such as negative comments about speech patterns, movement, physical impairments or defects/appearances, or the like. Such harassment may further occur where conduct is directed at or pertains to a person's genetic information.

### **Anti-Harassment Compliance Officers**

The following individual(s) shall serve as the District's Anti-Harassment Compliance Officer(s) (hereinafter, "the Compliance Officer(s)" or "CO" "COs"):

Carmen O'Brien  
 Business Manager  
 School District of Manawa  
 800 Beech Street  
 Manawa, WI 54949  
 920-596-5840  
 cobrien@manawaschools.org

Daniel Wolfgram  
 High School/~~Middle~~~~Junior High~~ School Principal  
 School District of Manawa  
 800 Beech Street  
 Manawa, WI 54949  
 920-596-5310  
 wolfgram@manawaschools.org

The Compliance Officer(s) are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding harassment.

### **Reports and Complaints of Harassing Conduct**

The Compliance Officer(s) will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to harassment, to assist students, other members of the District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct, or to intercede informally on behalf of the individual in those instances where concerns have not resulted in the filing of a formal complaint and where all parties are in agreement to participate in an informal process.

Compliance Officers shall accept reports of harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a Third Party or receive reports that are initially filed with an administrator, supervisor, or other District-level official. Upon receipt of a report of alleged harassment, the Compliance Officer(s) will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the request of the Complainant or the nature of the alleged harassment), or the District Administrator will designate a specific individual to conduct the process necessary for an informal or formal investigation. The Compliance Officer(s) will provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and Respondent. In the case of a formal complaint, the Compliance Officer(s) will prepare recommendations for the District Administrator or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All Board employees must report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the Compliance Officer within two (2) days of learning of the incident.

Any Board employee who directly observes harassment is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to the Compliance Officer(s) within two (2) days. Additionally, any Board employee who observes an act of harassment is expected to intervene to stop the harassment, unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other Board employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the harassment. Thereafter, the Compliance Officer(s) or designee must contact the Complainant, if age eighteen (18) or older, or Complainant's parents/guardians if the Complainant is under the age eighteen (18), within two (2) days to advise of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

Members of the School District community ~~and third parties, which includes all staff,~~ along with Third Parties are encouraged to promptly report incidents of harassing conduct to an administrator, supervisor or other District official so that the Board may address the conduct before it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent. Any administrator, supervisor, or other District official who receives such a ~~report/complaint~~ shall file it with the ~~District's~~ Compliance Officer within two (2) days of receiving the report of harassment at his/her first opportunity.

Members of the School District community and Third Parties~~or third parties~~ who believe they have been harassed by another member of the School District community or a ~~Third Party~~third party are entitled to utilize the Board's complaint process that is set forth below. Initiating a complaint, whether formally or informally, will not adversely affect the ~~Complainant's~~complaining individual's employment unless the complaining individual makes the complaint maliciously or with the knowledge that it is false.

Reporting procedures are as follows:

- A. Any employee who believes s/he has been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy is encouraged to report the alleged harassment to the appropriate school official as identified in D below.
- B. Teachers, administrators, and other District officials who have knowledge of or receive notice that an employee has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy shall immediately report the alleged harassment to the appropriate school official as defined in D below.

- C. Any other person with knowledge or belief that an employee has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited by this policy shall be encouraged to immediately report the alleged acts to an appropriate school official as identified in D below.
- D. Appropriate District officials are as follows:
1. Any complaint under this policy shall be reported to the District's Compliance Officer unless the complaint is regarding the Compliance Officer. In such cases, the complaints shall be reported to the District Administrator, who will coordinate with the other appointed/designated CO, or, if appropriate appoint/designate another individual to serve as CO for the complaint regarding a CO.~~for such complaints.~~
  2. Any complaint under this policy regarding the District Administrator or Board Member that is received by the District Compliance Officer shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the District Compliance Officer for such complaints.
- E. The reporting party or Complainant shall be encouraged to use a report form available from the Principal of each building or available from the District office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Use of formal reporting forms shall not be mandated. However, all oral complaints shall be reduced to writing. Further, nothing in this policy shall prevent any person from reporting harassment directly to the District Administrator or other supervisory employee.
- F. To provide individuals with options for reporting harassment to an individual of the gender with which they feel most comfortable, the District shall designate both a male and a female District Compliance Officer.

If during an investigation of alleged bullying, aggressive behavior, and/or harassment in accordance with Policy 5517.01 - Bullying, the Principal believes that the reported misconduct may have created a hostile work environment and may have constituted discriminatory harassment based on a Protected Class, the Principal shall report the act of bullying, aggressive behavior and/or harassment to the Compliance Officer(s) who shall investigate the allegation in accordance with this policy. If the alleged harassment involves Sexual Harassment as defined by Policy 2266, the matter will be investigated in accordance with the grievance process and procedures outlined in Policy 2266. While the Compliance Officer investigates the allegation, or the matter is being addressed pursuant to Policy 2266, the Principal shall suspend the Policy 5517.01 investigation to await the Compliance Officer's written report or the determination of responsibility pursuant to Policy 2266. The Compliance Officer shall keep the Principal informed of the status of the Policy 1662 investigation and provide the Principal with a copy of the resulting written report. Likewise, the Title IX Coordinator will provide the Principal with the determination of responsibility that results from the Policy 2266 grievance process.

~~A CO will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to harassment, to assist students, other members of the School District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct.~~

~~The COs are assigned to accept complaints of harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a visitor to the District or to receive complaints that are initially filed with a school building administrator. Upon receipt of a complaint either directly or through a school building administrator, a CO will begin either an investigation or the CO will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process. The CO will prepare recommendations or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations. All members of the School District community should report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the CO within two (2) business days of learning of the incident.~~

### **Investigation and Complaint Procedure**

Except for sexual harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities, aAny employee or other member of the School District community or Third Party (e.g., visitor to the District) who believes that they have/he has been subjected to harassment or has witnessed harassment of another may seek resolution of the his/her complaint through the procedures ~~as~~ described below. The complaint process involves an investigation of the Complainant's claims of harassment or retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated. ~~Further, a process for investigating claims of harassment and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the claim of harassment was substantiated are set forth below.~~

~~Once the complaint process begins, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) business days of the complaint being received).~~

The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of any individual to pursue a complaint of harassment or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"), the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division, and/or Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"). The Chicago Office of the OCR can be reached at John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn Street, 37th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604; Telephone: 312-730-1560; FAX: 312-730-1576; TDD: 800-877-8339; Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov; Web: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.

## Complaint Procedure

~~A Complainant~~ An individual who believes s/he has been subjected to harassment hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant," who alleges harassment based on a protected class or retaliation may file a complaint, either orally or in writing: 1) with a teacher, Principal; 2) directly to one of the 7 COs; or 3) to the District Administrator; or other supervisory employee. As noted above, any complaint received regarding the District Administrator or a Board member shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the CO for such complaints. Additionally, if the complaint is regarding a CO, the complaint shall be reported to the District Administrator, who ~~may will consult;~~ in consultation with the other appointed/designated CO, if any, and if necessary appoint/designate another individual to serve in the role of CO ~~assume the role of the CO~~ for such a complaint regarding a CO.

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of harassment and retaliation, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) ~~calendar~~ days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a Complainant informs a Principal, District Administrator, or other supervisory employee, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of discrimination or retaliation, that employee must report such information to the CO within two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Throughout the course of the process as described herein, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All written complaints must include the following information to the extent known it is available: the identity of the Respondent ~~individual believed to have engaged in, or be actively engaging in, harassment~~; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); ~~and~~ a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the CO shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further harassment or retaliation including but not limited to a change of work assignment or schedule for the Complainant and/or the Respondent ~~alleged harasser~~. In making such a determination, the CO should consult the Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with his/her position to the proposed action. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the CO may still take whatever actions deemed ~~s/he deems~~ appropriate in consultation with the District Administrator. No temporary arrangements shall be disciplinary to either the Complainant or Respondent.

Within two (2) ~~business~~ days of receiving a complaint, the CO will inform the Respondent ~~individual alleged to have engaged in the harassing or retaliatory conduct, hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent"~~, that a complaint has been received.

The Respondent is not entitled to receive a copy of any written complaint unless the CO determines it is appropriate to do so; however, the Respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations. The CO shall inform the Respondent of the requirements of this policy, which may include providing the Respondent with a copy of this policy or information about where to find it. Respondent shall be afforded the opportunity to submit a written response to the complaint. The CO shall inform the Respondent of the Respondent's deadline to provide the CO with the written response to the allegations in the complaint.

Within five (5) days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate an investigation by at a minimum confirming receipt of the complaint with the Complainant and informing the Complainant of the investigation process.

~~Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO or designee will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment based on a protected class or retaliation within thirty (30) days of receiving the formal complaint.~~

~~Within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate a formal investigation to determine whether the Complainant has been subject to offensive conduct/harassment.~~

~~Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the formal complaint.~~ The investigation will include:

- A. interview(s) with the Complainant;
- B. interview(s) with the Respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who ~~may~~ reasonably may be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;

- D. consideration of any documentation or other evidence presented by the Complainant, ~~R~~espondent, or any other witness which is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO or designee shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator that summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of harassment as provided in this policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent engaged in harassment of or retaliation toward the Complainant~~Complainant has been subjected to harassment~~. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved. In determining if discriminatory harassment or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation, the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, if the matter involves the District Administrator engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within five (5) ~~business~~-days of receiving the report of the CO, the District Administrator must either issue a written final-decision regarding whether or not the complaint of harassment has been substantiated or request further investigation. A copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be delivered to both the Complainant and the ~~R~~espondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five (5) ~~business~~-days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above.

If the District Administrator determines the Respondent engaged in harassment of or retaliation toward the Complainant, the District Administrator must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the harassment or retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, age-appropriate, effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

The decision of the District Administrator shall be final. If the investigation results in disciplinary action, the employee subject to discipline is entitled to file a grievance pursuant to Board Policy 3340. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prevent an employee from bringing a complaint before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of harassment regardless of whether the member of the School District community or ~~T~~hird ~~P~~arty alleging the harassment pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the formal complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

All timelines pertinent to the investigation process are intended to be guidelines to assure that the investigation proceeds with all deliberate efficiency. Failure of the CO to meet any specific timeline does not invalidate the investigation or provide a defense to the allegations.

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The ~~School~~-District will employ reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and all the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligation in an investigation of harassment. The School District will respect the privacy of the Complainant, the ~~R~~espondent, and all witnesses in a manner consistent with the School District's legal obligations under State and Federal law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided with the Complainant's identity.~~All Complainants proceeding through the formal investigation process should be advised that their identities may be disclosed to the respondent.~~

During the course of an investigation, the CO will determine whether confidentiality during the investigation process is necessary to protect the interests and reputations of those involved and/or to protect the integrity of the investigation and if so, shall instruct all members of the School District community and third parties who are interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of a harassment investigation is expected not to disclose any information that is learned or provided~~s/he learns or that s/he provides~~ during the course of the investigation.

## Directives During Investigation

The CO may recommend to the District Administrator placing any employee involved in an investigation under this Policy on administrative leave pending resolution of the matter. If the District Administrator is the Respondent, the CO shall make such recommendation to the Board. Administrative leave may be appropriate in situations in which protecting the safety of any individual or the integrity of the investigation necessitates such action.

The CO shall determine whether any witnesses in the course of an investigation should be provided a *Garrity* warning apprising the person of his/her obligations to answer questions truthfully and honestly while preserving the right against self-incrimination in the context of any resulting criminal investigation or prosecution.

Every employee interviewed in the course of an investigation is required to provide truthful responses to all questions. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

## Remedial Action ~~Sanctions~~ and Monitoring

~~The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further such harassment.~~

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken due to because of the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be an employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

## Sanctions and Disciplinary Action

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment/retaliation by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable law.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances. In those cases where harassment is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior disciplinary action has been taken against the Respondent, all<sup>##</sup> subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects.

## Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging harassment/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

## Allegations Constituting Criminal Conduct

If the CO has reason to believe that the Complainant has been the victim of criminal conduct, such knowledge should be reported to local law enforcement. After such report has been made, the District Administrator shall be advised that local law enforcement was notified.



If the Complainant has been the victim of criminal conduct and the accused is the District Administrator, such knowledge should be reported by the CO to local law enforcement. After such report has been made, the Board President shall be advised that local law enforcement was notified.

Any reports made to local law enforcement shall not terminate the COs obligation and responsibility to continue to investigate a complaint of harassment. While the COs may work cooperatively with outside agencies to conduct concurrent investigations, the harassment investigation shall not be stopped due to the involvement of outside agencies without good cause after consultation with the District Administrator.

### **Reprisal**

Submission of a good faith complaint or report of harassment will not affect the Complainant's or reporter's work status or work environment. However, the Board also recognizes that false or fraudulent claims of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such claims may be filed. The Board reserves the right to discipline any person filing a false or fraudulent claim of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such a claim.

The District will discipline or take appropriate action against any member of the School District community who retaliates against any person who reports an incident of harassment prohibited by this policy or participates in a proceeding, investigation, or hearing relating to such harassment. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.

### **Miscellaneous**

The District shall conspicuously post a notice including this policy against harassment in each school in a place accessible to the School District community and members of the public. This notice shall also include the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the COs, the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the State agency responsible for investigating allegations of discrimination in educational employment, and the mailing address and telephone number of the United States Equal Opportunity Employment Commission.

A link to this policy and any related administrative guidelines shall appear in the employee handbook and a copy shall be made available upon request of employees and other interested parties.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of harassment. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District staff at such times as the Board in consultation with the District Administrator determines is necessary or appropriate.

The Board will respect the privacy of the Complainant, the individuals against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as practicable, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery, disclosure, or other legal obligations.

### **Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO(s) is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all ~~information,~~ documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and /or received as part of an investigation, which may include~~including,~~ but are not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/statements;
- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and statements collected;
- C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
- D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;
- E. narratives of, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness statements;
- F. all documentary evidence;
- G. e-mails, texts, or social media posts pertaining to the investigation;

- H. contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
  - I. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
  - J. dated written determinations to the parties;
  - K. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
  - L. written documentation of any supportive~~interim~~ measures offered and/or provided to Complainant and/or the Respondent~~Complainants~~, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt; and
  - M. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects.
  - N. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Code of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
  - O. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
  - P. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time and location of the training, and a copy of the materials reviewed and/or presented during the training.]**
- It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**
- Q. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
  - R. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
  - S. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
  - T. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The ~~information,~~ documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The ~~information,~~ documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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111.31, 118.195, 118.20, Wis. Stats.  
29 U.S.C. 621 et seq., Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967  
29 U.S.C. 794, Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
42 U.S.C. 1983  
42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act  
42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., Age Discrimination Act of 1975  
42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended  
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#### 4120.04 - **EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**

The Board recognizes its responsibility to procure the services of substitute support staff in order to prevent the interruption of the operation of the schools.

The names of potential substitute personnel and the positions in which they may substitute shall be maintained by the District Office.

~~Relatives of Board members may be employed by the Board, provided a member of the Board does not participate in any way in the discussion or vote on the employment when conflict of interest is involved.~~

Relatives of Board Members may be employed by the Board, provided a member of the Board does not participate in any way in the discussion or vote on the employment when conflict of interest is involved.

Relatives of staff members may be employed by the Board, provided the staff member being employed is not placed in a position in which s/he is supervised directly by the relative staff member.

The employment of substitute support staff prior to approval by the Board is authorized when their employment is required to maintain continuity of services in the District.

Retroactive employment shall be recommended to the Board at the next meeting.

Substitutes will receive in June a letter of reasonable assurance of continued employment.

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#### 4120 - **EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT STAFF**

The Board recognizes that it is vital to the successful operation of the District that positions created by the Board be filled with qualified and competent support staff.

All employees other than the District Administrator or Professional Staff Members (Policy 0100 – Definitions) are considered Classified or Support Employees.

The Board shall approve the employment and fix the compensation for each support staff member employed by this District.

The District Administrator shall provide a description of the work schedule, hours of work per week, a determination of whether the employee is exempt or non-exempt for purposes of overtime eligibility (See Policy 6700). For non-exempt employees, there shall be a clear statement in the job description and employee handbook which states the following: "No non-exempt employee may perform work for the District outside of his/her regular schedule without prior supervisory approval. Violations of this requirement will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment," and for overtime eligible employees, there shall be a clear statement in the job description and employee handbook which states the following: "No overtime eligible employee may perform overtime work for the District without prior supervisory approval. Violations of this requirement will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment."

Such approval shall be given only to those candidates for employment recommended by the District Administrator.

When any recommended candidate has been rejected by the Board, the District Administrator shall make a substitute recommendation.

All applications for employment shall be referred to the District Office.

~~Relatives of Board members may be employed by the Board, provided the Board member does not participate in any way in the discussion or vote on any matter related to said employment.~~

Relatives of Board Members may be employed by the Board, provided the Board Member does not participate in any way in the discussion or vote on any matter related to said employment.

Relatives of staff members may be employed by the Board, provided the staff member being employed is not placed in a position in which s/he would be supervised directly by the relative staff member.

Any support staff member's intentional misstatement of fact material to his/her qualifications for employment or the determination of salary shall be considered by this Board to constitute grounds for dismissal.

The employment of support staff members prior to approval by the Board is authorized when their employment is required to maintain continuity in District operations. Employment shall be recommended to the Board at the next regular meeting.

When appropriate, no candidate for employment as a support staff member shall receive recommendation for such employment without having proffered visual evidence of proper certification, when appropriate, or that application for such certification is in process. There must also be verification that a satisfactory background check has been conducted in compliance with District procedures to include local, State, and Federal sources of information.

The District Administrator shall prepare procedures for the recruitment and selection of all support staff that include reporting newly hired employees to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR TITLE I PARAPROFESSIONALS**

All paraprofessionals hired for a Title I supported program must have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent and one of the following:

- A. Completed two (2) years study at an institution of higher education; or
- B. Obtained at least an associates degree; or
- C. Met a rigorous standard of quality and demonstrate through formal State or local academic assessment:
  - 1. knowledge of and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing and mathematics; or
  - 2. knowledge of and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness and mathematics readiness, as appropriate.

Existing paraprofessionals – All current paraprofessionals working for a Title I supported program must:

- A. Have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
- B. Meet the requirements for newly hired paraprofessionals as described above.

Exceptions – These requirements do not apply to a paraprofessional:

- A. Who is proficient in English and a second language and serves as a translator primarily to enhance the participation of children in Title I programs; or
- B. Whose duties consist solely of conducting parental involvement activities.

Paraprofessional duties – Paraprofessionals working for a Title I supported program may be assigned to:

- A. provide one-on-one tutoring for eligible students during times when the teacher would not otherwise be instructing the student;
- B. assist with classroom management, such as organizing instructional and other materials;
- C. provide assistance in a computer laboratory;
- D. provide support in a library or media center;
- E. conduct parental involvement activities;
- F. act as a translator;
- G. provide instructional services to students, if working under the direct supervision of a teacher;
- H. perform limited duties beyond classroom instruction.

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#### 4122.02 - **NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE**

The Board ~~of Education~~ prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information in all aspects of employment, including hiring, firing, compensation, job assignments, promotions, layoffs, training, fringe benefits, or any other terms, conditions, or privileges of employment. The Board also does not limit, segregate, or classify applicants or employees in any way that would deprive or tend to deprive them of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect the status of ~~the person~~an employee as an employee, based on genetic information. Harassment of a person because of ~~his/her~~ genetic information ~~is also~~ is prohibited. Likewise, retaliation against a person for identifying, objecting to, or filing a complaint concerning a violation of this policy~~an applicant or employee for engaging in protected activity~~ is prohibited.

The identity of the Compliance Officer (see Policy 4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity) shall be posted throughout the District and published in any District statement regarding the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of genetic information in all aspects of employment, in any staff handbooks, and in general information publications of the District as required by Federal and State law and on the District website.

In accordance with Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. 2000ff, et seq., and 29 C.F.R. Part 1635 ("GINA"), the Board shall not request, require or purchase genetic information of employees, their family members or applicants for employment. Further, in compliance with GINA this Act, applicants and employees are directed not to provide any genetic information, including the individual's family medical history, in response to necessary requests for medical information, with the exception that family medical history may be ~~provided~~acquired as part of the certification process for FMLA leave, or when an employee is asking for leave to care for an immediate family member with a serious health condition. Applicants for employment are directed not to provide any genetic information, including the individual's family medical history, in response to requests for medical information as part of the District's application for employment process. Employees and applicants for employment shall not be penalized for providing genetic information in good faith in response to a request from a Board employee or agent, unless that applicant or employee refuses to delete the information at the request of the employee or agent of the Board.

The ~~Board~~District recognizes that genetic information may be acquired through commercially and publicly available media including documents like newspapers, books, magazines, periodicals, television shows or the Internet. The ~~Board~~District prohibits, ~~however,~~ its employees and agents including commercial background investigation agents from searching ~~these~~such sources with the intent of finding or obtaining genetic information, or accessing sources from which they are likely to acquire genetic information. If genetic information about an employee or applicant is obtained in error, it shall immediately be redacted and not shared beyond the point of first receipt.

As used in this policy, "Genetic information," as defined by GINA, means information about: (a) an individual's genetic tests; (b) the genetic tests of that individual's family members; (c) the manifestation of disease or disorder in family members of the individual (i.e., family medical history); (d) an individual's request for, or receipt of, genetic services, or the participation in clinical research that includes genetic services by the individual or a family member of the individual; or (e) the genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or a pregnant woman who is a family member of the individual and the genetic information of an embryo legally held by an individual or family member using assistive reproductive technology.

The term "genetic information" does not include information about the sex or age of the individual, the sex or age of family members, or information about the race or ethnicity of the individual or family member that is not derived from a genetic test.



As used in this policy, "genetic test" means an analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins, or metabolites that detect genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes. The term includes any test of a person's DNA/RNA.

If the ~~Board's employees or agents~~District either legally and/or inadvertently receives genetic information about an employee or applicant ~~for employment from the employee, applicant for employment or a medical provider~~ it shall be treated as a confidential medical record in accordance with law.

The ~~District's~~District Administrator shall appoint a Compliance Officer (see Policy 4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity) ~~is who shall be~~ responsible for overseeing the ~~Board~~District's compliance with this policy and GINA and proposing revisions and additions to this policy as necessary to ensure the Board's compliance with GINA ~~Federal regulations and promptly dealing with any inquiries or complaints.~~ This person shall be responsible for working with the Board's legal counsel to fully implement the requirements of GINA in all activities of the School District. The Compliance Officer ~~S/He shall~~ also ~~shall~~ verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination for Title II of ~~GINA~~the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 is provided to staff members, and that all ~~District~~ requests for health-related information (e.g., to support an employee's request for reasonable accommodation under the ADA or a request for sick leave) ~~are~~ accompanied by a written warning that directs the employee or health care provider not to collect or provide genetic information. The warning shall read as follows:

**Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) Disclosure Requirement**

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 ~~or ("GINA")~~ prohibits employers and other entities covered by the law ~~GINA Title II~~, including the Board ~~of Education~~, from requesting or requiring genetic information of an employee or applicant ~~individual~~ or family member of an employee or applicant ~~the individual~~, except as specifically allowed by law. To comply with GINA ~~this law~~, do not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information (unless the request pertains to a request for FMLA leave for purposes of caring for an immediate family member with a serious health condition). "Genetic information," as defined by GINA, includes an individual's family medical history, the results of an individual's or family member's genetic test, the fact that an individual or an individual's family member sought or received genetic services or participated in clinical research that includes genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual's family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services. Questions concerning compliance with the requirements of GINA may be directed to the GINA Compliance Officer at 920-596-5840.

The ~~Board~~District offers health services, including a wellness program. Participation in the services/program is voluntary. Genetic information (such as family medical history) may be obtained as part of an individual's participation in the service/program. If that occurs, individual genetic information may be provided to the individual receiving the services and to his/her health services providers, but only genetic information in aggregate form will be provided to the ~~District~~Board and no applicant or employee shall be identified or identifiable from the reported information.

The grievance procedure for complaints of discrimination in Policy 4122 applies to complaints of discrimination, including harassment, or retaliation prohibited by GINA and may be utilized if a District employee alleges discrimination or harassment on the basis of genetic information or retaliation for identifying, objecting to, or filing a complaint concerning a violation of GINA or this policy.

**~~[NOTE: It should be noted that any sections of the District's collective bargaining agreements dealing with terms and conditions of employment should contain a statement of nondiscrimination similar to that in the Board's statement above.]~~**

42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq.  
Title II, The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008  
29 C.F.R. Part 1635

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#### 4122 - **NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Board does not discriminate in the employment of support staff on the basis of ~~the Protected Classes of~~ race, color, national origin, age, sex (including ~~trans~~gender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity), pregnancy, creed or religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, military service (as defined in 111.32, Wis. Stats.), ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours, declining to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer about religious matters or political matters, or any other legally protected category in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities characteristic protected by law in its employment practices.

Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination and the identity of the School District's Compliance Officer(s) (see below) will be published on the District's website, posted throughout the District, and included in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.

#### **Definitions**

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

Complainant is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

**Day(s):** Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

**Military status:** refers to a person's status in the uniformed services, which includes the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service, including active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty for training, full-time National Guard duty, and performance of duty or training by a member of Wisconsin organized militia. It also includes the period of time for which a person is absent from employment for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the person to perform any duty listed above.

**Respondent** is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

**School District community** means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties** include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals

who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

### District Compliance Officers

The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District's "Compliance Officers" (also known as "Civil Rights Coordinators"; hereinafter referred to as the "COs").

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The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually in the staff handbooks and on the School District's website.

The COs are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with the applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination, retaliation, or denial of equal access. The COs shall also verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination has been provided for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended), Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ~~Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972,~~ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) to students, their parents, staff members, and the general public. ~~A copy of each of the Acts and regulations on which this notice is available upon request from the CO.~~

### Reports and Complaints of ~~Unlawful~~ Discrimination and Retaliation

Employees are required to~~expected to promptly~~ report incidents of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination and/or retaliation to an administrator, supervisor, or other supervisory employees so that the Board may address the conduct. Any administrator, supervisor, or other supervisory employees who receive such a report~~complaint~~ shall file it with the CO at the employee's~~his/her~~ first opportunity, but no later than two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Discrimination against an individual based on their sex (including gender status, sexual orientation, and gender identity) is discrimination in violation of Title VII. Specifically, discrimination on the basis of sex stereotyping/gender-nonconformity constitutes sex discrimination. This is true irrespective of the cause of the person's gender non-conforming behavior. Employment actions based upon an individual's sex could be suspect and potentially impermissible.

COs are required to investigate allegations of conduct involving the discrimination or harassment of an employee or applicant based upon his/her gender status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Any questions concerning whether alleged conduct might violate this prohibition should be brought to the CO's attention promptly.

Employees who believe they have been ~~unlawfully~~ discriminated/retaliated against are entitled to utilize the complaint process set forth below. Initiating a complaint will not adversely affect the Complainant's~~complaining individual's~~ employment. While there are no time limits for initiating complaints under this policy, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint as soon as possible after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

The COs will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation. COs shall accept reports~~complaints~~ of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation directly from any member of the School District community or a Third Party,~~or receive reports that are initially filed with another Board employee (District employees, students, parent(s), and member of the Board), a resident of the District, or a visitor to the District.~~ Upon receipt of a report of alleged discrimination/retaliation~~complaint, the either directly or through a school building administrator, a~~ CO will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the Complainant's request and the nature of the alleged discrimination/retaliation) investigation, or the District Administrator will designate a specific individual to conduct the process necessary for an informal or formal investigation. ~~the CO will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process.~~ The CO will

provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and the Respondent upon request.~~any person who files a complaint. All members of the School District community must report incidents of discrimination/retaliation that are reported to them to the CO within two (2) business days of learning of the incident/conduct.~~

Any Board employee who directly observes ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to one of the COs within two (2) business days. Additionally, any Board employee who observes an act of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation is expected to intervene to stop the misconduct, unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other Board employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the misconduct. Thereafter, the CO must contact the Complainant~~employee~~ within two (2) business days to advise ~~him/her~~ of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

## Investigation and Complaint Procedure

Except for sex discrimination and/or sexual harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, any employee who alleges to have been~~Any employee who believes that s/he has been~~ subjected to ~~unlawful~~ discrimination or retaliation may seek resolution of ~~the~~his/her complaint through the procedures described below. The complaint procedures involve an investigation of the individual's claims of discrimination/retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated.

Once the complaint process begins, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) ~~business~~ days of the complaint being received).

The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of any individual to pursue a complaint of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division, or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC").

## Complaint Procedure

A Complainant who alleges discrimination/retaliation~~An individual who believes s/he has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation (hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant");~~ may file a complaint, either orally or in writing; 1) with a Principal; 2) the CO; or 3) to the District Administrator or other supervisory employees. Any complaint received regarding the District Administrator or a Board member shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the CO for such complaints. Additionally, if the complaint is regarding a CO, the complaint shall be reported to the District Administrator, who shall coordinate with the other appointed/designated~~assume the role of~~ CO or, if appropriate appoint/designate another individual to serve as CO for the complaint regarding a CO.~~for such complaints.~~

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination and retaliation, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals are encouraged~~should make every effort~~ to file a complaint within thirty (30) ~~calendar~~ days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a Complainant informs a Principal, District Administrator, or other supervisory employees, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of discrimination or retaliation, that employee must report such information to the CO at the employee's first opportunity, but no later than~~within~~ two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Throughout the course of the process, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All complaints must include the following information to the extent known it is available: the identity of the Respondent~~individual believed to have engaged in, or be engaging in, the discriminatory/retaliatory conduct~~; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the CO shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter, the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further discrimination or retaliation, including; but not limited to; a change of work assignment or schedule for the Complainant and/or the Respondent~~person who allegedly engaged in the misconduct~~. In making such a determination, the CO should consult the Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with~~his/her position to~~ the proposed action. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the CO may still may take whatever actions are deemed~~s/he deems~~ appropriate in consultation with the District Administrator.

Within two (2) days of receiving the complaint, the CO or designee will initiate an investigation by at a minimum confirming receipt of the complaint with the Complainant and informing the Complainant of the investigation process.~~Within two (2) business days of~~

~~receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate an investigation to determine whether the Complainant has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation.~~

Simultaneously, the CO will inform the Respondent that a formal individual alleged to have engaged in the discriminatory or retaliatory conduct (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent"), that a complaint has been received. The Respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations and upon request provided with a copy of any relevant policies and/or administrative guidelines, including this Policy. The Respondent must also be informed of the opportunity to submit a written response to the complaint and the obligation to do so within five (5) ~~business~~-days.

Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO or designee will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment based on a protected class or retaliation within thirty (30) days of receiving the formal complaint.~~though certain cases may require additional time, the CO will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of discrimination/retaliation within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the formal complaint. The investigation will include:~~

The investigation will include:

- A. interviews with the Complainant;
- B. interviews with the Respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who may reasonably be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;
- D. consideration of any documentation or other information presented by the Complainant, Respondent, or any other witness that is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator that summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent has engaged in harassment/retaliation of the Complainant~~Complainant has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation~~. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances. In determining if discrimination or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation, the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, if the matter involves the District Administrator, engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within five (5) ~~business~~-days of receiving the report of the CO, the District Administrator either must ~~either~~ issue a written final decision regarding whether the charges have been substantiated or request further investigation. A summary explanation of the copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be provided delivered to both the Complainant and the Respondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five (5) ~~business~~-days, or as quickly as possible if additional time is necessary due to the availability of necessary witness(es) or documents. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above.

If the District Administrator determines the Respondent engaged in discrimination/retaliation toward the Complainant, the District Administrator~~Complainant was subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation, s/he~~ must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the discrimination/retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, age-appropriate, effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

A Complainant or Respondent who is dissatisfied with the final decision of the District Administrator may appeal through a signed written statement to the Board within five (5) ~~business~~-days of the party's his/her receipt of the District Administrator's ~~final~~ decision. The written statement of appeal must be submitted to the District Administrator, who will forward the request to the Board President.

In an attempt to resolve the complaint, the Board shall review the findings and may meet with the concerned parties and their

representatives within twenty (20) ~~business~~ days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) ~~business~~ days of its decision. The decision of the Board will be final.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation regardless of whether the ~~Complainant~~~~employee alleging the misconduct~~ pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board or its designee.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described interviews/meetings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint ~~process~~~~procedure~~ is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The Board will employ all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

All records generated under the terms of this policy shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Respondents must be provided an opportunity to meaningfully respond to allegations, which may include disclosure of the Complainant's identity. ~~Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity. All Complainants will be advised that their identities may become known to the Respondent(s) through the investigation process.~~

During the course of an investigation, the CO will instruct each person who is interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an investigation is expected not to disclose to third parties any information that is learned or provided ~~s/he learns and/or provides~~ during the course of the investigation.

### **Remedial ActionSanctions and Monitoring**

~~The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against unlawful discrimination by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct. While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law. When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter. In those cases where unlawful discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies and/or the Employee Handbook.~~

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken due to the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be a District employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

### **Sanctions and Disciplinary Action**

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against discrimination by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law and any relevant codes of conduct.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the age and maturity level of any student involved. In those cases where discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior ~~disciplinary~~~~remedial~~ action has been taken against ~~the Respondent~~~~an employee~~, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effect.

### **Retaliation**

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation, or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy. ~~Specifically, the Board will not retaliate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made unlawful by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a charge, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws, or because that individual exercised their rights, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise of any right granted or protected by those laws.~~

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of ~~unlawful~~ discriminatory practices. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District staff where appropriate. All training, as well as all information provided regarding the Board's policy and discrimination in general, will be age and content appropriate.

### **Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all ~~information,~~ documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and/or received as part of an investigation, which may include ~~including,~~ but are not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/statements;
- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and statements collected;
- C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
- D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;
- E. narratives of, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness statements;
- F. all documentary evidence;
- G. e-mails, texts, or social media posts pertaining to the investigation;
- H. contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
- I. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
- J. dated written determinations to the parties;
- K. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
- L. written documentation of any ~~supportive~~ ~~interim~~ measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and/or the Respondent ~~complainants~~, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt; and

- M. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects;:-
- N. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Codes of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
- O. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
- P. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time and location of the training, and a copy of the materials reviewed and/or presented during the training.]**

**It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**

- Q. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
- R. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
- S. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
- T. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and alleged perpetrator in advance of any interview or hearing;
- U. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The ~~information~~, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The ~~information~~, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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111.31 et seq., Wis. Stats.

111.335(d)(2), Wis. Stats.

118.195, Wis. Stats.

118.20, Wis. Stats.

Fourteenth Amendment, U.S. Constitution

20 U.S.C. Section 1701 et seq., Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974

20 U.S.C. Section 7905, Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act

29 U.S.C. 701 et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended

38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq., Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act

42 U.S.C. 2000 et seq., Civil Rights Act of 1964

42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 1973 as amended

42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., Age Discrimination Act of 1975

42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended

29 C.F.R. Part 1635, The GINA Regulations

34 C.F.R. Part 110, The Age Discrimination Act Regulations

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#### 4123 - **SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT**

The Board prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant based upon his/her disability. As such, the Board will not engage in employment practices or adopt policies that discriminate on the basis of disability, or otherwise discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in regard to job application procedures, the hiring, advancement or discharge of employees, employee compensation, job training, or other terms, conditions and privileges of employment. The Board further will not limit, segregate or classify applicants or employees in any way that adversely affects their opportunities or status because of disability. Additionally, the Board will not participate in any contractual or other relationships that have the effect of subjecting qualified individuals with disabilities who are applicants or employees to discrimination on the basis of disability.

[Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination in employment practices and the identity of the School District's Compliance Officer\(s\) \(see below\) will be published on the District's website, posted throughout the District, and included in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.](#)

#### **Definitions**

[Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.](#)

[Complainant:](#) is the individual who alleges or is alleged to have been subjected to discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

[Day\(s\):](#) Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

[Respondent:](#) is the individual who is alleged to have engaged in discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the Complainant files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

[District community:](#) means students, District employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), and Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

[Third Parties:](#) include but are not limited to guests and/or visitors on District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with or seeking to do business with the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

**"An individual with a disability"** means a person who has, ~~has had~~ a record of, or is regarded as having, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

#### **Major Life Activities**

Major life activities are functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, sitting, reaching, interacting with others, and working.

Major life activities also include the operation of a major bodily function, including, but not limited to, functions of the immune system, special sense organs and skin, normal cell growth, and digestive, genitourinary, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, hemic, lymphatic, musculoskeletal and reproductive functions. The operation of a major bodily function includes the operation of an individual organ within a body system.

### **Impairment That Substantially Limits a Major Life Activity**

~~An impairment that is episodic in nature or in remission is considered a disability if it would substantially limit a major life activity when active.~~

The determination of whether an impairment substantially limits a major life activity must be made without regard to the ameliorative effects of mitigating measures such as medication, medical supplies, equipment or appliances, low-vision devices (defined as devices that magnify, enhance, or otherwise augment a visual image, but not including ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses), prosthetics (including limbs and devices), hearing aid(s) and cochlear implant(s) or other implantable hearing devices, mobility devices, oxygen therapy equipment or supplies, use of assistive technology, reasonable accommodations or "auxiliary aids or services," learned behavioral or adaptive neurological modifications, psychotherapy, behavioral therapy, or physical therapy.

An impairment that is episodic in nature or in remission is considered a disability if it would substantially limit a major life activity when active.

### **Qualified Individual with a Disability**

A qualified ~~individual~~ ~~person~~ with a disability means the individual satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other job-related requirements of the employment position ~~the~~ ~~such~~ individual holds or desires and ~~, with or without reasonable accommodation,~~ can perform the essential functions of the job in question, with or without reasonable accommodation.

### **Reasonable Accommodation**

The Board will provide a reasonable accommodation to a qualified individual who has an actual disability or who has a record of a disability unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the ~~Board~~ ~~District's~~ program and/or activities. A reasonable accommodation is not ~~necessarily~~ required for an individual who is merely regarded as having a disability.

### **Facilities**

No qualified person with a disability will be denied the benefits of, excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/American with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities.

For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities.

### **District Compliance Officer(s)**

The Board designates the following individual(s) to serve as the District's 504 CO(s)/ADA Coordinator(s) (hereinafter referred to as the "COs").

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The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually in the staff handbooks and on the School District's website.

The COs are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination/retaliation or denial of equal access. The COs also shall verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended), Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975 is provided to staff members and the general public. A copy of each of the Acts and regulations on which this notice is based will be made available upon request from the CO ~~Any sections of the and fulfill its responsibilities under Section 504 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended ("ADA"). A copy of Section 504 and the ADA, including copies of their implementing regulations, may be obtained from the District COs.~~

The COs will oversee the investigation of any complaints of discrimination based on disability, which may be filed pursuant to the Board's adopted internal complaint procedure, and will attempt to resolve such complaints. Any complaint received regarding the District Administrator or a Board member shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the CO for such complaints, as appropriate. Additionally, if the complaint is regarding a CO, the complaint shall be reported to the District Administrator, who shall coordinate with the other appointed/designated CO, or, if appropriate appoint/designate another individual to serve as CO for the complaint regarding a CO.

The Board will provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging violations of Section 504/ADA. (See Complaint Procedure below.)

### **Training**

~~The COs will also oversee the training of employees in the District so that all employees understand their rights and responsibilities under Section 504 and the ADA, and are informed of the Board's policies, administrative guidelines, and practices with respect to fully implementing and complying with the requirements of Section 504/ADA.~~

~~The Board will provide in-service training and consultation to staff responsible for the education of persons with disabilities, as necessary and appropriate.~~

### **Facilities**

~~No qualified person with a disability will, because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies.~~

~~For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities.~~

### **Notice**

~~Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination in employment practices and the identity of the COs will be posted throughout the District, and published in the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.~~

### **Complaint Procedures**

If a person believes that s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of his/her disability, the person may utilize the following complaint procedures as a means of reaching, at the lowest possible administrative level, a prompt and equitable resolution of the matter.

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations ("Section 504"), employees will be notified of their right to file an internal complaint regarding an alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of Section 504. In addition, employees will be notified of their right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Internal complaints must be put in writing and must identify the specific circumstances or areas of dispute that have given rise to the complaint, and offer possible solutions to the dispute. The complaint must be filed with COs within the time limits specified below. The COs are available to assist individuals in filing a complaint.

### **Internal Complaint Procedure**

The following internal complaint procedure is available to employees for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging discrimination based upon disability. Use of the internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies, including the filing of a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

- A. An employee with a complaint based on alleged discrimination on the basis of disability may first discuss the problem with the CO.
- B. If the informal discussion does not resolve the matter, or if the employee skips Step A, the individual may file a formal written complaint with the CO. The written complaint must contain the name and address of the individual or representative filing the complaint, be signed by the Complainant or someone authorized to sign for the Complainant, describe the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the CO of the nature and date of the alleged violation and propose a resolution. The complaint must be filed within thirty (30) ~~calendar~~ days of the circumstances or event giving rise to the complaint unless the time for filing is extended by the CO for good cause.
- C. The CO will conduct an independent investigation of the matter (which may or may not include a hearing). This complaint procedure contemplates informal, but thorough investigations, affording all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to present witnesses and other evidence relevant to the complaint. The CO will provide the Complainant with a written disposition of the complaint within ten (10) ~~business~~ days. If no decision is rendered within ten (10) business days, or the decision is unsatisfactory in the opinion of the Complainant, the employee may file, in writing, an appeal with the District Administrator. The CO shall maintain the District's files and records relating to the complaint.
- D. The District Administrator will, within ten (10) ~~business~~ days of receiving the written appeal, conduct a hearing with all parties involved in an attempt to resolve the complaint.  
  
The District Administrator will render his/her decision within ten (10) ~~business~~ days of the hearing.
- E. The employee may be represented, at his/her own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.
- F. The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights or the filing of a court case. Use of this internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

If it is determined that the Complainant was subjected to ~~unlawful~~ discrimination, the CO must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the discrimination/retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

### **OCR Complaint**

At any time, if an employee believes that s/he has been subjected to discrimination based upon his/her disability in violation of Section 504 or the ADA, the individual may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"). The OCR can be reached at:

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Citigroup Center  
500 W. Madison Street Suite 1475  
Chicago, IL 60661  
(312) 730-1560  
FAX: (312) 730-1576  
TDD: (877) 521-2172  
E-mail: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The District will employ all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the District's legal obligations to investigate, take appropriate action, and conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

All records generated under the terms of this policy shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity.

During the course of a formal investigation, the CO or designee will instruct each person who is interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an investigation is expected not to disclose to third parties any information that is learned or provided during the course of the investigation.

## **Remedial Action and Monitoring**

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken due to the discrimination or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be a District employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

## **Sanctions and Disciplinary Action**

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against discrimination by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law and any relevant codes of conduct.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the age and maturity level of any student involved. In those cases where discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior disciplinary action has been taken against the Respondent, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effect.

## **Retaliation**

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging ~~unlawful~~ discrimination/retaliation, or participates as a witness in an investigation, is prohibited. ~~Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, Specifically, the Board will not discriminate/retaliate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten~~ or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made ~~unlawful~~ by Section 504 or the ADA, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint~~charge~~, testified, assisted or participated, or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

## **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of discriminatory practices. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District students and staff where appropriate. All training and information provided regarding the Board's policy and discrimination, in general, will be age and content-appropriate.

## **Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO is responsible for overseeing the retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and/or received as part of an investigation, which may include but are not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/grievances/statements/responses pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy;
- B. any narratives that memorialize oral reports/allegations/complaints/grievances/statements/responses pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy;

- C. any documentation that memorializes the actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities related to the investigation and/or the District's response to the alleged violation of this policy;
  - D. written witness statements;
  - E. narratives, notes from, and audio, video, or digital recordings of witness interviews/statements;
  - F. e-mails, texts, and social media posts that directly relate to or constitute evidence pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy (i.e., not after-the-fact commentary about or media coverage of the incident);
  - G. notes and summaries prepared contemporaneously by the investigator in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.), but not including transitory notes whose content is otherwise memorialized in other documents;
  - H. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and other documentation that memorializes oral disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of this policy;
  - I. dated written determinations/reports (including summaries of relevant exculpatory and inculpatory evidence) and other documentation that memorializes oral notifications to the parties concerning the outcome of the investigation, including any consequences imposed as a result of a violation of this policy;
  - J. documentation of any supportive measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and the Respondent, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates the no contact orders were issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt of the no contact orders;
  - K. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects;
  - L. copies of the Board policy and procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Codes of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
  - M. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
  - N. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy including, but not limited to notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conduct an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time, and location of the training, the name and title (or credentials) of the presenter, and a copy of the materials reviewed or presented during the training.]**
- It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**
- O. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
  - P. copies of any notices sent to the Respondent of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
  - Q. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview or meeting;
  - R. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal (e.g., FERPA, ADA) and/or State law, such as student records and confidential medical records.

The documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years and longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

Legal                    29 U.S.C. 794, Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended  
                              42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended  
                              29 C.F.R. Part 1630  
                              34 C.F.R. Part 104

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#### 4161 - **UNREQUESTED LEAVES OF ABSENCE/FITNESS FOR DUTY**

It is the policy of the Board to protect the students and employees of this District from the effects of contagious diseases and other circumstances that render support staff members unable to perform their duties.

The Board authorizes the District Administrator to place a support staff member on sick leave or suspend a support staff member for physical or mental disability to perform assigned duties in conformance with the law.

The District Administrator shall require that the support staff member submits to an appropriate examination by a healthcare provider designated by the support staff member, or a healthcare provider designated by the Board and compensated by the District, or both.

The staff member will be required to execute a release that complies with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in order to allow the report of the medical examination to be released to the Board/District Administrator and to allow the District Administrator to speak to the health care provider who conducted the medical examination in order to get clarification. Refusal to submit to an appropriate examination or to execute the HIPAA release will be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

As required by Federal law and regulation and Board Policy 4122.02, the District Administrator shall direct the provider designated by the Board to conduct the examination not to collect genetic information or provide any genetic information, including the individual's family medical history, in the report of the medical examination.

Pursuant to State law and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended (ADA) and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), the results of any such examination shall be treated as a confidential medical record and will be exempt from release, except as provided by law. If the District inadvertently receives genetic information about an individual who is required to submit to an appropriate examination from the medical provider, it shall be treated as a confidential medical record as required by the ADA.

If, as a result of his/her such examination, the support staff member is found to be unable to perform assigned duties, the support staff member shall be placed on leave of absence pending further determination of ability to perform duties, including an evaluation of any reasonable accommodations in the event of the existence of a disability.

Should a support staff member refuse to submit to ~~the an~~ examination requested by the District Administrator, such refusal shall subject the support staff member to disciplinary action. ~~following the exhaustion of proper appeals, the District Administrator shall consider the certification of charges for reasons of insubordination.~~

The District Administrator may designate any period of leave under this policy as qualifying leave under State and/or Federal FMLA leave entitlement consistent with Policy 4430.01 as provided by law.

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Legal

111.32 et seq. the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act

29 C.F.R. Part 1630

29 C.F.R. Part 1635

42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended

42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

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#### ~~4170—SUBSTANCE ABUSE~~

~~The Board of Education recognizes alcoholism and drug abuse as treatable illnesses. When such illnesses impair the performance of support staff members, the Board recognizes the responsibility to assist in a manner recommended by appropriate specialists in the treatment of those illnesses.~~

~~A support staff member having an illness or other problem relating to the use of alcohol or other drugs will receive the same careful consideration and offer of assistance that is presently extended to support staff members having any other illness.~~

~~The responsibility to correct unsatisfactory job performance or behavior resulting from a suspected alcohol or drug problem rests with the support staff member. Failure to do so will result in appropriate corrective or disciplinary action as determined by the Board.~~

~~The Board will assist an employee with an alcohol or drug problem in developing reasonable accommodations so that the employee may perform his/her work, consistent with State and Federal law. Existence of a substance abuse problem does not excuse misconduct in employment or violation of Board policy.~~

~~No support staff member will have his/her job security or promotion opportunities jeopardized by his/her request for counseling or referral assistance.~~

~~Support staff members who suspect they may have an alcohol or other drug abuse problem are encouraged to seek counseling and information on a confidential basis by contacting resources available for such service.~~

~~This policy shall be administered in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and applicable State laws.~~

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Legal	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
	Wis. Stat. 111.34

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#### 4215 - **USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE BY SUPPORT STAFF**

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

It shall be a violation of this policy for any support staff of the District to use, consume, display, promote, or sell any tobacco products, tobacco industry brand, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or electronic smoking or vaping devices, regardless of content at any time on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events.

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

#### **Exceptions**

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

FDA approved cessation products or tobacco dependence products are exempt from this policy for adults and staff eighteen years and older. Staff using such products and bringing them to any school property or school-sponsored activity are responsible for safe-keeping of these products at all times and are responsible for assuring that no students are able to obtain access to these products.

#### **Policy Specific Definitions**

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

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

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

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

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

The term "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette or pipe, or any other lighted or heated product containing, made, or derived from nicotine, tobacco, marijuana, or other plant, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for inhalation. "Smoking" also includes carrying or using an activated electronic smoking device.

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

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

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

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Legal                      111.321, Wis. Stats.  
                                  120.12(20), Wis. Stats.  
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#### 4216 - **SUPPORT STAFF DRESS AND GROOMING**

The Board believes that support staff members set an example in dress and grooming for their students to follow. ~~are an important and integral part of the District. Also, since the support staff is highly visible staff to the students, the professional staff, and the public, the Board believes the support staff should at all times be well dressed and groomed. Support staff members who understand and adheres to this belief enlarge the importance of their task, present an image of dignity, and encourage respect.~~

~~The Board retains the authority to specify the following dress and grooming guidelines for support staff.~~ When assigned to District duty, all support staff members shall follow the guidelines as identified in the Employee Handbook.

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#### 4230 - ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The proper performance of school business is dependent upon the maintenance of unusually high standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and support conduct by Board members, and the District's employees, officers and agents and is essential to the Board's commitment to earn and keep the public's confidence in the School District.

For these reasons, the Board adopts the following guidelines designed to avoid the occurrence or appearance of any conflicts of interest do not occur. These guidelines apply to all District employees, officers, and agents, including members of the Board. These guidelines are not intended to be all-inclusive, nor to substitute for good judgment on the part of all support employees, officers, and agents. Support employees are expected to perform their duties in an ethical manner and free from an actual conflict of interest or from situations that create the appearance of a conflict of interest, in a manner consistent with 19.59, Wis. Stats. The Board's interest in enforcing this policy is to assure that the decisions and actions of public employees retain the public's trust. Therefore, even a conflict relationship that can be viewed as beneficial to the District or that was intended to be beneficial to the District, may still be a violation of this policy.

- A. No support employee, officer, or agent shall engage in or have a personal or financial or other interest, directly or indirectly, in any activity that conflicts or raises a reasonable question of conflict with his/her duties and responsibilities in the school system. Specifically, support employees must perform their duties in a manner that does not violate criminal conflict of interest laws pursuant to 946.13, Wis. Stats. by having a private pecuniary interest in an amount that exceeds~~This includes not only those interests that violate state criminal law, which typically requires at least \$15,000 in financial interest,~~ but also lesser valued conflicts that nonetheless create the appearance of using one's public position to secure a private pecuniary interest and/or benefit.
- B. Support employees, officers, and agents shall not engage in business, private practice of their profession, the rendering of services, anything of substantial value, or the sale of goods of any type where advantage is taken of any support relationship they may have with any employee, student, client, or parents of such students or clients in the course of their employment or support relationship with the School District.

Included, by way of illustration, rather than limitation are the following:

1. the provision of any private lessons or services for a fee unless the provision of services is arranged outside of school and is separate from and in addition to regular support provided to students as part of the support staff member's regular duties.
2. soliciting on school premises or under circumstances which are coercive for the private sale of goods or services to students or other employees
3. the use, sale, or improper divulging of any privileged information through his/her access to School District records, about a student or client granted in the course of the employee's, officer's or agent's employment or support relationship with the School District.

4. the referral of any student or client for lessons or services to any private business or support practitioner if there is any expectation of reciprocal referrals, sharing of fees, or other remuneration for such referrals
  5. the requirement of employees, students or clients to purchase any private goods or services provided by an employee, officer or agent or any business or support practitioner with whom any employee, officer or agent has a financial or other relationship, as a condition of receiving any grades, credits, promotions, approvals, or recommendations
- C. Should exceptions to this policy be necessary in order to provide mandatory services to students or clients of the School District, all such exceptions will be made known to the employee's supervisor and will be disclosed to the District Administrator and approval of the Board of Education before entering into any private relationship.
- D. Support employees, officers, and agents shall not make use of materials, equipment, or facilities of the School District for their own personal financial gain or business interest. Examples would be the use of facilities before, during, or after regular business hours for service to private practice clients, or the checking out of items from an instructional materials center for private practice.
- E. Support employees, officers, and agents shall not participate in the selection, award and administration of any contract to an entity in which they have a pecuniary interest or from which they derive a profit or in which a dependent of the employee has a pecuniary interest or from which the dependent derives a profit. "Dependent" includes the employee's spouse; unemancipated child, stepchild, or adopted child under the age of eighteen (18); or individual for whom the employee provides more than one-half (1/2) of the individual's support during a year. A "pecuniary interest" means an interest in a contract or purchase that will result or is intended to result in an ascertainable increase in the income or net worth of the employee or the employee's dependent who is under the direct or indirect administrative control of the support employee or who receives a contract or purchase order that is reviewed, approved, or directly or indirectly administered by the employee.

Support employees, officers, and agents may not solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts.

However, pursuant to Federal rules, the School District has set standards for when an employee, officer or agent may accept a gift of an unsolicited item of nominal value. For purposes of this section, "nominal value" means that the gift has a monetary value of \$50.00 or less.

- F. Support employees, officers, and agents must disclose any potential conflict of interest which may lead to a violation of this policy to the School District. Upon discovery of any potential conflict of interest, the School District will disclose, in writing, the potential conflict of interest to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.

The District will also disclose, in a timely manner, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery or gratuity that affect a Federal award to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.

- G. Support employees, officers and agents found to be in violation of this conflict of interest policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

No support staff employee may accept or engage in any employment, consulting, advising, or other support activity with any organization other than the District, whether the employee will receive compensation for such outside activity or not, without first providing notice to the District Administrator.

In the event that, within the course of administering a Federally funded grant program or service to the District, any support employee that identifies a conflict of interest, a potential conflict of interest, or that the appearance of a conflict of interest may arise in the course of administering the Federal grant funds, the employee must immediately notify either the Federal agency administering the grant in a manner consistent with that particular agencies rules on conflict of interests, or the District employee directly responsible for grant compliance. Such notice shall be provided at the earliest possible time.

It is a violation of this policy to take action or to refrain from taking action, or for an employee to otherwise use his/her public position to obtain a financial gain or anything of substantial value for himself/herself or his/her immediate family, as defined in 19.42(7), Wis. Stats.

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 Revised 7/22/19  
 Revised 4/27/2020



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19.42(7), Wis. Stats

19.59, Wis. Stats.

946.13, Wis. Stats.

2 C.F.R. 200.12

7 C.F.R. 3019.42

2 C.F.R. 200.113

2 C.F.R. 200.318

7 C.F.R. 3016.36(b)(3)

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4362 - **EMPLOYEE ANTI-HARASSMENT**

**Prohibited Harassment**

The Board is committed to a work environment that is free of harassment of any form. The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate action to eliminate it. Any member of the School District community who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our employees.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against discriminatory harassment based on race, color, national origin, age, sex (including ~~trans~~gender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity), pregnancy, creed or religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, military service (as defined in 111.32, Wis. Stats.), ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours, declining to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer about religious matters or political matters (collectively, "Protected Classes"), or any other characteristic protected by law in its employment practices (hereinafter referred to as "harassment" "Protected Classes Characteristics"), and encourages those within the School District community as well as Third Parties, who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify such problems. The Board prohibits harassment that affects tangible job benefits, interferes unreasonably with an individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Harassment may occur employee-to-employee, employee-to-student, male-to-female, female-to-male, male-to-male, or female-to-female.

The Board will investigate all allegations of harassment and, in those cases where harassment is substantiated, ~~the Board will~~ take immediate steps ~~calculated~~ to end the harassment, prevent its reoccurrence, and, ~~if applicable,~~ remedy its effects.

Individuals who are found to have engaged in harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

~~For purposes of this policy, "School District community" means individuals subject to the control and supervision of the Board including, but not limited to, students, teachers, staff, volunteers, and Board members, agents, contractors, or other persons.~~

~~For purposes of this policy, "third parties" include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with the District, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off School District property).~~

**Notice**

Notice of the Board's policy on anti-harassment related to employment practices and the identity of the District's Compliance Officers will be posted throughout the District and published in any District statement regarding the availability of employment, staff handbooks, and general information publications of the District as required by Federal and State law and this policy.

**Definitions**

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

**Complainant:** is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to harassment, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**Day(s):** Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

**Respondent:** is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in harassment, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**School District community:** means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties:** include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

### Bullying

Bullying rises to the level of harassment when one or more persons systematically and chronically inflict physical hurt or psychological distress on one (1) or more students or employees and that bullying is based upon one (1) or more Protected Classes, that is, characteristics that are protected by Federal civil rights laws. It is defined as any unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior, including any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, by an adult or student, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or work environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school or work performance or participation; and may involve:

- A. teasing;
- B. threats;
- C. intimidation;
- D. stalking;
- E. cyberstalking;
- F. cyberbullying;
- G. physical violence;
- H. theft;
- I. sexual, religious, or racial harassment;
- J. public humiliation; or
- K. destruction of property.

~~"Harassment" means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a school employee on the basis of the employee's Protected Classes Characteristics that:~~

- A. ~~places a school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property;~~
- B. ~~is sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent so as to create a hostile working environment which materially alters the employee's working conditions from the perspective of a reasonable person similarly situated;~~
- C. ~~has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school or any other aspect of the District's operations.~~

"Harassment" also includes "hate speech"—the use of language, behavior, or images/symbols that express prejudice against a particular group or groups on the basis of any protected characteristic(s).

Examples are:

- A. making statements that promote violence toward a racial or ethnic group;
- B. drawing, displaying, or posting images or symbols of prejudice (e.g., swastikas).

### **Sexual Harassment**

For purposes of this policy and consistent with Pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ~~and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972,~~ "sexual harassment" is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other physical, verbal, or visual conduct based on sex constitutes sexual harassment when:

- A. a supervisory employee engages in harassing behavior towards a subordinate employee, regardless of whether such conduct creates a hostile work environment;
- B. acquiescence in or submission to such conduct is an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment;
- C. an individual's acquiescence in, submission to, or rejection of such conduct becomes the basis for employment decisions affecting that individual;
- D. such conduct is sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent such that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment;
- E. consensual sexual relationships where such relationship leads to favoritism of a subordinate employee with whom the superior is sexually involved and where such favoritism results in an adverse employment action for another employee or otherwise creates a hostile work environment;
- F. inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the District into a student's personal space and personal life.

Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of any ~~either~~ gender against a person of the same or another ~~opposite~~ gender.

Sexual Harassment covered by Policy 2266/AG 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, i.e., sexual harassment prohibited by Title IX, is not included in this policy. Allegations of such conduct shall be addressed solely by Policy 2266/AG 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.

Prohibited acts that constitute sexual harassment under this policy may take a variety of forms. Examples of the kinds of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- A. unwelcome sexual propositions, invitations, solicitations, and flirtations;
- B. unwanted physical and/or sexual contact ~~assault~~;
- C. threats or insinuations that a person's employment, wages, promotion, assignments, or other conditions of employment may be adversely affected by not submitting to sexual advances;
- D. unwelcome verbal expressions ~~of a sexual nature~~, including graphic sexual commentaries about a person's body, dress, appearance, or sexual activities; the unwelcome use of sexually degrading language, profanity, jokes or innuendoes; unwelcome suggestive or insulting sounds or whistles; obscene telephone calls, text messages, or social media postings;
- E. sexually suggestive objects, pictures, graffiti, videos, videotapes, posters, audio recordings, or literature, placed in the work ~~or educational~~ environment that reasonably may embarrass or offend individuals; ~~remarks speculating about a person's sexual activities or sexual history, or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history;~~
- F. unwelcome and inappropriate touching, patting, or pinching; obscene gestures;

- G. asking or telling about sexual fantasies, sexual preferences, or sexual activities;
- H. speculation about a person's sexual activities or sexual history or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history;
- I. giving unwelcome personal gifts, such as lingerie, that suggest the desire for a romantic relationship;
- J. leering or staring at someone in a sexual way, such as staring at a person's breasts, buttocks, or groin;
- K. consensual sexual relationships where such relationship leads to favoritism of a subordinate employee with whom the superior is sexually involved and where such favoritism adversely affects other employees or otherwise creates a hostile work environment; ~~and~~
- L. inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the School District community into a student's personal space and personal life; and
- M. verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex-stereotyping that does not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

Sexual relationships between staff members, where one staff member has supervisory responsibilities over the other, are discouraged as a matter of Board policy. Such relationships have an inherent possibility of being construed as sexual harassment because the consensual aspect of the relationship may be the result of implicit or explicit duress caused by uncertainty regarding the consequences of non-compliance.

Romantic or sexual relationships between District staff (teachers, aides, administrators, coaches or other school authorities) and a student is expressly prohibited. Any school staff member who engages in sexual conduct with a student may also be guilty of a crime and any information regarding such instances will be reported to law enforcement authorities.

### **Boundary Invasions**

Boundary invasions may be appropriate or inappropriate. Appropriate boundary invasions make medical or educational sense. For example, a teacher or aide assisting a kindergartner after a toileting accident or a coach touching a student during wrestling or football can be appropriate. However, other behaviors might be going too far, are inappropriate and may be signs of sexual grooming. Inappropriate boundary invasions may include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. hugging, kissing, or other physical contact with a student;
- B. telling sexual jokes to students;
- C. engaging in talk containing sexual innuendo or banter with students;
- D. talking about sexual topics that are not related to curriculum;
- E. showing pornography to a student;
- F. taking an undue interest in a student (i.e. having a "special friend" or a "special relationship");
- G. initiating or extending contact with students beyond the school day for personal purposes;
- H. using e-mail, text messaging, or websites to discuss personal topics or interests with students;
- I. giving students rides in the staff member's personal vehicle or taking students on personal outings without administrative approval;
- J. invading a student's privacy (e.g. walking in on the student in the bathroom, locker-room, asking about bra sizes or previous sexual experiences);
- K. going to a student's home for non-educational purposes;
- L. inviting students to the staff member's home without proper chaperones (i.e. another staff member or parent of student);
- M. giving gifts or money to a student for no legitimate educational purpose;
- N. accepting gifts or money from a student for no legitimate educational purpose;

- O. being overly "touchy" with students;
- P. favoring certain students by inviting them to come to the classroom at non-class times;
- Q. getting a student out of class to visit with the staff member;
- R. providing advice to or counseling a student regarding a personal problem (i.e. problems related to sexual behavior, substance abuse, mental or physical health, and/or family relationships, etc.), unless properly licensed and authorized to do so;
- S. talking to a student about problems that would normally be discussed with adults (i.e. marital issues);
- T. being alone with a student behind closed doors without a legitimate educational purpose;
- U. telling a student "secrets" and having "secrets" with a student;
- V. other similar activities or behavior.

Inappropriate boundary invasions are prohibited and must be reported promptly to one of the District Compliance Officers, as designated in this policy, the Building Principal or the District Administrator.

### **Religious (Creed) Harassment**

Prohibited religious harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's religion or creed and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's religious tradition, clothing, or surnames, and/or involves religious slurs.

### **National Origin/Ancestry Harassment**

Prohibited national origin/ancestry harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's national origin or ancestry and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's national origin or ancestry, such as negative comments regarding customs, manner of speaking, language, surnames, or ethnic slurs.

### **Age Harassment**

Prohibited age-based harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's age, being over age forty (40), and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

### **Race/Color Harassment**

Prohibited race/color based harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's race and/or color and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's race or color, such as racial slurs, nicknames implying stereotypes, epithets, and/or negative references regarding racial customs.

### **Disability Harassment**

Prohibited disability harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's disability, perceived disability, or record of disability, and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's current or past disability ~~disabling condition~~ or a perceived condition, such as negative comments about speech patterns, movement, physical impairments or defects/appearances, or the like. Such harassment may further occur where conduct is directed at or pertains to a person's genetic information.

### **Anti-Harassment Compliance Officers**

The following individual(s) shall serve as the District's Anti-Harassment Compliance Officer(s) (hereinafter, "the Compliance Officer(s)" or "CO" "COs"):

Carmen O'Brien  
 Business Manager  
 School District of Manawa  
 800 Beech Street  
 Manawa, WI 54949  
 920-596-5840  
 cobrien@manawaschools.org

Daniel Wolfgram  
 High School/~~Middle~~~~Junior High~~ School Principal  
 School District of Manawa  
 800 Beech Street  
 Manawa, WI 54949  
 920-596-5310  
 wolfgram@manawaschools.org

The Compliance Officer(s) are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding harassment.

### Reports and Complaints of Harassing Conduct

The Compliance Officer(s) will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to harassment, to assist students, other members of the District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct, or to intercede informally on behalf of the individual in those instances where concerns have not resulted in the filing of a formal complaint and where all parties are in agreement to participate in an informal process.

Compliance Officers shall accept reports of harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a Third Party or receive reports that are initially filed with an administrator, supervisor, or other District-level official. Upon receipt of a report of alleged harassment, the Compliance Officer(s) will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the request of the Complainant or the nature of the alleged harassment), or the District Administrator will designate a specific individual to conduct the process necessary for an informal or formal investigation. The Compliance Officer(s) will provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and Respondent. In the case of a formal complaint, the Compliance Officer(s) will prepare recommendations for the District Administrator or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All Board employees must report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the Compliance Officer within two (2) days of learning of the incident.

Any Board employee who directly observes harassment is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to the Compliance Officer(s) within two (2) days. Additionally, any Board employee who observes an act of harassment is expected to intervene to stop the harassment, unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other Board employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the harassment. Thereafter, the Compliance Officer(s) or designee must contact the Complainant, if age eighteen (18) or older, or Complainant's parents/guardians if the Complainant is under the age eighteen (18), within two (2) days to advise of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

Members of the School District community ~~and third parties, which includes all staff,~~ along with Third Parties are encouraged to promptly report incidents of harassing conduct to an administrator, supervisor or other District official so that the Board may address the conduct before it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent. Any administrator, supervisor, or other District official who receives such a ~~report/complaint~~ shall file it with the ~~District's~~ Compliance Officer within two (2) days of receiving the report of harassment at his/her first opportunity.

Members of the School District community and Third Parties~~or third parties~~ who believe they have been harassed by another member of the School District community or a ~~Third Party~~~~third party~~ are entitled to utilize the Board's complaint process that is set forth below. Initiating a complaint, whether formally or informally, will not adversely affect the ~~Complainant's~~~~complaining individual's~~ employment unless the complaining individual makes the complaint maliciously or with the knowledge that it is false.

Reporting procedures are as follows:

- A. Any employee who believes s/he has been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy is encouraged to report the alleged harassment to the appropriate school official as identified in D below.
- B. Teachers, administrators, and other District officials who have knowledge of or receive notice that an employee has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy shall immediately report the alleged harassment to the appropriate school official as defined in D below.

- C. Any other person with knowledge or belief that an employee has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited by this policy shall be encouraged to immediately report the alleged acts to an appropriate school official as identified in D below.
- D. Appropriate District officials are as follows:
1. Any complaint under this policy shall be reported to the District's Compliance Officer unless the complaint is regarding the Compliance Officer. In such cases, the complaints shall be reported to the District Administrator, who will coordinate with the other appointed/designated CO, or, if appropriate appoint/designate another individual to serve as CO for the complaint regarding a CO.~~for such complaints.~~
  2. Any complaint under this policy regarding the District Administrator or Board Member that is received by the District Compliance Officer shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the District Compliance Officer for such complaints.
- E. The reporting party or Complainant shall be encouraged to use a report form available from the Principal of each building or available from the District office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Use of formal reporting forms shall not be mandated. However, all oral complaints shall be reduced to writing. Further, nothing in this policy shall prevent any person from reporting harassment directly to the District Administrator or other supervisory employee.
- F. To provide individuals with options for reporting harassment to an individual of the gender with which they feel most comfortable, the District shall designate both a male and a female District Compliance Officer.

If during an investigation of alleged bullying, aggressive behavior, and/or harassment in accordance with Policy 5517.01 - Bullying, the Principal believes that the reported misconduct may have created a hostile work environment and may have constituted discriminatory harassment based on a Protected Class, the Principal shall report the act of bullying, aggressive behavior and/or harassment to the Compliance Officer(s) who shall investigate the allegation in accordance with this policy. If the alleged harassment involves Sexual Harassment as defined by Policy 2266, the matter will be investigated in accordance with the grievance process and procedures outlined in Policy 2266. While the Compliance Officer investigates the allegation, or the matter is being addressed pursuant to Policy 2266, the Principal shall suspend the Policy 5517.01 investigation to await the Compliance Officer's written report or the determination of responsibility pursuant to Policy 2266. The Compliance Officer shall keep the Principal informed of the status of the Policy 1662 investigation and provide the Principal with a copy of the resulting written report. Likewise, the Title IX Coordinator will provide the Principal with the determination of responsibility that results from the Policy 2266 grievance process.

~~A CO will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to harassment, to assist students, other members of the School District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct.~~

~~The COs are assigned to accept complaints of harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a visitor to the District or to receive complaints that are initially filed with a school building administrator. Upon receipt of a complaint either directly or through a school building administrator, a CO will begin either an investigation or the CO will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process. The CO will prepare recommendations or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations. All members of the School District community should report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the CO within two (2) business days of learning of the incident.~~

### **Investigation and Complaint Procedure**

Except for sexual harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities, aAny employee or other member of the School District community or Third Party (e.g., visitor to the District) who believes that they have/he has been subjected to harassment or has witnessed harassment of another may seek resolution of the his/her complaint through the procedures ~~as~~ described below. The complaint process involves an investigation of the Complainant's claims of harassment or retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated. ~~Further, a process for investigating claims of harassment and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the claim of harassment was substantiated are set forth below.~~

~~Once the complaint process begins, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) business days of the complaint being received).~~

The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of any individual to pursue a complaint of harassment or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"), the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division, and/or Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"). The Chicago Office of the OCR can be reached at John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn Street, 37th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604; Telephone: 312-730-1560; FAX: 312-730-1576; TDD: 800-877-8339; Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov; Web: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.



## Complaint Procedure

~~A Complainant~~ An individual who believes s/he has been subjected to harassment hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant," who alleges harassment based on a protected class or retaliation may file a complaint, either orally or in writing: 1) with a teacher, Principal; 2) directly to one of the 7 COs; or 3) to the District Administrator; or other supervisory employee. As noted above, any complaint received regarding the District Administrator or a Board member shall be referred to the Board's legal counsel, who shall assume the role of the CO for such complaints. Additionally, if the complaint is regarding a CO, the complaint shall be reported to the District Administrator, who ~~may will consult;~~ in consultation with the other appointed/designated CO, if any, and if necessary appoint/designate another individual to serve in the role of CO ~~assume the role of the CO~~ for such a complaint regarding a CO.

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of harassment and retaliation, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) ~~calendar~~ days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a Complainant informs a Principal, District Administrator, or other supervisory employee, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of discrimination or retaliation, that employee must report such information to the CO within two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Throughout the course of the process as described herein, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All written complaints must include the following information to the extent known it is available: the identity of the Respondent ~~individual believed to have engaged in, or be actively engaging in, harassment~~; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); ~~and~~ a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the CO shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further harassment or retaliation including but not limited to a change of work assignment or schedule for the Complainant and/or the Respondent ~~alleged harasser~~. In making such a determination, the CO should consult the Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with his/her position to the proposed action. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the CO may still take whatever actions deemed ~~s/he deems~~ appropriate in consultation with the District Administrator. No temporary arrangements shall be disciplinary to either the Complainant or Respondent.

Within two (2) ~~business~~ days of receiving a complaint, the CO will inform the Respondent ~~individual alleged to have engaged in the harassing or retaliatory conduct, hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent"~~, that a complaint has been received.

The Respondent is not entitled to receive a copy of any written complaint unless the CO determines it is appropriate to do so; however, the Respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations. The CO shall inform the Respondent of the requirements of this policy, which may include providing the Respondent with a copy of this policy or information about where to find it. Respondent shall be afforded the opportunity to submit a written response to the complaint. The CO shall inform the Respondent of the Respondent's deadline to provide the CO with the written response to the allegations in the complaint.

Within five (5) days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate an investigation by at a minimum confirming receipt of the complaint with the Complainant and informing the Complainant of the investigation process.

~~Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO or designee will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment based on a protected class or retaliation within thirty (30) days of receiving the formal complaint.~~

~~Within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate a formal investigation to determine whether the Complainant has been subject to offensive conduct/harassment.~~

~~Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the formal complaint.~~ The investigation will include:

- A. interview(s) with the Complainant;
- B. interview(s) with the Respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who ~~may~~ reasonably may be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;

- D. consideration of any documentation or other evidence presented by the Complainant, ~~R~~espondent, or any other witness which is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO or designee shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator that summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of harassment as provided in this policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent engaged in harassment of or retaliation toward the Complainant~~Complainant has been subjected to harassment~~. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved. In determining if discriminatory harassment or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation, the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, if the matter involves the District Administrator engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within five (5) ~~business~~-days of receiving the report of the CO, the District Administrator must either issue a written final-decision regarding whether or not the complaint of harassment has been substantiated or request further investigation. A copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be delivered to both the Complainant and the ~~R~~espondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five (5) ~~business~~-days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above.

If the District Administrator determines the Respondent engaged in harassment of or retaliation toward the Complainant, the District Administrator must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the harassment or retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, age-appropriate, effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

The decision of the District Administrator shall be final. If the investigation results in disciplinary action, the employee subject to discipline is entitled to file a grievance pursuant to Board Policy 3340. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prevent an employee from bringing a complaint before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of harassment regardless of whether the member of the School District community or ~~T~~hird ~~P~~arty alleging the harassment pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the formal complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

All timelines pertinent to the investigation process are intended to be guidelines to assure that the investigation proceeds with all deliberate efficiency. Failure of the CO to meet any specific timeline does not invalidate the investigation or provide a defense to the allegations.

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The ~~School~~-District will employ reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and all the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligation in an investigation of harassment. The School District will respect the privacy of the Complainant, the ~~R~~espondent, and all witnesses in a manner consistent with the School District's legal obligations under State and Federal law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided with the Complainant's identity.~~All Complainants proceeding through the formal investigation process should be advised that their identities may be disclosed to the respondent.~~

During the course of an investigation, the CO will determine whether confidentiality during the investigation process is necessary to protect the interests and reputations of those involved and/or to protect the integrity of the investigation and if so, shall instruct all members of the School District community and third parties who are interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of a harassment investigation is expected not to disclose any information that is learned or provided~~s/he learns or that s/he provides~~ during the course of the investigation.

## Directives During Investigation

The CO may recommend to the District Administrator placing any employee involved in an investigation under this Policy on administrative leave pending resolution of the matter. If the District Administrator is the Respondent, the CO shall make such recommendation to the Board. Administrative leave may be appropriate in situations in which protecting the safety of any individual or the integrity of the investigation necessitates such action.

The CO shall determine whether any witnesses in the course of an investigation should be provided a *Garrity* warning apprising the person of his/her obligations to answer questions truthfully and honestly while preserving the right against self-incrimination in the context of any resulting criminal investigation or prosecution.

Every employee interviewed in the course of an investigation is required to provide truthful responses to all questions. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

## Remedial Action ~~Sanctions~~ and Monitoring

~~The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further such harassment.~~

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken due to because of the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be an employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

## Sanctions and Disciplinary Action

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment/retaliation by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable law.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances. In those cases where harassment is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior disciplinary action has been taken against the Respondent, all<sup>all</sup> subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects.

## Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging harassment/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

## Allegations Constituting Criminal Conduct

If the CO has reason to believe that the Complainant has been the victim of criminal conduct, such knowledge should be reported to local law enforcement. After such report has been made, the District Administrator shall be advised that local law enforcement was notified.

If the Complainant has been the victim of criminal conduct and the accused is the District Administrator, such knowledge should be reported by the CO to local law enforcement. After such report has been made, the Board President shall be advised that local law enforcement was notified.

Any reports made to local law enforcement shall not terminate the COs obligation and responsibility to continue to investigate a complaint of harassment. While the COs may work cooperatively with outside agencies to conduct concurrent investigations, the harassment investigation shall not be stopped due to the involvement of outside agencies without good cause after consultation with the District Administrator.

### **Reprisal**

Submission of a good faith complaint or report of harassment will not affect the Complainant's or reporter's work status or work environment. However, the Board also recognizes that false or fraudulent claims of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such claims may be filed. The Board reserves the right to discipline any person filing a false or fraudulent claim of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such a claim.

The District will discipline or take appropriate action against any member of the School District community who retaliates against any person who reports an incident of harassment prohibited by this policy or participates in a proceeding, investigation, or hearing relating to such harassment. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.

### **Miscellaneous**

The District shall conspicuously post a notice including this policy against harassment in each school in a place accessible to the School District community and members of the public. This notice shall also include the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the COs, the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the State agency responsible for investigating allegations of discrimination in educational employment, and the mailing address and telephone number of the United States Equal Opportunity Employment Commission.

A link to this policy and any related administrative guidelines shall appear in the employee handbook and a copy shall be made available upon request of employees and other interested parties.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of harassment. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District staff at such times as the Board in consultation with the District Administrator determines is necessary or appropriate.

The Board will respect the privacy of the Complainant, the individuals against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as practicable, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery, disclosure, or other legal obligations.

### **Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO(s) is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all ~~information,~~ documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and /or received as part of an investigation, which may include~~including,~~ but are not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/statements;
- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and statements collected;
- C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
- D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;
- E. narratives of, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness statements;
- F. all documentary evidence;
- G. e-mails, texts, or social media posts pertaining to the investigation;

- H. contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
  - I. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
  - J. dated written determinations to the parties;
  - K. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
  - L. written documentation of any supportive~~interim~~ measures offered and/or provided to Complainant and/or the Respondent~~Complainants~~, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt; and
  - M. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects.
  - N. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Code of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
  - O. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
  - P. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time and location of the training, and a copy of the materials reviewed and/or presented during the training.]**
- It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**
- Q. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
  - R. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
  - S. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
  - T. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The ~~information,~~ documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The ~~information,~~ documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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42 U.S.C. 1983  
42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act  
42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., Age Discrimination Act of 1975  
42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended  
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#### 5512 - **USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE BY STUDENTS**

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

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student of the District to use, consume, display, promote, or sell any tobacco products, tobacco industry brand, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or electronic smoking or vaping devices, regardless of content at any time on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events.

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

#### **Exceptions**

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

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

#### **Policy Specific Definitions**

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

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

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

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

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

The term "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette or pipe, or any other lighted or heated product containing, made, or derived from nicotine, tobacco, marijuana, or other plant, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for inhalation. "Smoking" also includes carrying or using an activated electronic smoking device.

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

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

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

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#### 5520 - **DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

The Board recognizes the right of each student to attend school for the purpose of receiving an education. Students involved in the disruption of the educational program of the schools by disorder or any other purposeful activity may will be subject to disciplinary consequences, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion not be tolerated.

For purposes of this policy, disorder shall be any deliberate activity by an individual or a group, whether peaceful or violent, that is reasonably likely to disrupt the normal operation of the school.

The Board, having the responsibility for providing an educational program for the students of this District, shall have the authority to preserve order for the proper functioning of its program.

Students shall not be disturbed in the exercise of their constitutionally guaranteed rights to assemble peaceably and to express ideas and opinions, privately or publicly, provided that such exercise does not infringe on the rights of others and does not interfere with the operation of the schools.

~~The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines for the implementation of this policy.~~

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#### 5720 - **STUDENT ACTIVISM**

The Board to encourages students to express opinions and ideas, take stands, debate publicly or privately, orally and in writing. Students may be given opportunity for expression through established school media. Such expression shall not interfere with the educational program, present a health or safety hazard, or violate Board policy. Students may advocate change of law or school regulations and pursue their advocacy through lawful means~~by due process means~~.

Students may not use obscenity, slanderous or libelous statements, or disruptive tactics, or advocate violation of the law or school policies or guidelines~~regulations~~.

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#### 5880 - **PUBLIC PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS**

The Board recognizes the value to students of sharing their talents and skills with the community through participation and performances in public events. Students who participate in public events and performances as part of a District-sponsored group are subject to District policies and regulations for student dress and conduct.

The Board approves~~endorses~~ such performances when:

- A. they constitute a learning experience which contributes to the educational program;
- B. the circumstances of the event do not pose a threat to the health, safety, and well-being of the students who will be involved.
- C. parental permission for each minor student is sought and received prior to the performance;
- D. students and student groups are protected from exploitation.

All requests for student public performances require the approval of the principal.

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~~The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines that include a requirement that parental permission before students participation, protection of students interests, and their safeguarding against exploitation.~~

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#### 6152 - **STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES**

The Board may levy certain charges to students to facilitate the utilization of adequate, appropriate learning materials used in the course of instruction. If the District determines that a student is in serious financial need, it may choose to provide any or all such materials free of charge. No student shall be denied any educational opportunity because of his/her inability to pay any fee or charge imposed.

A charge shall not exceed the combined cost of the material used, freight and/or handling charges. Money received from resale of such material shall be returned to the Business office with an accurate accounting of all transactions.

#### **Fines**

When school property, equipment, or supplies are damaged, lost, or taken by a student, a fine will be assessed. The fine will be reasonable, seeking only to compensate the school for the expense or loss incurred.

The late return of borrowed books or materials from the school libraries will be subject to appropriate fines.

Any fees (including trip fees) or fines collected by members of the staff are to be turned into the school office no later than the end of the day on which the money was collected. If the school office is not open or accessible, the collected monies should be deposited in the financial institution designated by the District or in another secure location specified by the District no later than the end of the day on which the money was collected. Staff are prohibited from leaving collected money in classrooms overnight or taking collected money home. Money shall be deposited by the District no less than one (1) week after collected with a full accounting of all transactions.

In the event the above course of action does not result in the fee being collected, the Board authorizes the Business Manager to take the student and/or his/her parents to Small Claims Court for collection. The District shall not permit or elicit the assistance of volunteers in efforts to collect unpaid student fees or expenses, including food service balances.

Nothing in this policy restricts the right of access of a parent or student to school records or to receive copies of such records, as required by Federal and State laws.

#### **Students Experiencing Homelessness - McKinney-Vento Act**

No fine or fee shall be charged to a student identified as a student experiencing homelessness unless it is determined that the student has the ability to pay the fee or fine and that its imposition does not create a barrier to the student's ability to enroll, attend school, achieve academic success, or be identified as experiencing homelessness. Any dispute regarding a fine or a fee that is imposed, shall not delay the student's enrollment or serve as a barrier to enrollment by delaying the transfer of student records to another school or school district if applicable.

Immediate enrollment notwithstanding fines or fees shall be extended to extra-curricular and co-curricular activities as well as to academic programming.

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#### 7434 - **USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

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

It shall be a violation of this policy for any visitor of the District to use, consume, or sell any commercial tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or electronic smoking or vaping devices, regardless of content at any time on school property or at off-campus, school-sponsored events.

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

#### **Exceptions**

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

FDA approved cessation products or tobacco dependence products are exempt from this policy for adults and staff eighteen (18) years and older. Staff using such products and bringing them to any school property or school-sponsored activity are responsible for the safekeeping of these products at all times and are responsible for assuring that no students are able to obtain access to these products.

#### **Policy Specific Definitions**

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

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

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

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

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

The term "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette or pipe, or any other lighted or heated product containing, made, or derived from nicotine, tobacco, marijuana, or other plant, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for inhalation. "Smoking" also includes carrying or using an activated electronic smoking device.

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

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

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#### 7440.01 - **VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND ELECTRONIC MONITORING**

The Board authorizes the use of video surveillance and electronic monitoring equipment at various facilities and school sites throughout the District and on school buses. Wherever the terms video surveillance or electronic monitoring are used, such reference includes both video and audio surveillance as possible technologies employed.

The District Administrator is responsible for determining where to install and operate fixed-location video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment in the District. The determination of where and when to use video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment will be made in a nondiscriminatory manner. Video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment may be placed in common areas in school buildings (e.g. school hallways, entryways, the front office where students, employees and visitors are permitted to freely come and go, gymnasiums, cafeterias, libraries), the school parking lots and other outside areas, and in school buses. Except in extraordinary circumstances and with the written authorization of the District Administrator, video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment shall not be used in areas where persons have a reasonable expectation of privacy (e.g. restrooms, locker rooms, changing areas, private offices (unless there is express consent given by the office occupant), or conference/meeting rooms), or in individual classrooms during instructional times. Administrators are authorized to carry and use portable video cameras when responding to incidents. The Board authorizes security personnel to use body-worn video cameras while on duty, but prohibits them from being operated while the individual is routinely patrolling restrooms and locker rooms, unless the staff member is responding to a specific incident.

Any person who takes action to block, move, or alter the location and/or viewing angle of a video camera shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Legible and visible signs shall be placed at the main entrance to buildings and in the areas where video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment is in use to notify people that their actions/behavior are subject to being monitored/recorded, which may include video footage, audio recording, or both. Additionally, the District Administrator is directed to annually notify parents and students via the Student Handbook, and staff via the Staff Handbook(s), of the use of video surveillance/electronic monitoring systems in their schools, which may include video footage, audio recording, or both. In cases approved by the District Administrator, camera surveillance may be used for investigatory purposes without staff, student, or public notice if the usage is calculated to further investigation into misconduct believed to have occurred or believed to be ongoing.

Any information obtained from video surveillance/electronic monitoring systems may only be used to support the orderly operation of the School District's schools and facilities, and for law enforcement purposes, and not for any other purposes. As such, recordings obtained through the use of video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment may be used as evidence in any disciplinary proceedings, administrative proceeding or criminal proceeding, subject to Board policy and regulations. Further, such recordings may become a part of a student's education record or staff member's personnel file.

Ordinarily, video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment will not be used to make an audio recording of conversation occurring on school grounds or property.

The Board will not place video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment for the purpose of obtaining information routine staff appraisal/evaluation or monitoring; however, video footage captured in the normal course of surveillance which shows information



pertinent to staff performance or conduct may be used for that purpose.

Additionally, prerecorded lessons or observations of online or virtual learning sessions may be included as part of an employee's evaluation.

Further, if an employee is assigned to work remotely (i.e., telework), the administration is authorized to conduct observations that consist of the supervisor reviewing video-recordings of the employee working and/or watching the employee perform his/her job responsibilities through means of a live-stream that includes both video and audio.

Additionally, nothing herein shall prevent the administration from using information gathered through electronic means (i.e., viewing a video-recording or live-stream of an employee working) for employment purposes, including but not limited to completing components of an evaluation.

Recordings that capture students may be student records and as such will be treated as confidential, subject to the Board's public records and student records policies.

### **Retention, Secure Storage, Access to and Disposal of Video Recordings**

The Board shall maintain video surveillance/electronic monitoring recordings for a limited period. Any request to view a recording under this policy must be made within seven (7) calendar days of the event/incident in order to assure its availability. Inquiries after that time period may be available depending on current retention capabilities. Unless a recording is separated and maintained for some reason by the District, any recording may be destroyed after thirty (30) calendar days. If, however, action is taken by the Board/administration, as a result of a formal complaint or incident, recordings shall be kept consistent with the Board's record retention policy depending on the nature of the video record retained, but for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of the action taken. Recordings may also be kept beyond the normal retention period if they are going to be utilized for training purposes.

Video recordings, if stored on a removable/portable device or on a locally hosted server, when not in use, shall be stored in a locked cabinet or room in an area to which students and the public do not normally have access. Any video data stored on a cloud-based server system must be stored pursuant to a vendor agreement that assures the confidentiality of data accessible only to school officials.

Access to and viewing of video recordings is limited to authorized personnel. The technology director is responsible for maintaining a proper audit trail for all video recordings (i.e., logs must be maintained of all instances of access to, and use of, recorded material – the log must document the person accessing the recording, the date and time of access, and the purpose). The technology director shall approve requests for access to recorded and stored video images. The technology director may authorize the viewing of recorded images in the event of an ongoing law enforcement investigation, an incident involving property damage or loss, or for other reasons deemed appropriate.

Video files should not be transmitted electronically to sources outside the District except as required or permitted by law.

All video surveillance/electronic monitoring recording media shall be considered legal evidence and treated as confidential or as directed by Board counsel. The release of original video recordings to individuals or outside agencies may only occur pursuant to subpoena or court order after the same has been reviewed by Board counsel.

Original video recordings shall never be edited or manipulated in any manner. When video recordings are requested by any law enforcement agency as part of an ongoing investigation, a duplicate may be provided for that purpose. The original media shall be protected from accidental overwrite or erasure during the duplicating process. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the redaction of personally identifiable information from duplicated media when mandated by FERPA.

Video recordings may never be sold publicly, viewed or distributed in any other fashion except as provided for by Board policy and this guideline, and consistent with State and Federal law.

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#### 7450 - **PROPERTY INVENTORY**

As steward of the District's property, the Board recognizes that efficient management and full replacement upon loss requires accurate inventory and properly maintained property records.

The Board shall conduct a complete inventory of all District-owned equipment and supplies, including computing devices ~~by June 2016 and maintain a continuous inventory of all District-owned equipment and supplies, including computing devices~~ annually.

For purposes of this policy, "equipment" means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one (1) year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000.

Capital assets include equipment as well as the following:

- A. land, buildings (facilities), and intellectual property (including software) whether acquired by purchase, construction, manufacture, lease-purchase, exchange, or through capital leases
- B. additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance)

Capital expenditures, which are expenditures for capital assets, require prior written approval in order to be allowable in certain situations. General purpose equipment, buildings, and land, as well as improvements to land, buildings, or equipment which materially increase their value or useful life, are unallowable as direct charges unless the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity provides prior written approval. Whereas capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$5,000 or more have the prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.

When defining supplies for inventory purposes, no items will be counted whose total acquisition cost is less than \$1,000.

"Computing devices" are machines used to acquire, store, analyze, process, and publish data and other information electronically, including accessories for printing, transmitting and receiving, or storing electronic information. Examples of computing devices include laptops, smartphones, tablets, etc. Computing devices are classified as equipment if their acquisition cost meets the above-mentioned equipment threshold. Computing devices that do not meet the acquisition cost threshold are considered supplies. Regardless of whether a computing device is classified as an equipment or supply, it must be counted during the inventory.

It shall be the duty of the Business Manager to ensure that inventories are recorded systematically and accurately and property records of equipment are updated and adjusted annually by reference to purchase orders and withdrawal reports.

The Business Manager shall maintain a system of property records regarding consumable supplies on a continuous inventory basis.

Equipment and computing devices acquired under a Federal award will vest upon acquisition to the District, subject to the following conditions:

- A. The property shall be used in the program or project for which it was acquired as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by the Federal award.
1. When no longer needed for the original program or project, the property may be used in other activities in the following order of priority: (1) activities under a Federal award from the Federal awarding agency which funded the original program or project; then (2) activities under Federal awards from other Federal awarding agencies.
  2. During the time that property is used on the project or program for which it was acquired, the District must also make the property available for use on other projects or programs currently or previously supported by the Federal program, provided that the use will not interfere with the work on the original project or program.
- B. The property shall not be encumbered without the approval of the Federal awarding agency or the pass-through entity.
- C. The property may only be used and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Federal awarding agency or the pass-through entity and Policy 7300 and Policy 7310 and AG 7310.
- D. Property records shall be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property (including the FAIN), title entity, acquisition date, cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the award under which the property was acquired, the location, use, and condition of the property, and ultimate disposition data, including date of disposal and sale price of the property, in accordance with this policy.
- E. A physical inventory of the property must be taken and results reconciled with property records at least once every two (2) years, in accordance with this policy.
- F. A control system shall be developed to provide adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any such loss, damage, or theft shall be investigated.
- G. Adequate maintenance procedures shall be implemented to keep the property in good condition.
- H. Proper sales procedures shall be established to ensure the highest possible return, in the event the District is authorized or required to sell the equipment/property.
- I. When original or replacement equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed for the original project/program or for activities currently or previously supported by a Federal awarding agency, and except as otherwise provided by Federal statutes, regulations, or Federal awarding agency disposition instructions, the District shall request disposition instructions from the Federal awarding agency if required by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. Disposition of the equipment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200.313.

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#### 7455 - ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR ~~CAPITAL~~FIXED ASSETS

The Board shall maintain a ~~capital~~fixed-asset accounting system. The fixed-asset system shall maintain sufficient information to permit the following:

- A. the preparation of year-end financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); ~~generally accepted, accounting principles~~
- B. adequate insurance coverage; and
- C. control and accountability.

~~The Business Manager shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the fixed asset accounting system. The District Administrator shall develop procedures to ensure compliance with all fixed asset policies. Each principal shall also be assigned fixed asset responsibilities.~~

~~Fixed assets are defined as those tangible assets of the District system with a useful life in excess of one (1) year and an initial cost equal to or exceeding \$5,000.00. Some items may be identified as "controlled" assets that, although they do not meet all fixed asset criteria, are to be recorded on the fixed asset system to maintain control.~~

Capital assets are defined as those tangible assets of the District:

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1. with a useful life in excess of one (1) year;
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2. with an initial cost equal to or exceeding the amount determined periodically by the District in Policy 7450 - Property Inventory;
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3. which are capitalized in accordance with GAAP; and
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4. which the District intends to hold or continue in use for an extended period of time.

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Further, some items may be identified as "controlled" assets that, although they do not meet all capital asset criteria, are to be recorded on the capital asset system to maintain control.

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Capital assets shall be classified as follows:

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1. land, buildings (facilities), equipment, and intellectual property (including software) whether acquired by purchase, construction, manufacture, exchange, or through a lease accounted for as a financed purchase under Government Accounting.

- Standards Board (GASB) standards or a finance lease under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) standards; and
2. additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance).

~~Fixed assets shall be classified as follows:~~

- A. ~~land~~
- B. ~~building~~
- C. ~~improvements other than building~~
- D. ~~machinery and equipment~~
- E. ~~furniture and fixtures~~
- F. ~~vehicles~~
- G. ~~plant (aerator)~~
- H. ~~underground lines~~
- I. ~~construction in progress~~

Leased ~~capital~~fixed assets and assets that are jointly-owned shall be identified and recorded on the ~~capital~~fixed-asset system.

In accordance with GAAP, assets must be depreciated over their estimated useful lives and approved by the auditor.~~Depreciation shall be recorded for fund fixed assets.~~

Accumulated depreciation shall be calculated on a straight-line basis and be recorded for general ~~capital~~fixed assets.

The following information shall be maintained for all ~~capital~~fixed assets:

- A. description
- B. asset classification (land, building, equipment, etc.)
- C. location
- D. purchase price
- E. date purchased
- F. replacement cost
- G. appropriation
- H. manner of asset disposal

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#### 9270 - **HOME-BASED, PRIVATE, OR TRIBAL SCHOOLING**

The Board encourages the enrollment of all school-age children residing in this District in public schools or in **approved** parochial or private schools so that **such children** they may enjoy the benefits of a well-planned educational program and the socialization possible in a group environment.

#### **Private Education or Tribal School Education Students**

The Board shall allow students who are being educated at a private school or a tribal school to participate, if space is available, in any of the District's courses by enrolling in up to two (2) courses during each semester. The student must meet the criteria for admission to the high school established for private school or tribal school students.

**The Board shall not allow any student who is being educated at a private school or a tribal school to participate in any of the District's non-WIAA sanctioned athletic or extra-curricular programs.**

#### **Home-Based Private Education Students**

The Board shall allow a student receiving Home-Based private education to attend up to two (2) courses per semester in the public school classroom provided that the student meets the minimum standards for enrollment in each course as established by the District. Such student may attend no more than 2 courses per semester, which shall include any courses being taken by the student in another public school district such that the aggregate number of courses taken in a public school district in any semester does not exceed two (2).

A student receiving Home-Based private education may participate in interscholastic athletics in the District including WIAA sanctioned interscholastic athletics, on the same basis and to the same extent that the District permits students enrolled in the District to participate. Upon request, the Home-Based educational program in which the student is enrolled shall provide the District with a written statement that the student meets the Board's requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics based on age and academic and disciplinary records. No person may provide a false statement.

A student receiving Home-Based private education may participate in extracurricular activities in the District on the same basis and to the same extent that it permits students enrolled in the District to participate.

The District may charge a student who participates in interscholastic athletics or extracurricular activities participation fees, including fees for uniforms, equipment, and musical instruments, on the same basis and to the same extent that it charges these fees to a student who is enrolled in the District.

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#### 9500 - **RELATIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

It is the policy of the Board that strong lines of communication be maintained by the District with other districts and with institutions and organizations that provide District students with programs, training, or services not available in the District.

The Board also recognizes the value of these relationships in furtherance of educational research initiatives that provide benefit to the District staff and students.

The District Administrator may enter into such cooperative ventures with institutions or organization for the purpose of providing programs that correlate to the District's curriculum and help students better accomplish the educational outcomes established by the Board.

Before entering into any agreements, the District Administrator shall keep the Board advised of any arrangements that involve the use of District resources or require any additional resources of the District~~would affect the use of District resources or require any additional resources of the District.~~

In order to maintain cordial and constructive relationships with private and parochial schools, the District Administrator shall designate a staff member to serve as a liaison with the administration of all such schools that enroll District resident students in order to be aware of any potential program changes that could affect the District; and to foster cooperation in the implementation of all State and Federal programs administered by the District that benefit, in whole or in part, eligible students attending private or parochial school.~~The District Administrator shall maintain liaison with the administration of all schools enrolling significant numbers of students resident in this School District to be aware of any program changes that may be planned that could affect this District; and to cooperate fully in the implementation of all State and Federal programs administered by this District and benefiting, in whole or in part, eligible students attending private or parochial school.~~

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#### 9700 - **RELATIONS WITH NON-SCHOOL AFFILIATED GROUPS**

It is the policy of the Board of Education that students, staff members, and District facilities not be used for advertising or promoting the interests of any non-school related agency or organization, public or private, without the approval of the Board or its delegated representative; and any such approval, shall not be construed as an endorsement of any cause or group by this Board. [All crowdfunding activities are subject to Policy 6605 - Crowdfunding and AG 6605.](#)

No non-school affiliated group may use the name, logo, mascot, or any other name which would associate an activity with the District without the specific written permission of the District Administrator. Additionally, no non-school affiliated group may use any assets of the District, including but not limited to facilities, technology, or communication networks without the specific written permission of the District Administrator.

#### **School District Referendum Advocacy**

This policy applies expressly to any outside organization's advocacy concerning School District referenda. Any such organization, whether advocating in favor of or in opposition to a referendum question must clearly identify themselves as independent of the School District and may not, under any circumstances, use School District logos, mascots, slogans or other such items that are protected by or regularly used and identified with the District. School District officials may not advocate for a position on a referendum in any manner in which such advocacy is in the individual's capacity as a School District official or may reasonably be perceived as such. School District officials may always provide factual information concerning any referendum question.

##### **A. Materials or Activities**

All materials or activities proposed by outside organizations for student or staff use or participation shall be reviewed by the principal on the basis of the proposed activities or materials educational contribution to part or all of the school program and benefit to students, and no such approval shall have the primary purpose of advancing the name, product, or special interest of the proposing group.

The Board shall permit the use of educational materials, programs, and equipment that contain commercial messages, providing the content of such messages are in a manner of presentation have been approved by the District Administrator and are in compliance with the District's administrative guidelines.

Outside speakers representing commercial organizations are welcome only when the commercial aspect is limited to naming the organization represented and the subject matter advances the educational interests of the District's students.

##### **B. Contests/Exhibits**

The Board recognizes that contests, exhibits may benefit individual students or the District as a whole, but participation in such special activities may not:

1. have the primary effect of advancing a special product, group, or company;
2. make unreasonable demands upon the time and energies of staff or students or upon the resources of the District;
3. interrupt the regular school program;
4. involve any direct cost to the District;
5. cause the participants to leave the School District.

All contests and exhibits may take place if:

- a. There is compliance with Board's Policy 2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips;
- b. The District Administrator has granted special permission;
- c. the parents of a minor student have granted their permission.

### **C. Distribution/Posting of Literature**

Non-school affiliated organizations may distribute or post literature on that organization's behalf on District property either during or after school hours only with advance permission of the principal.

The Board requires that any materials distributed for non-school-related activities contain the statement: "This activity is neither endorsed nor supported by the School District of Manawa".

### **D. Solicitation of Funds**

Because the District cannot accommodate every organization that desires to solicit funds for worthy purposes, the Board shall not permit any organization not related to the District to solicit funds on District property.

### **E. Prizes/Scholarships/Other Awards**

The Board is appreciative of the generosity of organizations that offer scholarships, prizes, or other awards to deserving students in the District.

In the administration of scholarships, prizes, or other awards, the District shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

Administration of scholarship or award programs appropriately designated under this policy to benefit individuals in a particular group that has not traditionally been represented does not violate this policy.

The District may administer or assist in the administration of scholarships, fellowships, or other forms of financial assistance established by a domestic or foreign will, trust, bequest, or similar legal instrument that requires the award to go to a student of a particular sex, race, color, national origin, or with a particular disability. Such restricted awards must not lead to discrimination in access to the total amount of prizes, scholarships, or other awards available.

In accepting the offer of such scholarships or prizes from non-District entities or persons, the Board directs that no information either academic or personal shall be released from the student's record for the purpose of selecting a scholarship or prize winner without the permission of the student who is eighteen (18), or the parents of a student who is younger in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.

The District will periodically review their procedures for awarding scholarships, prizes, and other awards. This review will require that the District's procedure does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, or disability in the overall effect of the scholarships, prizes, and other awards given to students.

### **F. Surveys and Questionnaires**

Distribution of Surveys and Questionnaires to Students is governed by Policy 2416 - Surveys, Analyses, Evaluation.

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#### ~~0144.2~~ **BOARD MEMBER ETHICS**

~~The School Board's primary responsibility is the educational welfare of the District's students. The Board serves the best interest of students and the community and its students, utilizing all available resources toward that end. The Board functions most effectively when individual Board members act responsibly, professionally and ethically. To promote such conduct, the Board has adopted the following standards for Board members.~~

~~Board members should meet the high professional responsibilities of membership in the following ways:~~

- ~~A. Comply with Federal, State and local laws and regulations.~~
- ~~B. Communicate with Federal and State legislators about the assistance needed to provide a quality, free public education for all students.~~
- ~~C. Become fully informed about the nature, value, and direction of current education issues by individual study and through participation in professional development opportunities such as those sponsored by State and National School Board Associations.~~
- ~~D. Acknowledge that the Board represents the entire school community, and refuse to surrender independent judgment to special interests or partisan political groups.~~
- ~~E. Support the employment of the best qualified school staff who will serve in the best interests of the students.~~
- ~~F. Support all District employees in the proper performance of their duties by ensuring all staff members have access to quality professional development opportunities and receive regular, impartial job performance evaluations.~~
- ~~G. Recognize that the Board is responsible for overall management and control of District affairs and property, including the development of policies by which the schools are to be administered, but that the day to day administration of the educational program and school business shall be the responsibility of the District Administrator and other designated staff members.~~
- ~~H. Work continually with administration to identify the needs, goals, and priorities of the District.~~

~~Board members should respect relationships with other Board members in the following ways:~~

- ~~A. Recognize that authority rests only with the Board in properly called official meetings, and that the individual member has no legal authority outside Board meetings unless performing officer duties under State law or directed by the Board to act on its behalf.~~
- ~~B. Attend all regularly scheduled Board and committee meetings, and be prepared to contribute to the discussion of agenda items and make informed decisions.~~
- ~~C. Encourage the free and courteous exchange of ideas and opinions by all Board members.~~

- D. ~~Base all decisions on available facts and independent judgment after full discussions of issues at publicly held Board meetings.~~
- E. ~~Respect the opinions of others, and abide by rule of the majority when decisions are made by the Board.~~

~~Board members should meet responsibilities to the community in the following ways:~~

- A. ~~Maintain open communication lines with all elements of the community and inform community members about the educational needs of the District, the actions of the Board and the accomplishments of the District's educational program~~
- B. ~~Communicate to other Board members and the District Administrator expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.~~
- C. ~~Refer all public concerns and complaints through the proper channels in accordance with Board policy, and act on such matters at public meetings only when not resolved through administrative actions.~~

~~Board members should adhere to the high ethical standards and personal conduct expectations:~~

- A. ~~Model integrity in all matters, especially in the performance of duties and responsibilities as a Board member, by maintaining a high level of honesty, credibility and openness.~~
- B. ~~Make no personal promises nor take private action which may compromise the Board or administration.~~
- C. ~~Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, refrain from using the Board position for personal, family, partisan or associate gain, and adhere to all other ethical standards required by law.~~
- D. ~~Shall not discuss personnel matters or any confidential information at home, at work, in public, or with school personnel who are not authorized to have access to such information.~~

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#### 0144.5 - **BOARD MEMBER BEHAVIOR AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Board functions most effectively when individual Board members act ethically, professionally, and responsibly. School Board members serve as a member of the School District's governing body and do not have individual authority to represent a policy or enforce positions that are not supported by a majority of the Board as evidenced by official action of the Board (See Bylaw 0143 - Authority of Individual Board Members).

Board members accept responsibility for the well-being and positive leadership of the School District, for protecting the interests of the School District as a legal entity, and for facilitating governance for the purpose of delivering the highest quality educational and related services to all of the District's students. Conduct by Board members that compromises the legal position of the District should be avoided.

Any authority delegated to the Board President in this policy is automatically vested in the Board Vice President in the event that either the Board President is unavailable or the Board President is the Board member accused of violating this policy.

#### **General Expectations of All Board Members**

- A. Be familiar with and follow applicable local, State, and Federal laws and regulations.
- B. Be familiar with and comply with Board policies, including policies governing Board member conduct and ethics (~~see Bylaw 0144.2~~) and Board member ethics and conflicts of interest (see Bylaw 0144.3).
- C. Conduct themselves with integrity, honesty, and in a manner that reflects positively on the Board and on the District.
- D. Be accountable for guiding and supporting the policy decision-making process that impacts students, staff, and the community. The operation of the District is the responsibility of the administration.
- E. Establish and maintain a high level of honesty, credibility, and truthfulness in all matters dealt with by the Board.
- F. Treat others with respect and dignity at all times, and maintain decorum, and always communicate in a way that does not violate or illustrate disregard for Board policy concerning harassment or discrimination. This decency expectation applies in all communications, including while discussing sensitive, controversial, or matters involving disagreement.
- G. At all times conduct themselves in the best interest of the School District, including avoiding implicating the District in unlawful activity or supporting or encouraging efforts to harm the reputation, legal standing, or to bring other material harm to the interests of the District or the Board.
- H. Recognize that they should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings.
- I. Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment.

- J. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community.
- K. Work with the other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the District to the District Administrator.
- L. Communicate to other Board members and the District Administrator expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
- M. Inform themselves about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and the National School Boards Association.
- N. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
- O. Refrain from using their Board positions for personal partisan gain.
- P. Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law.
- Q. Remember always that their first and greatest concern must be for the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.
- R. No Board member shall act or fail to act in his/her position as a Board member in violation of 946.12, Wis. Stats., regarding misconduct in public office.

### **Board Member Communication**

Board members are expected to refrain from engaging in communication on behalf of the Board or on behalf of the District unless authorized to do so by majority vote of the Board (See Bylaw 0143.1).

Any Board member who chooses to engage in individual communication on matters related to Board and/or District business is expected to clearly identify whether the Board member is communicating in the following capacity:

- A. On behalf of the Board: normally, this is the function of the Board President or in the President's absence, the Vice President. The Board may by majority vote delegate this responsibility to another Board member in a specific circumstance. In every case, the Board Member communicating the Board's position shall do so as determined by the Board and avoiding individual interpretation or editorializing.
- B. As an individual Board member, but not on behalf of the Board: a Board member who speaks, including online, in social media forums, or in any other public forum, on matters related to Board and/or District business, but not as an officially designated spokesperson of the Board.

Board members who fail to adhere to this expectation, or who publicly communicate false or intentionally misleading information pertaining to Board action or District policy, will be asked to correct such communication in a way that is likely to reach the same audience as the false or misleading information. The Board President is authorized to communicate such requests to the pertinent Board member.

The Board President is authorized to issue public statements on behalf of the Board in the event a Board member expresses false or misleading information, or makes statements without properly identifying whether he or she is speaking as an individual Board member. The President's communication should be limited to correcting the false or misleading statement, clarifying that the Board member was not speaking on behalf of the Board, and providing information relative to Board action if any on the subject matter.

### **Board Member Interaction with Staff**

The general expectations of Board member decorum and civility apply to interactions with employees; however, because the Board is the employer of all District staff, this responsibility is appropriate for special reference. Each Board member is an individual with authority to bring matters to the Board and to influence matters related to staff. Therefore, it is imperative that Board members treat all employees with respect and as professionals. Board members are also required to comply with Board Policies governing employee anti-harassment, non-discrimination, and threatening behavior.



No Board member has inherent authority to require any staff member to respond to the Board member regarding a specific request for information, or to direct any staff member to perform or not perform any task, except as provided by Board policy or as directed by majority vote of the Board.

Board members access to and request for School District records and information is governed by Board Bylaw 0143.2.

### **Board Member Records and Confidentiality**

Board members are expected to maintain their own public records created on resources not controlled by and thus not maintained by the School District. Each Board member is an elected official responsible for preserving all public records he/she creates, and to comply with requests to inspect such records. The District has no obligation nor responsibility to assist any Board member in fulfilling this responsibility with respect to records that are not maintained by the District.

Board members are encouraged to review Board policy defining and explaining public records, their maintenance, and public access (See Board Policy 8310).

Board members are expected to maintain and protect the privacy of District records, including student records, and communications received in closed session meetings of the Board.

### **Enforcement**

Complaints alleging violations of the Board Member Code of Conduct may be brought by any person and can be submitted to the Board President or, if the Board President is the member accused of violating this policy, to the Vice President.

The President or Vice President shall review the complaint and determine whether he/she can investigate the matter or contact the School District's legal counsel for support. Upon completion of the investigation, if the conclusion reached is that the Board member violated the policy, the investigator shall brief the Board and may recommend action to be taken.

Board members are elected officials and therefore cannot be disciplined, prevented from participating in Board meetings, or removed from office by the Board. The Board may consider the following:

- A. Formal censure by resolution passed by a majority of the Board in an open session meeting of the Board.
- B. Removal from Board committee assignments for the remainder of the year and until the following organizational meeting of the Board, at which time the President is authorized to continue to withhold committee assignment. Approval of this sanction is an adopted exception to Bylaw 0155.
- C. Restriction on Board member rights granted by policy, including requesting items for a Board meeting agenda.
- D. Referral to proceed with efforts to remove the Board member from office for cause, which means inefficiency, neglect of duty, official misconduct, or malfeasance in office.
- E. Referral to law enforcement if any alleged misconduct constitutes potentially unlawful conduct.
- F. Other efforts to pursue compliance with and adherence to the policy as determined by the Board and not prohibited by law.

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~~0174.2~~ **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

~~The Board will also publish an annual school and School District performance report including all information prescribed by statute. By January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Board shall notify the parents of each student enrolled in the District of the right to request a school and School District performance report. Parents shall be notified that the performance report will be provided to the parent electronically unless the parent requests a written copy of the report. By May 1st, the Board shall distribute copies of the report to those who have requested the report including students enrolled in charter schools located in the District, that have requested the report.~~

~~The School and School District Performance Report will be posted on the District's website.~~

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### 1130 - **ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The proper performance of school business is dependent upon the maintenance of unusually high standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and professional conduct by Board members, and the District's administrative employees, officers, and agents, and is essential to the Board's commitment to earn and keep the public's confidence in the School District.

For these reasons, the Board adopts the following guidelines to that are designed to avoid the occurrence or appearance of any conflicts of interest. These guidelines apply to all administrative employees, officers, and agents, including members of the Board. These guidelines are not intended to be all inclusive, nor to substitute for good judgment on the part of all administrative employees, officers, and agents. Administrative employees are expected to perform their duties in an ethical manner and free from an actual conflict of interest or from situations that create the appearance of a conflict of interest, in a manner consistent with 19.59, Wis. Stats. The Board's interest in enforcing this policy is to assure that the decisions and actions of public employees retain the public's trust. Therefore, even a conflict relationship that can be viewed as beneficial to the District or that was intended to be beneficial to the District, may still be a violation of this policy.

- A. No administrative employee, officer, or agent shall engage in or have a personal or financial or other interest, directly or indirectly, in any activity that conflicts or raises a reasonable question of conflict with his/her duties and responsibilities in the school system. Specifically, administrative employees must perform their duties in a manner that does not violate criminal conflict of interest laws pursuant to 946.13, Wis. Stats. by having a private pecuniary interest in an amount that exceeds~~This includes not only those interests that violate state criminal law, which typically requires at least \$15,000 in financial interest,~~ but also lesser valued conflicts that nonetheless create the appearance of using one's public position to secure a private pecuniary interest and/or benefit.
- B. Administrative employees, officers, and agents shall not engage in business, private practice of their profession, the rendering of services, or anything of substantial value or the sale of goods of any type where advantage is taken of any professional relationship they may have with any employee, student, client, or parents of such students or clients in the course of their employment or professional relationship with the School District.

Included, by way of illustration rather than limitation are the following:

1. the provision of any private lessons or services for a fee, unless the provision of services is arranged outside of school and is separate from, and in addition to, regular support provided to students as part of the administrator's regular duties.
2. soliciting on school premises or under circumstances which are coercive for the private sale of goods or services to students or other employees
3. the use, sale, or improper divulging of any privileged information through his/her access to School District records, about a student or client, gained in the course of the administrative employee's, officer's or agent's employment or

professional relationship with the School District

4. the referral of any student or client for lessons or services to any private business or professional practitioner if there is any expectation of reciprocal referrals, sharing of fees, or other remuneration for such referrals
  5. the requirement of employees, students or clients to purchase any private goods or services provided by an administrative employee, officer or agent or any business or professional practitioner with whom any employee, officer or agent has a financial or other relationship, as a condition of receiving any grades, credits, promotions, approvals, or recommendations
- C. Should exceptions to this policy be necessary in order to provide mandatory services to students or clients of the School District, all such exceptions will be made known to the administrative employee's supervisor and will be disclosed to the District Administrator before entering into any private relationship.
- D. Administrative employees, officers, and agents shall not make use of materials, equipment, or facilities of the School District for their own personal financial gain or business interest. Examples would be the use of facilities before, during, or after regular business hours for service to private practice clients, or the checking out of items from an instructional materials center for private practice.
- E. Administrative employees, officers, and agents cannot participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal grant/award if s/he 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/her immediate family, his/her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties described in this section, has a financial or other interest in, or a tangible personal benefit from, a firm considered for a contract.

Administrative employees, officers, and agents may not solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts.

However, pursuant to Federal rules, the School District has set standards for when an administrative employee, officer or agent may accept a gift of an unsolicited item of nominal value. For purposes of this section, "nominal value" means that the gift has a monetary value of \$50.00 or less.

- F. Administrative employees, officers, and agents must disclose any potential conflict of interest which may lead to a violation of this policy to the School District. Upon discovery of any potential conflict of interest, the School District will disclose, in writing, the potential conflict of interest to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.

The District will also disclose, in a timely manner, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery or gratuity that affect a Federal award to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.

- G. Administrative employees, officers and agents found to be in violation of this conflict of interest policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

No administrative employee may accept or engage in any employment, consulting, advising, or other professional activity with any organization other than the District, whether the administrator will receive compensation for such outside activity or not, without first providing notice to the District Administrator, or in the case of the District Administrator, such notice must be provided to the Board.

In the event that, within the course of administering a Federally funded grant program or service to the District, an administrative employee identifies a conflict of interest, a potential conflict of interest, or that the appearance of a conflict of interest may arise in the course of administering the Federal grant funds, the administrative employee must immediately notify either the Federal agency administering the grant in a manner consistent with that particular agencies rules on conflict of interests, or the District employee directly responsible for grant compliance. Such notice shall be provided at the earliest possible time.

It is a violation of this policy to take action or to refrain from taking action, or for an administrative employee to otherwise use his/her public position to obtain a financial gain or anything of substantial value for himself/herself or his/her immediate family, as defined in 19.42(7), Wis. Stats.

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19.59, 19.42(7), 946.13, Wis. Stats.

2 C.F.R. 200.12, 2 C.F.R. 200.113, 2 C.F.R. 200.318

7 C.F.R. 3016.36(b)(3) and 7 C.F.R. 3019.42

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2700.01 - **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND STATE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARDS** ~~REPORTS~~

The Board believes that a vital component of the District’s educational programs is ensuring that parents and other individuals are informed of the performance of the schools and the School District. To this end, the Board has adopted this policy.

**State-School Performance Report (SPR)**

The Board will publish an annual school and school district performance report including all information prescribed by statute. By January 1st of each year, the Board shall notify the parents of each student enrolled in the District of the right to request a school and school district performance report. ~~(-) Parents shall be notified that the performance report will be provided to the parent electronically unless the parent requests a written copy of the report. [Note: End of Choice] By May 1st, the Board shall distribute copies of the report to those who have requested the report, including students enrolled in charter schools located in the District, that have requested the report.~~

~~(-)~~ Per the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the District shall ~~may~~ use links to the [WISEdash Public Portal](#) to meet the electronic State School Performance Report requirements.

~~[ ] The annual school and School District report shall be made available on the District's internet for public viewing.~~

~~The report shall generally include the following information, as required or modified by the State Superintendent:~~

- ~~A. indicators of academic achievement, including the performance of students on Statewide assessment examinations by subject area~~
- ~~B. dropout, attendance, retention in grade and graduation rates~~
- ~~C. number of suspensions and expulsions, the reasons for, and duration of, the suspensions and expulsions and the length of time students are expelled~~
- ~~D. staffing and financial data information~~
- ~~E. number and percentage of resident students attending a course in a nonresident district and the number and percentage of nonresident students attending a course in the district, and~~
- ~~F. method of reading instruction used in the District~~

**Title I Provisions of the School/District Accountability Performance Report Card**

In any year that the District receives Title I funding, its school/~~District accountability performance~~-report card(s) must also include the information regarding the delivery of Title I services as described in Policy 2261.03.

**State Accountability Report Card** ~~SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS~~

A copy of each school's accountability report card as prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction shall be provided to the parent of each student enrolled in or attending the school, ~~and the ranking levels for each school within the District shall be provided to all parents~~ on an annual basis. The report shall be sent simultaneously with the notice required in Policy 8146 - Notification of Educational Options.

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   20 U.S.C. 6311

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## 5112 - **ENTRANCE AGE**

The Board of Education shall establish student entrance age requirements that are consistent with Wisconsin Law and sound educational practice and that ensure equitable treatment.

### A. **Kindergarten**

1. A child is eligible for entrance into four-(4)-year-old kindergarten if s/he attains the age of four (4) on or before September 1st of the year in which s/he applies for entrance and meets the residency requirements.
2. A child is eligible for five-(5)-year-old kindergarten when s/he attains the age of five (5) on or before September 1st of the year in which s/he applies for entrance and meets residency requirements. The child may not be placed in an alternative program without permission of the parent.

### B. **First Grade**

A child must be six (6) years of age on or before September 1st in the year in which s/he enrolls. A student must have completed a kindergarten program or must receive a waiver of this requirement.

Any student who has not completed a five-(5)-year-old kindergarten program, but seeks to enroll into first grade must receive a waiver of the requirement. The following students are eligible to receive a waiver:

1. Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country where completion of a five-(5)-year-old kindergarten program is a prerequisite to enrollment in first grade and that student has received a waiver of the requirement in his or her prior state or country.
2. Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country that does not require the completion of five (5)-year old kindergarten prior to enrollment in first grade.
3. Any student who, at the discretion of the building principal, in consultation with the first grade teacher(s) of the District, determines that, notwithstanding that the student has not completed a five-(5)-year-old kindergarten program, the student has demonstrated sufficient aptitude in all core competencies normally required of kindergarten students in the District upon completion of the kindergarten program.

The Principal shall perform any required testing to establish the student's academic capabilities and shall prepare a written evaluation that either grants or denies the waiver and provides explanation as to the decision.



### C. Appeal of Denial of Waiver

The parents of any student denied a waiver under this section by the building principal may appeal that decision to the District Administrator by submitting a written request to the Administrator within ten (10) days of the decision of the principal.

The decision of the District Administrator is final.

### D. Initial Entry

Children entering the District for the first time must comply with State law. Students must have an immunization record on file at the school. Any student who does not have the proper immunization may be excluded or permitted to remain in school pursuant to Policy 5320 - Immunization.

~~A child may be exempt from the required immunizations upon written request of the parent of such child stating the objection to immunizations on religious grounds, personal conviction, or for medical reasons certified by a competent medical authority.~~

Any student and/or his/her parent(s) who enters the District for the first time must disclose prior or pending school expulsions at the time of enrollment.

### E. Verification of Residence

Verification of a parent's residence shall be required at the time the child registers in a District school. Verification of residence may also be required at any other time at the discretion of the District Administrator.

### F. Early Admission

The District shall prescribe procedures, conditions, and standards for early admission to four-year-old and five-year-old kindergarten and first grade.

### G. Older Students

A person who is a resident of the District and over twenty (20) years of age may enroll providing the District Administrator does not think his/her enrollment will interfere with the education of the other students.

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#### 0131.1 - **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

The Board shall adopt bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of this Board. Such policies are to include those needed to meet the education standards established by Wisconsin Statute. In the event of any conflict between these bylaws and policies and any applicable law or regulation, including temporary emergency orders or mandates, the legal authority shall prevail.

Bylaws and policies not dictated by the statutes or rules of the Department of Public Instruction or ordered by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a court of competent authority may be adopted, amended, and repealed at any meeting of the Board.

Adoption of new or revised policies, as well as the deletion of policies, is solely the responsibility of the Board. Recommendations for new or revised policies shall be brought to the Board for consideration at two (2) scheduled Board meetings. At the first meeting, the Board shall discuss the proposed policy and offer any suggested changes. At a subsequent meeting, the Board may vote on the adoption of the policy, including any amendments approved by the Board.

On matters of unusual urgency, and following a Board vote to waive the two (2) meeting process, a new proposed policy may be introduced and acted upon at the same meeting. Policy revisions that include only stylistic or minor content changes may be adopted at the same meeting initially presented.

[OPTION: CHOOSE IF TWO READINGS ARE REQUIRED, BUT AN EMERGENCY PROVISION IS ALSO DESIRED.]

[.] When compelling reasons exist for an immediate revision, the Board may adopt, amend, or suspend any bylaw or policy, provided the amendment, adoption, or suspension does not conflict with the law.

[.] Any such emergency resolution adopting, amending, or suspending a bylaw or policy under this provision shall expire automatically at the next public meeting of the Board unless the Board moves to adopt the resolution in final form at that subsequent meeting.

Bylaws and policies shall be adopted, amended, repealed, or suspended by a majority vote of the Board.

The Board may adopt, amend, or repeal rules of order for its own operation by simple resolution of the Board passed by a majority of those present and voting.

The adoption, modification, repeal, or suspension of a Board bylaw or policy shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board. All bylaws and policies shall be included in the Board policy manual.

#### Technical Corrections

The District Administrator is authorized to review and make technical corrections to policies that have already been adopted through normal rulemaking procedures. Technical corrections are those corrections to policy language or construction that do not reflect a policy decision or substantive consideration by the Board, such as correction of a typographical or grammatical error, inclusion or correction of a statutory citation, renumbering of sections, combining of policies, or similar actions. The District Administrator shall inform the Board of any such changes at the next regular Board meeting.

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## 2266 – **NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES**

### **Introduction**

The Board does not discriminate on the basis of sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), in its education programs or activities, and is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, and its implementing regulations, not to discriminate in such a manner. The requirement not to discriminate in its education program or activity extends to admission and employment. The Board is committed to maintaining an education and work environment that is free from discrimination based on sex, including sexual harassment.

The Board prohibits sexual harassment that occurs within its education programs and activities. When the District has actual knowledge of sexual harassment in its education program or activity against a person in the United States, it shall promptly respond in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent.

Pursuant to its Title IX obligations, the Board is committed to eliminating sexual harassment and will take appropriate action when an individual is determined responsible for violating this policy. Members of the School District community who commit Sexual Harassment are subject to the full range of disciplinary sanctions set forth in this policy. Third Parties who engage in sexual harassment are also subject to the disciplinary sanctions listed in this policy. The Board will provide persons who have experienced Sexual Harassment ongoing supportive measures as reasonably necessary to restore or preserve access to the District's education programs and activities.

### **Coverage**

This policy applies to sexual harassment that occurs within the District's education programs and activities and that is committed by a Board employee, student, third-party vendor or contractor, guest, or other members of the school community.

This policy does not apply to sexual harassment that occurs off school grounds, in a private setting, and outside the scope of the Board's education programs and activities; such sexual misconduct/sexual activity may be prohibited by the Student Code of Conduct if committed by a student, or by Board policies and administrative guidelines, applicable State and/or Federal laws and/or Employee Handbook(s) if committed by a Board employee.

Consistent with the U.S. Department of Education's implementing regulations for Title IX, this policy does not apply to sexual harassment that occurs outside the geographic boundaries of the United States, even if the sexual harassment occurs in the District's education programs or activities. Sexual harassment that occurs outside the geographic boundaries of the United States is governed by the Student Code of Conduct if committed by a student, or by other applicable Board policies and administrative guidelines, applicable State and/or Federal laws and/or Employee Handbook(s) if committed by a Board employee.

Complaints alleging sexual harassment and/or discrimination on the basis of sex are also covered by and subject to the investigation procedures in Board Policy 5517 - Student Anti-Harassment. Complaints not covered by this policy may still be governed by and subject to the procedures in Policy 5517 - Student Anti-Harassment.

### **Definitions**

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

**Sexual Harassment:** "Sexual Harassment" means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

- A. A Board employee conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the District on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct (often called "quid pro quo" harassment);
- B. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, **and** objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the District's education program or activity; or
- C. "Sexual assault" as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)A(v), or "dating violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(10), "domestic violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(8), or "stalking" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(30).

1. "Sexual assault" means any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent, and the "nonforcible" sex offenses of incest and statutory rape. Sexual assault includes rape, sodomy, sexual assault with an object, fondling, incest, and statutory rape.
  - a. Rape is the carnal knowledge of a person (i.e., penetration, no matter how slight, of the genital or anal opening of a person), without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity~~penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. Attempted rape is included.~~
  - b. Sodomy is oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
  - c. Sexual Assault with an Object is using an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. An "object" or "instrument" is anything used by the offender other than the offender's genitalia.
  - d. Fondling is the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
  - e. Incest is nonforcible (i.e. not able to give consent) sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by State law.
  - f. Statutory Rape is nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent as defined by Wis. Stat. §§ 948.02 or 948.09, or whose status as a student prohibits such sexual contact per Wis. Stat. §948.095.
  - g. Other Sexual Contact includes the intentional emission of bodily fluids on the complainant, or at the direction of the Respondent, for the purposes of sexual gratification as defined in Wis. Stat. § 940.225(5)(b).
  - h. Consent refers to words or actions that a reasonable person would understand as agreement to engage in the sexual conduct at issue. A person may be incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. A person who is incapacitated is not capable of giving consent.
  - i. Incapacitated refers to the state where a person does not understand and/or appreciate the nature or fact of sexual activity due to the effect of drugs or alcohol consumption, medical condition, disability, or due to a state of unconsciousness or sleep.
2. "Domestic violence" includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:

- a. A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
  - b. A person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
  - c. A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
  - d. A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime occurred; or
  - e. Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime occurred.
3. "Dating violence" means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
  4. "Stalking" means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to – 1) fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or 2) suffer substantial emotional distress.

**Complainant:** "Complainant" means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

**Respondent:** "Respondent" means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

**Formal Complaint:** "Formal complaint" means a document filed by a Complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a Respondent and requesting that the District investigate the allegation(s) of sexual harassment. At the time of filing a formal complaint with the District, a Complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the District's education program or activity. A "document filed by a complainant" means a document or electronic submission (such as by electronic mail or through an online portal that the Board provides for this purpose) that contains the Complainant's physical or digital signature, or otherwise indicates that the Complainant is the person filing the formal complaint. Where the Title IX Coordinator signs a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator is not a Complainant or a party to the formal complaint and must not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

**Actual Knowledge:** "Actual knowledge" means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the District's Title IX Coordinator, or any District official who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the Board, or any Board employee. The mere ability or obligation to report Sexual Harassment or to inform a student about how to report sexual harassment, or having been trained to do so, does not qualify an individual as one who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the District. "Notice" includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator. This standard is not met when the only District official with actual knowledge is the Respondent. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge.

**Supportive Measures:** "Supportive measures" means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the Complainant or the Respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the District's educational environment or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, school/campus escort services, mutual restrictions of contact between the parties, changes in work locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus (including school buildings and facilities), referral to Employee Assistance Program, and other similar measures.

**Education Program or Activity:** "Education program or activity" refers to all operations of the District over which the Board exercises substantial control, including in-person and online educational instruction, employment, extra-curricular activities, athletics, performances, and community engagement, and outreach programs. The term applies to all activity that occurs on school grounds or on other property owned or occupied by the Board. It also includes events and circumstances that take place off-school property/grounds if the Board exercises substantial control over both the Respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs.

**School District community:** "School District community" refers to students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and support staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties:** "Third Parties" include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

**Inculpatory Evidence:** "Inculpatory evidence" is evidence that tends to establish a Respondent's responsibility for alleged sexual harassment.

**Exculpatory Evidence:** "Exculpatory evidence" is evidence that tends to clear or excuse a Respondent from allegations of sexual harassment.

**Day(s):** Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the Board office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays),

**Eligible Student:** "Eligible student" means a student who has reached eighteen (18) years of age or is attending an institution of postsecondary education.

### **Title IX Coordinator(s)**

The Board designates and authorizes the following individual(s) to oversee and coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX and its implementing regulations:

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Manawa, WI 54949  
cobrien@manawaschools.org

Daniel Wolfgram  
Manawa Middle School/Little Wolf High School Principal  
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The Title IX Coordinator shall report directly to the District Administrator except when the District Administrator is a Respondent. In such matters, the Title IX Coordinator shall report directly to the Board President. Questions about this policy should be directed to the Title IX Coordinator.

The District Administrator shall notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of elementary and secondary school students, Board employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Board of the following information:

The Board of the School District of Manawa does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education program or activity and is required by Title IX and its implementing regulations not to discriminate in such a manner. The requirement not to discriminate in its education program or activity extends to admission and employment. The District's Title IX Coordinator(s) is/are:

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Any inquiries about the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations to the District may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator(s), the Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both.

The Board has adopted a grievance process and procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints alleging any action that is prohibited by Title IX and/or its implementing regulations. The grievance process and procedures are included in Policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, which is available at: <https://www.manawaschools.org/district/policies.cfm> The grievance process and procedures specifically address how to report or file a complaint of sex discrimination, how to report or file a formal complaint of Sexual Harassment, and how the District will respond.

The District Administrator shall also prominently display the Title IX Coordinator's(s') contact information – including Name(s) and/or Title(s), Phone Number(s), Office Address(es), and Email Address(es) – and this policy on the District's website and in each handbook or catalog that the Board makes available to applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of elementary and secondary school students, Board employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements.

### **Grievance Process**

The Board is committed to promptly and equitably resolving student and employee complaints alleging Sexual Harassment. The District's response to allegations of sexual harassment will treat Complainants and Respondents equitably, including providing supportive measures to the Complainant and Respondent, as appropriate, and following this grievance process before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions, other than supportive measures, against the Respondent.

The Title IX Coordinator(s), along with any investigator(s), decision-maker(s), or any person(s) designated to facilitate an informal resolution process, shall not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

If a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment is made against the Respondent, the Board will provide remedies to the Complainant. The remedies will be designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity. Potential remedies include, but are not limited to, individualized services that constitute supportive measures. Remedies may also be disciplinary or punitive in nature and may burden the Respondent.

The Process described herein relates exclusively to complaints brought under this Policy. The District will continue to handle complaints subject to the District's other nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policies, including: Policy 5517 - Student Anti-Harassment; Policy 5517.01 - Bullying; 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity; Policy 2260.01 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability.

### **Report of Sexual Discrimination/Harassment**

Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the Title IX Coordinator's(s') contact information listed above, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's oral or written report. Reports may be made at any time (including during non-business hours), by using the telephone number(s) or electronic mail address(es), or by mail to the office address(es), listed for the Title IX Coordinator(s).

Board employees are required, and other members of the School District community and Third Parties are encouraged, to report allegations of sex discrimination or sexual harassment promptly to the/a Title IX Coordinator or to any Board employee, who will, in turn, notify the/a Title IX Coordinator. Reports can be made orally or in writing and should be as specific as possible. The person making the report should, to the extent known, identify the alleged victim(s), perpetrator(s), and witness(es), and describe in detail what occurred, including date(s), time(s), and location(s).

If a report involves allegations of sexual harassment by or involving the Title IX Coordinator, the person making the report should submit it to the District Administrator, or another Board employee who, in turn, will notify the District Administrator of the report. The District Administrator will then serve in place of the Title IX Coordinator for purposes of addressing that report of sexual harassment.

The Board does business with various vendors, contractors, and other Third Parties who are not students or employees of the Board. Notwithstanding any rights that a given vendor, contractor, or Third-Party Respondent may have under this policy, the Board retains the right to limit any vendor's, contractor's, or Third Party's access to school grounds for any reason. The Board further retains all rights it enjoys by contract or law to terminate its relationship with any vendor, contractor, or Third-Party irrespective of any process or outcome under this policy.

A person may file criminal charges simultaneously with filing a formal complaint. A person does not need to wait until the Title IX investigation is completed before filing a criminal complaint. Likewise, questions or complaints relating to Title IX may be filed with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights at any time.



Any allegations of sexual misconduct/sexual activity not involving sexual harassment will be addressed through the procedures outlined in Board policies and/or administrative guidelines, the applicable Student Code of Conduct, or Employee Handbook(s).

Because the Board is considered to have actual knowledge of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment if any Board employee has such knowledge, and because the Board must take specific actions when it has notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment, a Board employee who has independent knowledge of or receives a report involving allegations of sex discrimination and/or sexual harassment must notify the/a Title IX Coordinator within two (2) days of learning the information or receiving the report. The Board employee must also comply with mandatory reporting responsibilities pursuant to Wis. Stat. 48.981 and Policy 8462 – Student Abuse and Neglect, if applicable. If the Board employee's knowledge is based on another individual bringing the information to the Board employee's attention and the reporting individual submitted a written complaint to the Board employee, the Board employee must provide the written complaint to the Title IX Coordinator.

If a Board employee fails to report an incident of sexual harassment of which the Board employee is aware, the Board employee may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

When a report of sexual harassment is made, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly (i.e., within two (2) days) of the Title IX Coordinator's receipt of the report of Sexual Harassment) contact the Complainant (including the parent/guardian if the Complainant is under eighteen (18) years of age or under guardianship) to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the Complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the Complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the Complainant the process for filing a formal complaint. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures. Any supportive measures provided to the Complainant or Respondent shall be maintained as confidential, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality will not impair the ability of the District to provide the supportive measures.

**Emergency Removal:** Subject to limitations and/or procedures imposed by State and/or Federal law, the District may remove a student Respondent from its education program or activity on an emergency basis after conducting an individualized safety and risk analysis. The purposes of the individualized safety and risk analysis is to determine whether the student Respondent poses an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of Sexual Harassment that justifies removal. If the District determines the student Respondent poses such a threat, it will so notify the student Respondent and the student Respondent will have an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. In determining whether to impose emergency removal measures, the Title IX Coordinator shall consult related District policies, including Policy 5120 - Assignment within District; Policy 5605 - Suspension/Expulsion of Students with Disabilities, Policy 5610 – Suspension and Expulsion, and Policy 5611 – Due Process Rights.

If the Respondent is a non-student employee, the District may place the Respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of the grievance process. Such leave will typically be paid leave unless circumstances justify unpaid leave in compliance with legal requirements.

For all other Respondents, including other members of the School District community and Third Parties, the Board retains broad discretion to prohibit such persons from entering onto its school grounds and other properties at any time and for any reason, whether after receiving a report of sexual harassment or otherwise.

### **Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment**

A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic mail, by using the contact information set forth above. If a formal complaint involves allegations of sexual harassment by or involving the Title IX Coordinator, the Complainant should submit the formal complaint to the District Administrator, who will designate another person to serve in place of the Title IX Coordinator for the limited purpose of implementing the grievance process with respect to that formal complaint.

The Complainant's wishes with respect to whether a formal complaint is filed will be respected unless the Title IX Coordinator determines that signing a formal complaint to initiate an investigation over the wishes of the complainant is not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

When the Title IX Coordinator receives a formal complaint or signs a formal complaint, the District will follow its grievance process and procedures, as set forth herein. Specifically, the District will undertake an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence – including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence – and provide that credibility determinations will not be based on a person's status as a Complainant, Respondent, or witness.

It is a violation of this policy for a Complainant(s), Respondent(s), and/or witness(es) to knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process, including intentionally making a false report of sexual harassment or submitting a false formal complaint. The Board will not tolerate such conduct, which is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and the Employee Handbook.

The Respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

### **Timeline**

The District will seek to conclude the grievance process within ninety (90) calendar days of receipt of the formal complaint, followed by the appeal process which shall be processed in a timely manner.

If the Title IX Coordinator offers informal resolution processes, the informal resolution processes may not be used by the Complainant or Respondent to unduly delay the investigation and determination of responsibility. The timeline, however, may be subject to a temporary delay of the grievance process or a limited extension for good cause with written notice to the Complainant and the Respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action, except that any complaint covered by Policy 5517 - Student Anti-Harassment as well must comply with the timelines in that Policy, however, an investigation may still proceed as required under this Policy. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; and the need for language assistance or an accommodation of disabilities.

Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will provide written notice of the following to the parties who are known:

- A. Notice of the Board's grievance process, including any informal resolution processes;
- B. Notice of the allegations of misconduct that potentially constitutes sexual harassment as defined in this policy, including sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview. Sufficient details include the identities of the parties involved in the incident if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known. The written notice must:
  1. Include a statement that the Respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility will be made at the conclusion of the grievance process;
  2. Inform the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and may inspect and review evidence.
  3. Inform the parties of any provision in the Student Code of Conduct, this policy, and/or Employee Handbook that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process.

If during the course of the investigation, the investigator becomes aware of allegations about the Complainant or Respondent that are not included in the original notice provided to the parties, the investigator will notify the Title IX Coordinator and the Title IX Coordinator will decide whether the investigator should investigate the additional allegations; if the Title IX Coordinator decides to include the new allegations as part of the investigation, the Title IX Coordinator will provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known.

### **Dismissal of a Formal Complaint**

The District shall investigate the allegations in a formal complaint unless the conduct alleged in the formal complaint:

- A. Would not constitute sexual harassment (as defined in this policy) even if proved;
- B. Did not occur in the District's education program or activity; or
- C. Did not occur against a person in the United States.

If one of the preceding circumstances exist, the Title IX Coordinator shall dismiss the formal complaint. If the Title IX Coordinator dismisses the formal complaint due to one of the preceding reasons, the District may still investigate and take action with respect to such alleged misconduct pursuant to another provision of an applicable code of conduct, Board policy, and/or Employee Handbook.

The Title IX Coordinator may dismiss a formal complaint, or any allegations therein, if at any time during the investigation :

- A. A Complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the Complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;

- B. The Respondent is no longer enrolled in the District or employed by the Board; or
- C. Specific circumstances prevent the District from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

If the Title IX Coordinator dismisses a formal complaint or allegations therein, the Title IX Coordinator must promptly send written notice of the dismissal and the reason(s) therefore simultaneously to the parties.

### **Consolidation of Formal Complaints**

The Title IX Coordinator may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one Respondent, or by more than one Complainant against one or more Respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances.

Where a grievance process involves more than one Complainant or more than one Respondent, references in this policy to the singular "party," "Complainant," or "Respondent" include the plural, as applicable.

### **Informal Resolution Process**

Under no circumstances shall a Complainant be required as a condition of enrollment or continuing enrollment, or employment or continuing employment, or enjoyment of any other right, to waive any right to an investigation and adjudication of a formal complaint of sexual harassment. Similarly, no party shall be required to participate in an informal resolution process.

If a formal complaint is filed, the Title IX Coordinator may offer to the parties an informal resolution process. If the Parties mutually agree to participate in the informal resolution process, the Title IX Coordinator shall designate a trained individual to facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication. The informal resolution process may be used at any time prior to the decision-maker(s) reaching a determination regarding responsibility.

If the Title IX Coordinator is going to propose an informal resolution process, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide to the parties a written notice disclosing:

- A. The allegations;
- B. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations; and
- C. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared.

Any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the Formal Complaint.

Before commencing the informal resolution process, the Title IX Coordinator shall obtain from the Parties their voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process.

During the pendency of the informal resolution process, the investigation and adjudication processes that would otherwise occur are stayed and all related deadlines are suspended.

The informal resolution process is not available to resolve allegations that a Board employee sexually harassed a student.

The informal resolution process is not available to resolve allegations involving a sexual assault involving a student Complainant and a student Respondent.

### **Investigation of a Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment**

In conducting the investigation of a formal complaint and throughout the grievance process, the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility is on the District, not the Parties.

In making the determination of responsibility, the decision-maker(s) is (are) directed to use the preponderance of the evidence standard. The decision-maker(s) is charged with considering the totality of all available evidence, from all relevant sources.

The District is not permitted to access, consider, disclose, or otherwise use a party's records that are made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional's or

paraprofessional's capacity or assisting in that capacity, and which are made and maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless the party provides the District with voluntary, written consent to do so; if a student party is not an eligible student, the District must obtain the voluntary, written consent of a parent.

Similarly, the investigator(s) and decision-maker(s) may not require, allow, rely upon or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitute, or seek disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege in writing.

As part of the investigation, the parties have the right to:

- A. Present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence; and
- B. Have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney. The District may not limit the choice or presence of an advisor for either the Complainant or Respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding.
- C. (.) The District establishes the following restrictions, which apply equally to both parties, regarding the extent to which an advisor may participate in the proceedings-:

**Limit the advisor from:**

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1. **questioning the other party,**
2. **answering questions on behalf of any party, and**
3. **disrupting the investigation process.**

Neither party shall be restricted in their ability to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence.

The District will provide to a party whose participation is invited or expected written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all investigative interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate. The investigator(s) and decision-maker(s) must provide a minimum of one (1) days' notice with respect to investigative interviews and other meetings.

Both parties shall have an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in the formal complaint, including the evidence upon which the District does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to the conclusion of the investigation.

Prior to completion of the investigative report, the Title IX Coordinator will send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy, and the parties will have at least ten (10) calendar days to submit a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the investigator shall create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and send the report to each party and the party's advisor, if any, for their review and written response. The investigator will send the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the decision-maker(s) issuing a determination regarding responsibility.

### **Determination of Responsibility**

The Title IX Coordinator shall appoint a decision-maker(s) to issue a determination of responsibility. The decision-maker(s) cannot be the same person(s) as the Title IX Coordinator(s) or the investigator(s).

After the investigator sends the investigative report to the parties and the decision-maker(s), and before the decision-maker(s) reaches a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker(s) will afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. The decision-maker(s) must explain to the party proposing the question of any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

Questions and evidence about the Complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the Complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the Respondent committed the conduct alleged by the Complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the Complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the Respondent and are offered to prove consent.

**Determination regarding responsibility:** The decision-maker(s) will issue a written determination regarding responsibility. To reach this determination, the decision-maker(s) must apply the preponderance of the evidence standard.

The written determination will include the following content:

- A. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment pursuant to this policy;
- B. A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, [and] methods used to gather other evidence;
- C. Findings of fact supporting the determination;
- D. Conclusions regarding the application of the applicable code of conduct to the facts;
- E. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the decision-maker(s) is recommending that the District impose on the Respondent(s) and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity should be provided by the District to the Complainant(s); and
- F. The procedures and permissible bases for the Complainant(s) and Respondent(s) to appeal.

Informal or formal disciplinary sanctions/consequences may be imposed on a student Respondent who is determined responsible for violating this policy (i.e., engaging in sexual harassment).

If the decision-maker(s) determines the student Respondent is responsible for violating this policy (i.e., engaging in Sexual Harassment), the decision-maker(s) will recommend appropriate remedies, including disciplinary sanctions/consequences. The Title IX Coordinator will notify the District Administrator of the recommended remedies, so an authorized administrator can consider the recommendation(s) and implement an appropriate remedy(ies) in compliance with Policy 5605 – Suspension/Expulsion of Students with Disabilities, Policy 5610 – Suspension and Expulsion, Policy 5610.01 – Alternative Expulsion Hearing Procedure, Policy 5610.02 – In-School Discipline, and Policy 5611 – Due Process Rights. The discipline of a student Respondent must comply with the applicable provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1972, and their respective implementing regulations.

Disciplinary sanctions/consequences may be imposed on an employee Respondent who is determined responsible for violating this policy including but not limited to (i.e., engaging in Sexual Harassment):

- A. oral or written warning;
- B. written reprimands;
- C. performance improvement plan;
- D. required counseling;
- E. required training or education;
- F. suspension with pay;
- G. suspension without pay;
- H. termination, and any other sanction authorized by any applicable Employee Handbook.

If the decision-maker(s) determines the employee Respondent is responsible for violating this policy (i.e., engaging in sexual harassment), the decision-maker(s) will recommend appropriate remedies, including disciplinary sanctions/consequences. The Title IX Coordinator will notify the District Administrator of the recommended remedies, so an authorized administrator can consider the recommendation(s) and implement an appropriate remedy(ies) in compliance with applicable due process procedures, whether statutory or contractual.

The discipline of an employee will be implemented in accordance with Federal and State law, and Board policy.

The following disciplinary sanctions/consequences may be imposed on a non-student/non-employee member of the School District

community or Third Party determined responsible for violating this policy (i.e., engaging in sexual harassment):

- A. oral or written warning;
- B. suspension or termination/ cancellation of the Board's contract with the third-party vendor or contractor;
- C. restriction/prohibition on the Third-Party's ability to be on school property; and
- D. any combination of the same.

If the decision-maker(s) determines the Third-Party Respondent is responsible for violating this policy (i.e., engaging in sexual harassment), the decision-maker(s) will recommend appropriate remedies, including the imposition of sanctions. The Title IX Coordinator will notify the District Administrator of the recommended remedies, so appropriate action can be taken.

The decision-maker(s) will provide the written determination to the Title IX Coordinator who will provide the written determination to the parties simultaneously.

In ultimately, imposing a disciplinary sanction/consequence, the District Administrator will consider the severity of the incident, previous disciplinary violations (if any), and any mitigating circumstances.

The District's resolution of a formal complaint ordinarily will not be impacted by the fact that criminal charges involving the same incident have been filed or that charges have been dismissed or reduced.

At any point in the grievance process and procedures, the District Administrator may involve local law enforcement and/or file criminal charges related to allegations of sexual harassment that involve a sexual assault.

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for the effective implementation of any remedies.

### **Appeal**

Both parties have the right to file an appeal from a determination regarding responsibility or from the Title IX Coordinator's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, on the following bases:

- A. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter (e.g., material deviation from established procedures);
- B. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and
- C. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or the individual Complainant(s) or Respondent(s) that affected the outcome of the matter.

The Complainant(s) may not challenge the ultimate disciplinary sanction/consequence that is imposed.

Any party wishing to appeal the decision-maker(s)'s determination of responsibility, or the Title IX Coordinator's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, must submit a written appeal to the Title IX Coordinator within five (5) days after receipt of the decision-maker(s)'s determination of responsibility or the Title IX Coordinator's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein.

Nothing herein shall prevent the District Administrator (or the Board when the District Administrator is the Respondent) from implementing appropriate remedies, excluding disciplinary sanctions, while the appeal is pending. ~~from imposing any remedy, including disciplinary sanction, while the appeal is pending.~~

As to all appeals, the Title IX Coordinator will notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties.

The decision-maker(s) for the appeal shall not be the same person(s) as the decision-maker(s) that reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator(s). The decision-maker(s) for the appeal shall not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or an individual Complainant(s) or Respondent(s) and shall receive the same training as required of other decision-makers.

Both parties shall have a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome.

The parties' written statements in support of, or challenging, the determination of responsibility must be submitted within five (5) days after the Title IX Coordinator provides notice to the non-appealing party of the appeal.

The decision-maker(s) for the appeal shall issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result. The original decision-maker's(s') determination of responsibility will stand if the appeal request is not filed in a timely manner or the appealing party fails to show clear error and/or a compelling rationale for overturning or modifying the original determination. The written decision will be provided to the Title IX Coordinator who will provide it simultaneously to both parties. The written decision will be issued within five (5) days of when the parties' written statements were submitted.

The determination of responsibility associated with a formal complaint, including any recommendations for remedies/disciplinary sanctions, becomes final when the time for filing an appeal has passed or, if an appeal is filed, at the point when the decision-maker(s) for the appeal's decision is delivered to the Complainant and the Respondent. No further review beyond the appeal is permitted.

### **Retaliation**

Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, its implementing regulations, or this policy, or because the individual made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. Intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination, including charges against an individual for code of conduct violations that do not involve sex discrimination or sexual harassment, but arise out of the same facts or circumstances as a report or complaint of sex discrimination, or a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment, for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, its implementing regulations, or this policy, constitutes retaliation. Retaliation against a person for making a report of sexual harassment, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation is a serious violation of this policy that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the grievance procedures set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding under this policy shall not constitute retaliation, provided, however, that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a materially false statement in bad faith.

### **Confidentiality**

The District will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any Complainant, any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination, any Respondent, and any witness, except as may be permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, or FERPA's regulations, and State law under Wis. Stat. § 118.12, 34 C.F.R. part 99, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of 34 C.F.R. part 106, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder (i.e., the District's obligation to maintain confidentiality shall not impair or otherwise affect the Complainant's and Respondent's receipt of the information to which they are entitled with respect to the investigative record and determination of responsibility).

### **Application of the First Amendment**

The Board will construe and apply this policy consistent with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. In no case will a Respondent be found to have committed Sexual Harassment based on expressive conduct that is protected by the First Amendment.

### **Training**

The District's Title IX Coordinator, along with any investigator(s), decision-maker(s), or person(s) designated to facilitate an informal resolution process, must receive training on:

- A. The definition of sexual harassment (as that term is used in this policy);
- B. The scope of the District's education program or activity;
- C. How to conduct an investigation and implement the grievance process appeals and informal resolution processes, as applicable; and
- D. How to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interests, and bias.

All Board employees will be trained concerning their legal obligation to report sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator. This training will include practical information about how to identify and report sexual harassment.

### **Recordkeeping**

As part of its response to alleged violations of this policy, the District shall create, and maintain for a period of seven (7) calendar years, records of any actions, including any supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment. In each instance, the District shall document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity. If the District does not provide a Complainant with supportive measures, then the District will document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. The documentation of certain bases or measures does not limit the District in the future from providing additional explanations or detailing additional measures taken.

The District shall maintain for a period of seven (7) calendar years the following records pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.21(6):

- A. Each sexual harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility any disciplinary sanctions recommended and/or imposed on the Respondent(s), and any remedies provided to the Complainant(s) designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity;
- B. Any appeal and the result therefrom;
- C. Any informal resolution and the result therefrom; and
- D. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process.

The District will make its training materials publicly available on its website.

### **Outside Appointments, Dual Appointments, and Delegations**

The Board retains the discretion to appoint suitably qualified persons who are not Board employees to fulfill any function of the Board under this policy, including, but not limited to, Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, decision-maker for appeals, facilitator of informal resolution processes, and advisor.

The Board also retains the discretion to appoint two (2) or more persons to jointly fulfill the role of Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, decision-maker for appeals, facilitator of informal resolution processes, and advisor.

The District Administrator may delegate functions assigned to a specific Board employee under this policy, including but not limited to the functions assigned to the Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, decision-maker for appeals, facilitator of informal resolution processes, and advisor, to any suitably qualified individual and such delegation, may be rescinded by the District Administrator at any time.

### **Discretion in Application**

The Board retains the discretion to interpret and apply this policy in a manner that is not clearly unreasonable, even if the Board's interpretation or application differs from the interpretation of any specific Complainant and/or Respondent.

Despite the Board's reasonable efforts to anticipate all eventualities in drafting this policy, it is possible unanticipated or extraordinary circumstances may not be specifically or reasonably addressed by the express policy language, in which case the Board retains the discretion to respond to the unanticipated or extraordinary circumstance in a way that is not clearly unreasonable.

The provisions of this policy are not contractual in nature, whether in their own right or as part of any other express or implied contract. Accordingly, the Board retains the discretion to revise this policy at any time, and for any reason. The Board may apply policy revisions to an active case provided that doing so is not clearly unreasonable.

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- 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX)
- 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEIA)
- 42 U.S.C. 2000c et seq., Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.
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- 42 U.S.C. 1983
- 34 C.F.R. Part 106
- 19.21(6), Wis. Stats.
- 118.25, Wis. Stats.
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- 948.02, Wis. Stats.
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## 5517 - STUDENT ANTI-HARASSMENT

### Prohibited Harassment

It is the policy of the Board to maintain an educational environment that is free from all forms of harassment, ~~including sexual harassment~~. This commitment applies to all District operations, programs, and activities. All students, administrators, teachers, staff, and all other school personnel share responsibility for avoiding, discouraging, and reporting any form of harassment. This policy applies to conduct occurring in any manner or setting over which the Board can exercise control, including on school property, or at another location if such conduct occurs during an activity sponsored by the Board.

The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate actions to eliminate it, including suspension or expulsion of students and disciplinary action against any other individual in the School District community. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our students.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against harassment based on the traits of sex (including ~~trans~~gender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or State civil rights laws (hereinafter referred to as "Protected Classes"), and encourages those within the School District community as well as ~~I~~third ~~P~~parties, who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify such problems. Additionally, the Board prohibits harassing behavior directed at students for any reason, even if not based on one of the Protected Classes, through its policies on bullying (See Policy 5517.01 – Bullying).

Harassment may occur student-to-student, student-to-staff, staff-to-student, male-to-female, female-to-male, male-to-male, or female-to-female. The Board will investigate all allegations of harassment and in those cases where harassment is substantiated, the Board will take immediate steps designed to end the harassment, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects. Individuals who are found to have engaged in harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

~~For purposes of this policy, "School District community" means individuals students, administrators, teachers, staff, and as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.~~

~~For purposes of this policy, "third parties" include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams parent), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school related events/activities (whether on or off District property).~~

### Other Violations of the Anti-Harassment Policy

The Board will also take immediate steps to impose disciplinary action on individuals engaging in any of the following prohibited acts:

- A. Retaliating against a person who has made a report or filed a complaint alleging harassment, or who has participated as a witness in a harassment investigation;
- B. Filing a malicious or knowingly false report or complaint of harassment;
- C. Disregarding, failing to investigate adequately, or delaying investigation of allegations of harassment, when responsibility for reporting and/or investigating harassment charges comprises part of one's ~~supervisory~~ duties

Sexual Harassment covered by Policy 2266/AG 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, i.e., sexual harassment prohibited by Title IX, is not included in this policy. Allegations of such conduct shall be addressed solely by Policy 2266/AG 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.

### **Notice**

Notice of the Board's policy on anti-harassment in the educational environment and the identity of the District's Compliance Officers will be posted throughout the District and published in any District statement regarding the availability of employment, staff handbooks, and general information publications of the District as required by Federal and State law and this policy.

### **Definitions**

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

**Complainant** is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to harassment, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**Day(s):** Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

**Respondent** is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in harassment, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**School District community** means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and classified staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties** include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

### **Bullying**

Bullying is prohibited by Board Policy 5517.01 – Bullying. It is defined as deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions, intended to cause fear, intimidation, or harm. Bullying may be a repeated behavior and involves an imbalance of power. Furthermore, it may be serious enough to negatively impact a student's educational, physical, or emotional well-being. Bullying need not be based on any Protected Class. Bullying behavior rises to the level of harassment when the prohibited conduct is based upon the student's sex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or State civil rights. Complaints brought under this policy that are more appropriately handled under the Bullying policy shall be referred for investigation consistent with the procedures in that policy.

Bullying that rises to the level of Sexual Harassment is covered by Policy 2266/AG 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, i.e., sexual harassment prohibited by Title IX, and is not included in this policy. Allegations of such conduct shall be addressed solely by Policy 2266/AG 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.

### **Harassment**

Harassment means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student based on one or more of the student's Protected Class that:

- A. places a student in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property;

- B. has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits; or
- C. has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.

"Harassment" also includes "hate speech"—the use of language, behavior, or images/symbols that express prejudice against a particular group or groups on the basis of any protected characteristic(s).

Examples are:

- A. making statements that promote violence toward a racial or ethnic group;
- B. drawing, displaying, or posting images or symbols of prejudice (e.g., swastikas).

## **Sexual Harassment**

For purposes of this policy and consistent with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, "Sexual harassment" is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

- A. submission to that conduct or communication is made a term or condition, either explicitly or implicitly, of access to educational opportunities or program;
- B. submission or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's education;
- C. that conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's education, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.

Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of any ~~either~~ gender against a person of the same or another ~~opposite~~ gender.

Prohibited acts that constitute sexual harassment under this policy may take a variety of forms. Examples of the kinds of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- A. unwelcome verbal harassment or abuse;
- B. unwelcome pressure for sexual activity;
- C. threats or insinuations that a person's employment, wages, academic grade, promotion, classroom work or assignments, academic status, participation in athletics or extra-curricular programs, activities, or events, or other conditions of employment or education may be adversely affected by not submitting to sexual advances;
- D. unwelcome verbal expressions, including graphic sexual commentaries about a person's body, dress, appearance, or sexual activities; the unwelcome use of sexually degrading language, profanity, jokes or innuendoes; unwelcome suggestive or insulting sounds or whistles; obscene telephone calls and obscene gestures;
- E. Sexually suggestive objects, pictures, graffiti, videos, posters, audio recordings or literature, placed in the work or educational environment, that may reasonably embarrass or offend individuals;
- F. unwelcome, sexually motivated or inappropriate patting, pinching, or physical contact, other than necessary restraint of students by teachers, administrators, or other school personnel to avoid physical harm to persons or property;
- G. unwelcome sexual behavior or words including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's educational status;
- H. unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's educational status;
- I. unwelcome behavior or words directed at an individual because of gender;

Examples are:

1. repeatedly asking a person for dates or sexual behavior after the person has indicated no interest;
  2. rating a person's sexuality or attractiveness;
  3. staring or leering at various parts of another person's body;
  4. spreading rumors about a person's sexuality;
  5. letters, notes, telephone calls, or materials of a sexual nature;
  6. displaying pictures, calendars, cartoons, or other materials with sexual content.
- J. inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the District community into a student's personal space and personal life;:-

Boundary invasions may be appropriate or inappropriate. Appropriate boundary invasions make medical or educational sense. For example, a teacher or aide assisting a kindergartner after a toileting accident or a coach touching a student during wrestling or football can be appropriate. However other behaviors might be going too far, are inappropriate and may be signs of sexual grooming.

Inappropriate boundary invasions may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. hugging, kissing, or other physical contacts with a student;
2. telling sexual jokes to students;
3. engaging in talk containing sexual innuendo or banter with students;
4. talking about sexual topics that are not related to the curriculum;
5. showing pornography to a student;
6. taking an undue interest in a student (i.e. having a "special friend" or a "special relationship");
7. initiating or extending contact with students beyond the school day for personal purposes;
8. using e-mail, text messaging or websites to discuss personal topics or interests with students;
9. giving students rides in the staff member's personal vehicle or taking students on personal outings without administrative approval;
10. invading a student's privacy (e.g. walking in on the student in the bathroom, locker-room, asking about bra sizes or previous sexual experiences);
11. going to a student's home for non-educational purposes;
12. inviting students to the staff member's home without proper chaperones (i.e. another staff member or parent of a student);
13. giving gifts or money to a student for no legitimate educational purpose;
14. accepting gifts or money from a student for no legitimate educational purpose;
15. being overly "touchy" with students;
16. favoring certain students by inviting them to come to the classroom at non-class times;
17. getting a student out of class to visit with the staff member;
18. providing advice to or counseling a student regarding a personal problem (i.e. problems related to sexual behavior, substance abuse, mental or physical health, and/or family relationships, etc.), unless properly licensed and authorized

to do so;

19. talking to a student about problems that would normally be discussed with adults (i.e. marital issues);
20. being alone with a student behind closed doors without a legitimate educational purpose;
21. telling a student "secrets" and having "secrets" with a student;
22. other similar activities or behavior.

Inappropriate boundary invasions are prohibited and must be reported promptly to one of the District Compliance Officers, as designated in this policy, the Building Principal or the District Administrator.

- H. ~~remarks speculating about a person's sexual activities or sexual history, or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history; and~~
- I. verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex-stereotyping that does not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

It is further the policy of the Board that a sexual relationship between staff and students is not permissible in any form or under any circumstances, in or out of the workplace, in that it interferes with the educational process and may involve elements of coercion by reason of the relative status of a staff member to a student.

Not all behavior with sexual connotations constitutes sexual harassment. Sex-based or gender-based conduct must be sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent such that it adversely affects, limits, or denies an individual's education, or such that it creates a hostile or abusive educational environment, or such that it is intended to, or has the effect of, denying or limiting a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the educational program or activities.

### **Race/Color Harassment**

Prohibited racial harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's race or color and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of: interfering with the individual's educational performance; ~~of~~ creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment; or ~~of~~ interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's race or color, such as racial slurs, nicknames implying stereotypes, epithets, and/or negative references regarding~~relative to~~ racial customs.

### **Religious (Creed) Harassment**

Prohibited religious harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's religion or creed and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of: interfering with the individual's work or educational performance; ~~of~~ creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment; or ~~of~~ interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's religious tradition, clothing, or surnames, and/or involves religious slurs.

### **National Origin/Ancestry Harassment**

Prohibited national origin/ancestry harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's national origin or ancestry and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of: interfering with the individual's educational performance; ~~of~~ creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working and/or learning environment; or ~~of~~ interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's national origin or ancestry, such as negative comments regarding customs, manner of speaking, language, surnames, or ethnic slurs.

### **Disability Harassment**

Prohibited disability harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's physical, mental, emotional or learning disability and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of: interfering with the individual's educational performance; ~~of~~ creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment; or ~~of~~ interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's disability~~disabling condition~~, such as negative comments about speech patterns, movement, physical impairments or defects/appearances, or the like.

### **Anti-Harassment Compliance Officers**

The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District's Compliance Officers (also known as "Anti-Harassment Compliance Officers"; hereinafter referred to as the "COs").

Carmen O'Brien  
 Business Manager  
 School District of Manawa  
 800 Beech Street  
 Manawa, WI 54949  
 920-596-5840  
 cobrien@manawaschools.org

Daniel Wolfgram  
 High School/Middle School Principal  
 800 Beech Street  
 Manawa, WI 54949  
 920-596-5310  
 dwolfgram@manawaschools.org

The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually in the student handbooks and on the School District's web site.

The Compliance Officer(s) are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding harassment.

### **Reports and Complaints of Harassing Conduct**~~Reporting Procedures~~

~~Students and all other members of the School District community, as well as third parties, are encouraged to promptly report incidents of harassing conduct to a teacher, administrator, supervisor, or District employee or official so that the Board may address the conduct before it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent. Any teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee or official who receives such a complaint shall file it with the District's Anti-Harassment Compliance Officer at his/her first opportunity.~~

~~Students who believe they have been subjected to harassment are entitled to utilize the Board's complaint process that is set forth below. Initiating a complaint will not adversely affect the complaining individual's participation in educational or extra-curricular programs unless the complaining individual makes the complaint maliciously or with the knowledge that it is false.~~

~~If, during an investigation of a reported act of bullying in accordance with Policy 5517.01 — Bullying, the principal determines that the reported misconduct may have created a hostile learning environment and may have constituted harassment based on sex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or State civil rights laws, the principal will report the act of bullying to one of the Compliance Officers who shall assume responsibility to investigate the allegation in accordance with this policy.~~

Reporting procedures are as follows:

- A. Any student who believes s/he has been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy will be encouraged to report the alleged harassment to any District employee, such as a teacher, administrator or other employees.
- B. Any parent of a student who believes the student has been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy is encouraged to report the alleged harassment to the student's teacher, building administrator or District Administrator.
- C. Teachers, administrators, and other school officials who have the knowledge or received notice that a student has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy shall immediately report the alleged harassment to the Compliance Officer and the building principal or District Administrator.
- D. Any other person with knowledge or belief that a student has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited by this policy shall be encouraged to immediately report the alleged acts to any District employee, such as a teacher, administrator or other employees.
- E. The reporting party or Complainant shall be encouraged to use a report form available from the principal of each building or available from the District office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Use of formal reporting forms shall not be mandated. However, all oral complaints shall be reduced to writing.

- F. To provide individuals with options for reporting harassment to an individual of the gender with which they feel most comfortable, each school's building principal shall be advised to designate both a male and a female Compliance Officer for receiving reports of harassment prohibited by this policy. At least one (1) Compliance Officer or other individuals shall be available outside regular school hours to address complaints of harassment that may require immediate attention.

A CO will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to harassment, to assist students, other members of the School District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct, or to intercede informally on behalf of the student.

Any Board employee who directly observes harassment of a student is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to one of the COs within two (2) ~~business~~ days. Thereafter, the COs must contact the ~~Complainant~~ student, if over age eighteen (18) or the ~~Complainant's~~ student's parents/guardians if under the age eighteen (18), within two (2) ~~business~~ days to advise ~~s/he/them~~ of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged misconduct, including the obligation of the compliance officer to conduct an investigation following all the procedures outlined in the complaint procedures.

The COs are assigned to accept complaints of harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a ~~Third Party~~ visitor to the District, or to receive complaints that are initially filed with a school building administrator. Upon receipt of a complaint, either directly or through a school building administrator, a CO will ~~contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal process (depending on the request of the Complainant or the nature of the alleged harassment), review and investigation or the District Administrator will designate a specific individual to conduct the process necessary for an informal or formal investigation. or the CO will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process.~~ The Compliance Officer(s) will provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and Respondent. The CO will prepare recommendations for the District Administrator or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All ~~Board employees~~ members of the School District community must report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the Compliance Officer as soon as possible, but always within no more than two (2) ~~calendar~~ days of learning of the incident.

## Investigation and Complaint Procedure

~~Except for Sexual Harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities, a~~ Any student who believes that ~~they have~~ ~~he has~~ been subjected to harassment may seek resolution of ~~the his/her~~ complaint through the procedures described below. ~~The formal complaint process involves an investigation of the Complainant's claims of harassment or retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated. Further, a process for investigating claims of harassment and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the claim of harassment was substantiated are set forth below.~~

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of harassment, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. Once the complaint process is begun, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the complaint being received).

~~The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of a student to pursue a complaint of harassment or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights ("OCR") and/or the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division. The Chicago Office of the OCR can be reached at John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn Street, 37th Floor Chicago, IL 60604; Telephone: 312-730-1560; FAX: 312-730-1576; TDD: 800-877-8339; Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov; Web: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.~~

If at any time during the investigation process the investigator determines that the complaint is properly defined as Bullying, under Policy 5517.01 - Bullying and not Harassment under this Policy, because the conduct at issue is not based on a student's Protected Characteristics, the investigator shall transfer the investigation to the appropriate building principal.

## Complaint Procedure

~~A Complainant~~ A student who believes ~~s/he has been subjected to harassment hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant"~~ may file a complaint, either orally or in writing with a teacher, principal, or other District employee at the student's school, the CO, District Administrator, or other District ~~official~~ employee who works at another school or at the District level. Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of harassment, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a Complainant informs a teacher, principal, or other District ~~official~~ employee at the student's school, the CO, District Administrator, or other District employee, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of harassment, that employee must report such information to the CO within two (2) ~~business~~ days.

Throughout the course of the process ~~as described herein~~, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.



All complaints must include the following information to the extent ~~known~~it is available: the identity of the Respondent individual believed to have engaged in, or to be actively engaging in, harassment; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); and a list of potential witnesses.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the Compliance Officer shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further harassment or retaliation including but not limited to a change of class schedule for the Complainant or the Respondent alleged harasser, or possibly a change of school for either or both of the parties. In making such a determination, the Compliance Officer should consult the ( ) Principal ( ) District Administrator **[END OF OPTION]** prior to any action being taken. The Complainant should be notified of any proposed action prior to such action being taken.

As soon as appropriate in the investigation process, the CO will inform the Respondent individual alleged to have engaged in the harassing conduct, hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent", that a complaint has been received. The Respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations and a copy of any relevant policies and/or these administrative procedures and the Board's anti-harassment policy shall be provided to the Respondent at that time. The Respondent must also be provided an opportunity to respond to the complaint.

Within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate an investigation by at a minimum confirming receipt of the complaint with the complainant and informing the complainant of the investigation process.

Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment within thirty fifteen (15/30) days of receiving the formal complaint.

~~Within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint, the CO will initiate a formal investigation to determine whether the Complainant has been subject to offensive conduct/harassment. A principal will not conduct an investigation unless directed to do so by the Compliance Officer.~~

~~Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO or designee Compliance Officer will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment based on a Protected Class or retaliation within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the formal complaint.~~

The investigation will include:

- A. interview(s) with the Complainant;
- B. interview(s) with the Respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who ~~may~~ reasonably may be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;
- D. consideration of any documentation or other evidence presented by the Complainant, Respondent, or any other witness which is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator which summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of harassment as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent engaged in harassment/retaliation of the Complainant~~Complainant has been subject to harassment~~. In determining if harassment occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, if the matter involves the District Administrator, engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within ten (10) ~~business~~ days of receiving the report of the CO, the District Administrator ~~must~~ either must issue a final decision regarding whether or not the complaint of harassment has been substantiated or request further investigation. A copy of the District Administrator's written final decision will be delivered to both the Complainant and the Respondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within ten (10) ~~business~~ days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above.

The decision of the District Administrator shall be final. If the Complainant feels that the decision does not adequately address the complaint s/he may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by submitting a written request to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction ("DPI"), Pupil Nondiscrimination Program, or by contacting the DPI Pupil Nondiscrimination Program at (608) 267-9157.

If the decision of the District Administrator is that there is no finding of harassment pursuant to this policy, the student/parent will be informed of the provisions of Policy 5517.01 - Bullying.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of harassment regardless of whether the member of the School District community or ~~Third Party~~~~third party~~ alleging the harassment pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint process is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

### **Additional School District Action**

If the evidence suggests that the harassment at issue is a crime or requires mandatory reporting under the Children's Code (Sec. 48.981, Wis. Stat.), the CO or District Administrator shall report the harassment to the appropriate social service and/or law enforcement agency charged with responsibility for handling such investigations and crimes.

Any reports made to the local child protection service or to local law enforcement shall not terminate the CO's obligation and responsibility to continue to investigate a complaint of harassment. While the COs may work cooperatively with outside agencies to conduct concurrent investigations, in no event shall the harassment investigation be inhibited by the involvement of outside agencies without good cause after consultation with the District Administrator.

### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The District will make all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant and the Respondent. The District will respect the privacy of the Complainant, the Respondent, and all witnesses in a manner consistent with the District's legal obligations under State and Federal law. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, however. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity. ~~All Complainants proceeding through the investigation process should be advised that as a result of the investigation, the Respondent may become aware of the Complainant's identity.~~

During the course of an investigation, the CO will instruct all members of the School District community and third parties who are interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of a harassment investigation is expected not to disclose any information that is learned or provided~~s/he learns or that s/he provides~~ during the course of the investigation.

### **Remedial Action ~~Sanctions~~ and Monitoring**

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken because of the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be a District employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

### Sanctions and Disciplinary Action

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further misconduct~~such harassment~~.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable law.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the ~~age~~ages and maturity ~~level~~levels of ~~any student~~those involved. In those cases where harassment is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior ~~disciplinary~~remedial action has been taken against ~~the Respondent~~a member of the ~~School District community~~, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects.

### **Retaliation**

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging harassment/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

### **Reprisal**

Submission of a good faith complaint or report of harassment will not affect the Complainant's status or educational environment. However, the Board also recognizes that false or fraudulent claims of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such claims may be filed. The Board reserves the right to discipline any person filing a false or fraudulent claim of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such a claim.

The District will discipline or take appropriate action against any member of the School District community who retaliates against any person who reports an incident of harassment prohibited by this policy or participates in a proceeding, investigation, or hearing relating to such harassment. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.

### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of discriminatory practices. The District Administrator will develop a method of discussing this policy with the School District community. Training on the requirements of non-discrimination and the appropriate responses to issues of harassment will be provided to the School District community at such times as the Board in consultation with the District Administrator determines is necessary or appropriate.

This policy shall be reviewed at least annually for compliance with local, State, and Federal law.

The District shall conspicuously post a notice including this policy against harassment in each school in a place accessible to the School District community and members of the public. This notice shall also include the name, mailing address and telephone number of the Compliance Officers, the name, mailing address and telephone number of the State agency responsible for investigating allegations of discrimination in educational opportunities, and the mailing address and telephone number of the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

A summary of this policy shall appear in the student handbook and shall be made available upon request of parents, students, and other interested parties.

### **Retention of ~~Public Records, Student Records, and~~ Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all information, documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and received as part of an investigation including but not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/statements;

- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and statements collected;
  - C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
  - D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;
  - E. narratives of, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness statements;
  - F. all documentary evidence;
  - G. e-mails, texts, or social media posts pertaining to the investigation;
  - H. contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
  - I. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
  - J. dated written determinations to the parties;
  - K. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
  - L. written documentation of any supportive interim measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and/or the Respondent/Complainants, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt; and
  - M. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects.
  - N. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Code of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
  - O. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
  - P. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy; **[REMINDER: Documentation of training should be maintained regardless of whether there is an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy. It is best practice to maintain a log of all staff members who participate in a training, along with the date, time and location of the training, and a copy of the materials reviewed and/or presented during the training.]**
- It is suggested the following records also be maintained, as appropriate.**
- Q. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
  - R. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
  - S. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview or hearing;
  - T. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The information, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The information, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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- 48.981, Wis. Stats.
- 118.13, Wis. Stats.
- P.I. 9, Wis. Admin. Code
- P.I. 41 Wis. Admin. Code
- 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004, as amended (IDEA)
- 29 U.S.C. 794, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
- 42 U.S.C. 1983
- 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
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#### 2430 - **DISTRICT-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Board believes that the goals and objectives of this District are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, including those that are not conducted in a regular classroom but are directly related to the curriculum.

The purpose of curricular-related activities shall be to enable students to explore a wider range of individual interests than may be available in the District's courses of study but are still directly related to accomplishing the educational outcomes for students as adopted by the Board in Policy 2131. The Board encourages all students, including those students in elementary and middle school grades, to participate in such opportunities. In implementing this policy, the District Administrator shall take steps to make such opportunities accessible to all students.

For purposes of this policy, curricular-related activities are defined as those activities in which:

- A. the subject matter is actually taught or will be taught in a regularly offered course;
- B. the subject matter concerns the District's composite courses of study;
- C. participation is required for a particular course;
- D. participation results in academic credit.

No curricular-related activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board unless it meets one or more of the criteria stated above and has been approved by the District Administrator.

Such activities, along with extra-curricular activities (not directly related to courses of study), may be conducted on-or-off-school premises by clubs, associations, and organizations of students sponsored by the Board and directed by a staff advisor.

Non-curricular, student activities that are initiated by parents or other members of the community may be allowed under the provisions of Policy 7510 - Use of District Facilities. The Board, however will not:

- A. assume any responsibility for the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such activities;
- B. provide any funds or other resources;
- C. allow any member of the District's staff to assist in the planning, conducting, or evaluating of such an activity during the hours s/he is functioning as a member of the staff.

No non-district-sponsored organization may use the name, logo, mascot, or any other name which would associate an activity with the District. Additionally, no nondistrict-sponsored organization may use the assets of the District, including but not limited to facilities, technology, or communication networks without the specific permission(s) as outlined in the relevant District policies.

In addition to the eligibility requirements established by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, to be eligible for any athletic or other extra-curricular activity, a student must meet the criteria established in the Activities Code.

Students shall be fully informed of the curricular-related activities available to them and of the eligibility standards established for participation in these activities. District-sponsored activities shall be available to all students who elect to participate and who meet eligibility standards.

The District Administrator shall prepare administrative guidelines to implement a program of curricular-related clubs and activities. Such guidelines should ensure that the needs and interests of the students are properly assessed and procedures are established for continuing evaluation of each club and activity.

To remain a member of a District-established student group or national organization such as the National Honor Society, a student must continue to meet all of the eligibility criteria and abide by the principles and practices established by the group or the organization.

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#### 2430 - **DISTRICT-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

Since the policy of the Board of Education is to maintain a co-curricular activities program sufficiently varied to meet the wide range of vocational, recreational, social, and cultural needs and interests of the students, all students should be urged to join at least one club or activity.

##### **A. Existing Clubs or Activities**

At the start of the school year, all students should be provided with information on existing clubs, and all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and encouraged to participate.

##### **B. New Activities**

All new activities shall be approved in the following manner:

1. Requests for new activities should be submitted to the principal and contain the following:
  - a. purpose and rationale
  - b. intended outcomes for students
  - c. participation
  - d. plan of operation
  - e. costs
  - f. persons in charge
2. The District Administrator will review each request and either reject or submit each for Board approval.
3. Upon approval, an activity will be listed as a part of the co-curricular or extra-curricular program, and its fiscal account established by the Business Manager.

##### **C. Fiscal Compliance**

Both co-curricular and extra-curricular activities need to comply with financial and bookkeeping controls established by the Business Manager.

Each activity advisor is to provide the building principal with a periodic update on the fiscal status of the activity.



## **D. Operating Guidelines**

The principal shall ensure that:

1. students participate in ways that do not interfere with their academic programs;
2. the safety and welfare of the students is adequately safeguarded;
3. all activities have proper faculty planning, direction, and supervision;
4. faculty members work cooperatively so that some activities do not interfere with the operations of others;
5. each activity is assessed continuously relative to its stated purpose and goals;
6. building facilities and equipment are being used safely and as intended, and being maintained in proper condition.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

All students who participate in interscholastic athletics or other co-curricular activities shall meet the eligibility requirements described in the Code of Conduct.

No student who has been absent for a school day may participate in an extra-curricular activity scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day without the approval of the principal.

## **Schedule Conflicts**

Many students have multiple talents and interests they wish to develop or pursue through participation in District-sponsored activities and groups. Since the District's policy is to encourage such participation, the following guidelines have been established for dealing with potential schedule conflicts a student could experience when participating in more than one activity.

- A. By the first day of an activity, students are to be made aware of the schedule of any practices and performances as well as other obligations. Each staff-member-in-charge is to determine which, if any, students will have conflicts with other activities in which they wish to participate.
- B. If such conflicts exist, the staff-members-in-charge of the activities in conflict are to meet for the purpose of resolving the conflict. The emphasis should be on modifying the requirements so the student can participate in both activities.
- C. If it is not possible to resolve the conflict without seriously undermining the integrity of the activity program, the following procedure is to be followed:
  1. If one of the activities provides the student with credit and the other one doesn't, the student and his/her parents are to be made aware of the possible consequences of not enrolling in each activity and of not meeting the obligations for participation.
  2. If both activities are credit activities, the student is to be advised to contact the principal to work out a solution that does not penalize the student.
  3. If one of the activities is an after-school, off-shoot of a credit activity but is not, itself, a credit activity, e.g., jazz band from concert band, the requirements for the credit activity may not be imposed as a condition for participating in the noncredit, after-school activity.

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