

# Student Handbook

2015-2016



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**Manawa Elementary Handbook**

**2015-2016**



Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. We are excited that you are a part of our great School District and look forward to working with you and your child.

Please read and keep this book as a reference for any questions that may come up through the year. The handbook contains all of the necessary information about the day to day operation of our school. Once you have completed reading through the handbook, it is mandatory that you sign the last page.

I look forward to working together with you during the course of the school year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Board of Education Approval:

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- X No School
- O P/T Conferences
- Early Release / Staff Development
- End of Quarter / Semester
- Inservice (No School)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANAWA  
2015- 2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- 4- Inserv/Work days
- 1.5 P/T Conf (2 evenings/semester)
- 2 Midways
- 182 Student Days
- 185 Days-Teachers

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	X 4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

5 - Independence Day Observed

- 1 - Winter Break - No School
- 15 - End of 2nd Qtr (164 days)
- 15 - End of 3rd Semester
- 18 - Records / Inservice - No School

(19 Student Days - 1 Inservice)

JANUARY						
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31						

AUGUST						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	X					

- 24 - New Teacher Orientation
- 25 - An Inservice / PM Mark in Runs
- 25 - Open House 3:30 - 6:30 - both schools
- 26 - All Staff Inservice
- 27 - AM Inservice Day (1/2 day)
- 28 - New Curriculum Day (newly teachers)
- 28 - Inservice Days

- 11 - Early Release for Students
- P/T Conf 12:30 - 2 pm - Both Schools
- 12 - Inservice Day - No School

(23 Student Days - 1 Inservice)

FEBRUARY						
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28	29					

SEPTEMBER						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- 1 - 1st Day of School
- 7 - Labor Day - No School

(21 Student Days)

- 21-25 - No School - Spring Break
- 30 - End of 3rd Quarter (164 days)

(19 Student Days)

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	▲ 31			

OCTOBER						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 8 - Jr./Sr. HS P/T Conf 3:30 to 7:30 pm
- 9 - Early Release / Staff Development

(22 Student Days)

(21 Student Days)

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER						
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22	23	24	25	X 26	X 28	
29	O					

- 3 - End of 3rd Quarter (171 days)
- 12 - MEE P/T Conf 3:30 to 7:30 pm
- 17 - MEE P/T Conf 3:30 to 7:30 pm
- 25-27 - No School - Thanksgiving
- 30 - Jr./Sr. HS P/T Conf 3:30 to 7:30 pm

(19 Student Days)

- 20 - Early Release
- 20 - 7th Inservice - Data Retreat
- 27 - Commencement Ceremony - 7 PM
- W - No School - Memorial Day

(21 Student Days)

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	X 21
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29	X 31					

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	X 24	X 26	
27	X 28	X 29	X 30	X 31		

24-31 - No School - Winter Break

(17 Student Days)

- 2 - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal
- 2 - PM Records
- 5, 6, 7 - Snow Make-up Days

(2 Student Days)

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	X 3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

First 3 inclement weather days will not be made up. Additional inclement weather days will be made up on June 3, 6 and 7 if needed.

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This Student/Parent Handbook is based in significant part on policies adopted by the Board of Education and Administrative Guidelines developed by the District Administrator. The Policies and Guidelines are periodically updated in response to changes in the law and other circumstances. Therefore, there may have been changes to the documents reviewed in this Handbook since it was printed. If you have questions or would like more information about a specific issue, contact your school principal.

## **FOREWORD**

This student handbook was developed to answer many of the commonly asked questions that you and your parents may have during the course of a school year. This handbook summarizes many of the official policies and administrative guidelines of the Board of Education and the District. To the extent that the handbook is ambiguous or conflicts with these policies and guidelines, the policies and guidelines shall control. This handbook is effective immediately and supersedes any prior student handbook.

Because the handbook also contains information about student rights and responsibilities, each student is responsible for knowing its contents. Please take time to become familiar with the following information and keep the handbook available for your and your parents' use. It can be a valuable reference during the school year and a means to avoid confusion and misunderstanding when questions arise. Should you have any questions that are not addressed in this handbook, contact LuAnne Ujzdzowski, Guidance Counselor or Principal Michelle Pukita you will find listed in the Staff Directory section of the handbook.

This handbook summarizes many of the official policies and administrative guidelines of the Board of Education and the District. If any of the policies or administrative guidelines referenced herein is revised after June 30, 2015 the language in the most current policy or administrative guideline prevails. The current policies and guidelines are available on the District's website.

## **MISSION OF THE SCHOOL**

The School District of Manawa is committed to providing opportunities for individual excellence for all students utilizing progressive educational resources to develop life-long learners and responsible citizens.

## **EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY/ANTI-HARASSMENT**

It is the policy of the District to provide an equal education opportunity for all students. The right of a student to be admitted to school and to participate fully in curricular, extra-curricular, student services, recreational or other programs or activities shall not be abridged or impaired based on the traits of 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 (hereinafter referred to as "Protected Characteristics") or other protected characteristics as well as place of residence within District boundaries, or social or economic background.

Students who have been identified as having an impairment or disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be provided with appropriate educational services. Parents who have questions should contact school counselor LuAnne Ujzdzowski at 920-596-5703.

Any person who believes that the Manawa Elementary School or any staff person has discriminated against them in violation of this policy may file a complaint. A formal complaint can be made in writing to a School Compliance Officer listed below:

Dan Wolfram  
Principal (920) 596-5310  
[dwolfram@manawa.k12.wi.us](mailto:dwolfram@manawa.k12.wi.us)

Carmen O'Brien  
Curriculum and Instruction (920) 596-5840  
[cobrien@manawa.k12.wi.us](mailto:cobrien@manawa.k12.wi.us)



If at any time during the investigation process the investigator determines that the complaint is properly defined as bullying 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.

Under no circumstances will the District threaten or retaliate against anyone who raises or files a complaint.

Manawa Elementary School is committed to an educational environment that is free of harassment of any form. The school will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate action 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.

#### **Harassment Policy\***

*\*Parent/guardians and students are encouraged to read the full text of the Board of Education policy governing Anti-Harassment and bullying available on the District web site or by contacting the school main office.*

#### **Summary of Board of Education Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Education 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 unlawful harassment. This policy applies to conduct occurring 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 action 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.

#### **Definitions**

- Bullying (See the bullying policy immediately following this section)
- Harassment: Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student that:
  1. Places a student in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/ her property;
  2. Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits; or
  3. Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.
- Sexual Harassment: Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature. Important...parent/guardians and students are encouraged to read the entire Board of Education policy with corresponding examples.
- Other forms of harassment such as race/color, religion, national origin, and disability are defined in the full text of the Board of Education policy.

**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 school staff member (teacher, counselor, or principal, for example) so the conduct can be addressed before it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent. The District will investigate as described 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 knowledge that is false.

The reporting procedures are as follows:

1. Any student, parent/guardian of a student, teacher, school staff member, or school community member is encouraged to report the alleged act(s) to the school principal or district compliance officer.
2. The reporting party shall be encouraged to use a report form (See addendum 1) available in each school main office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well.
3. 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 will designate one male and one female staff person (designated as Complaint Coordinators) to receive reports of harassment prohibited by this policy.

**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 obligation under state and federal law.

**Sanctions and Monitoring**

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment by taking appropriate action reasonable calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further such harassment. 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 and the ages and maturity levels of the students.

**Retaliation**

Any act of retaliation 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 is prohibited.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANAWA HARASSMENT COMPLAINT FORM** – Addendum 1 at the end of this handbook.

## **Bullying Policy**

*\*Parent/guardians and students are encouraged to read the full text of the Board of Education Policy governing Bullying available on the District web site or by contacting the school main office.*

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. The Board encourages the promotion of positive interpersonal relations between members of the school community. Bullying toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. This prohibition includes physical, verbal, and psychological abuse. The Board will not tolerate any gestures, comments, threats, or actions which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm or personal degradation. This policy applies to all activities in the District, including activities on school property, including at any of the school buildings or other property used exclusively or in part, whether leased or owned by the District, for the purpose of school-related functions or events; or while traveling to or from school or to and from school-sponsored functions or events; in transporting vehicles arranged for by School District officials. The policy applies as well during activities that occur off-school property if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the supervision of school authorities, or where an employee is engaged in school business.

Bullying is deliberate or intentional behavior using word 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. The behavior may be motivated by an actual or perceived distinguishing characteristic, such as, but not limited to: age; national origin; race; ethnicity; religion; gender; gender identity; sexual orientation; physical attributes; physical or mental ability or disability; and social, economic, or family status; however this type of bullying behavior need not be based on any of the legally protected characteristics. It includes, but is not necessarily limited to such behaviors as stalking, cyber bullying, intimidating, menacing, coercing, name-calling, taunting, making threats, and hazing.

Any student that believes s/he has been or is the victim of bullying should immediately report the situation to the building principal or assistant principal, or the District Administrator. The student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate administrator or Board official. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the District Administrator. Complaints against the District Administrator should be filed with the Board President.

Every student is encouraged to report any situation that they believe to be bullying behavior directed toward a student. Reports may be made to those identified above.

All school staff members and school officials who observe or become aware of acts of bullying are required to report these acts to the building principal or assistant principal, or the District Administrator.

Reports of bullying may be made verbally or in writing and may be made confidentially. All such reports, whether verbal or in writing, will be taken seriously and a clear account of the incident is to be documented. A written record of the report, including all pertinent details, will be made by the recipient of the report.

All complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be investigated promptly by the building principal. The staff member who is investigating the report of bullying shall interview

the victim(s) of the alleged bullying and collect whatever other information is necessary to determine the facts and the seriousness of the report.

Parent/guardians and/or guardians of each student involved in the bullying report will be notified prior to the conclusion of the investigation. The District shall maintain the confidentiality of the report and any related student records to the extent required by law.

If the investigation finds that bullying has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate remedial and/or disciplinary action. This may include student discipline, including, but not limited to reprimand, suspension, or possible expulsion. Further, the result of an investigation that finds that bullying has occurred may result in discharge for employees, exclusion for parent/guardians, guests, volunteers, and contractors, and removal from any official position and/or a request to resign for Board members. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

The complainant shall be notified of the findings of the investigation, and as appropriate, that remedial action has been taken.

This policy shall not be interpreted to infringe upon the First Amendment rights of students (i.e., to prohibit a reasoned and civil exchange of opinions, or debate, that is conducted at appropriate times and places during the school day and is protected by State or Federal law).

Retaliation against any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning allegations of bullying is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy and independent of whether a complaint is substantiated. Suspected retaliation should be reported in the same manner as bullying. Making intentionally false reports about bullying for the purpose of getting someone in trouble is similarly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation and intentionally making a false report may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

The following definitions are provided for guidance only. If a student or other individual believes there has been bullying, regardless of whether it fits a particular definition, s/he should report it and allow the administration to determine the appropriate course of action.

Some examples of bullying are:

- Physical – hitting, kicking, spitting, pushing, pulling, taking and/or damaging personal belongings or extorting money, blocking or impeding student movement, unwelcome physical contact.
- Verbal – taunting, malicious teasing, insulting, name calling, making threats.
- Psychological – spreading rumors, manipulating social relationships, coercion, or engaging in social exclusion/shunning, extortion, or intimidation.
- "Cyberbullying" – the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone and pager text messages, instant messaging (IM), defamatory personal web sites, and defamatory online personal polling web sites, to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group, that is intended to harm others."

"Intimidation" includes, but is not limited to, any threat or act intended to tamper, substantially damage or interfere with another's property, cause substantial inconvenience, subject another to offensive physical contact or inflict serious physical injury on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

"Menacing" includes, but is not limited to, any act intended to place a school employee, student, or third party in fear of imminent serious physical injury.

“Harassment” means behavior toward a student or group of students based, in whole or in part on the traits of sex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parent/guardian 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 Characteristics which substantially interferes with the student’s school or academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive school environment. 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. Examples of conduct that may constitute harassment include:

- A. Graffiti containing offensive language;
- B. Name calling, jokes or rumors;
- C. Threatening or intimidating conduct directed at another because of the other’s protected characteristic (e.g., sex, race, learning disability);
- D. Notes or cartoons;
- E. Slurs, negative stereotypes, and hostile acts which are based upon another’s protected characteristic;
- F. Written or graphic material containing comments or stereotypes which is posted or circulated and which is aimed at degrading individuals or members of protected classes;
- G. A physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, the individual’s protected characteristic; or
- H. Other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property, which is motivated by a protected characteristic.

#### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Sexual harassment deserves special mention. Sexual harassment consists of 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 obtaining an education; or
- B. Submission or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual’s education; or
- 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 include, but is not limited to:

- A. Unwelcome verbal harassment or abuse;
- B. Unwelcome pressure for sexual activity;
- C. 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;
- D. Unwelcome sexual behavior or words including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual’s educational status;
- E. 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; or
- F. Unwelcome behavior or words directed at an individual because of their sex or sexual orientation;

Sexual harassment examples include, but are not limited to:

- A. Repeatedly asking a person for dates or sexual behavior after the person has indicated no interest;
- B. Rating a person's sexuality or attractiveness;
- C. Staring or leering at various parts of another person's body;
- D. Spreading rumors about a person's sexuality;
- E. Letters, notes, telephone calls or materials of a sexual nature; and
- F. Displaying pictures, calendars, cartoons or other materials with sexual content;
- G. A pattern of conduct, which can be subtle in nature, that has sexual overtones and is intended to create or has the effect of creating discomfort and/or humiliation to another;
- H. remarks speculating about a person's sexual activities or sexual history, or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history.

It is also the policy of the School that a sexual relationship between staff and students is not permissible in any form or under any circumstances, in or out of the school, 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. An inappropriate boundary invasion by a District employee or other adult member of the School District Community into a student's personal space and personal life is sexual harassment.

If you wish to report harassment, please contact one of the Complaint Coordinators listed above.

A copy of school's Anti-Harassment Policy, including the reporting, investigation, and resolution procedures, is available in the school office.

#### **SECTION 504/ADA COMPLAINT**

Any person who believes that the Manawa Elementary School or any staff person has discriminated against them in violation of the District's Section 504/ADA policy may file a complaint. A formal complaint can be made in writing to a School Compliance Officer listed below:

LuAnne Ujazdowski  
School Counselor, (920) 596-5703  
[lujazdowski@manawa.k12.wi.us](mailto:lujazdowski@manawa.k12.wi.us)

The complaint procedure is available in the School office.

## **SCHOOL DAY/BELL SCHEDULES**

### **MANAWA ELEMENTARY BELL SCHEDULE**

#### **Arrival**

School Begins promptly at **7:55AM**. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30AM for breakfast. Please do not drop students off before 7:30AM as we cannot guarantee adult supervision before this time.

#### **Daily Schedule**

7:30AM Breakfast  
7:55AM Classes begin  
10:45AM Dismissal for Morning Early Childhood  
12:15PM Afternoon Early Childhood begins  
2:55PM Dismissal for students

### **STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The rules and procedures of Manawa Elementary School are designed to allow each student to obtain a safe, orderly, and appropriate education. Students can expect their rights to freedom of expression and association and to fair treatment as long as they respect those rights for their fellow students and the staff. Students will be expected to follow teachers' directions and obey all school rules. Disciplinary procedures will comply with the requirements of State and Federal law.

Parent/guardians have the right to know how their child is succeeding in school and will be provided information on a regular basis and as needed, when concerns arise. Many times it will be the responsibility of the student to deliver that information. If necessary, the mail or hand delivery may be used to ensure contact. Parent/guardians are encouraged to build a two-way link with their child's teachers and support staff by informing the staff of suggestions or concerns that may help their child better accomplish his/her educational goals.

Students must arrive at school on time, prepared to participate in the educational program. If, for some reason, this is not possible, the student should seek help from the Principal.

### **STUDENT WELL-BEING**

Student safety is a responsibility of the staff. All staff members are familiar with emergency procedures such as fire and tornado drills and accident reporting procedures. Should a student be aware of any dangerous situation or accident, s/he must notify a staff person immediately.

All students must have an emergency medical card completed, signed by a parent/guardian or guardian, and filed in the school office. A student may be excluded from school until this requirement has been fulfilled.

Students with specific health care needs should submit those needs, in writing and with proper documentation by a physician, to the school office.

#### **INJURY AND ILLNESS**

All injuries must be reported to a teacher or to the office staff. If the injury is minor, the student will be treated and may return to class. If medical attention is required, the office will follow the School's emergency procedures.

A student who becomes injured or ill during the school day should request permission from the teacher to go to the office. The office staff will determine whether the student should remain in school or go home. No student will be released from school without proper parent/guardian permission.

#### **HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION**

The District may arrange for individual instruction to students of legal school age who are not able to attend classes because of a serious physical or emotional disability.

Parent/guardians should contact the principal regarding procedures for such instruction.



## **SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **ENROLLING IN THE SCHOOL**

Students generally enroll in the district in which they live. However, the Board will release a resident student who is accepted as a student in another school district under that district's open enrollment program.

Students who are new to Manawa Elementary School are required to enroll with their parent/guardians or legal guardian. When enrolling, the parent/guardians/adult student will need to bring:

- A. A birth certificate or similar document;
- B. Custody papers from a court (if appropriate);
- C. Proof of residency; and
- D. Proof of immunizations and/or an appropriate waiver.

In some cases, a temporary enrollment may be permitted. If that is done, the parent/guardians will be told what records are needed to complete the enrollment process.

Students enrolling from another accredited school will have their courses and grades evaluated by the guidance department. The office staff will assist parent/guardians in obtaining the official records from the other school.

Homeless students who meet the Federal definition of homeless may enroll and will be under the direction of the Homeless Liaison with regard to enrollment procedures.

### **SCHEDULING AND ASSIGNMENT**

The Principal will assign each student to the appropriate classroom and the program in which the student will be participating. Any questions or concerns about the assignment should be discussed with the principal.

### **EARLY DISMISSAL**

No student will be allowed to leave school prior to dismissal time without a written request signed by the parent/guardian whose signature is on file in the school office or the parent/guardian coming to the school office to request the release. No student will be released to a person other than a custodial parent/guardian(s) or guardian without a permission note signed by the custodial parent/guardian(s) or guardian.

### **TRANSFER OUT OF THE DISTRICT**

If a student plans to transfer to another school, the parent/guardian must notify the Principal. Transfer will be authorized only after the student has completed the arrangements, returned all school materials, and paid any fees or fines that are due.

### **OPEN ENROLLMENT**

The School District of Manawa will participate in the Wisconsin Public School Open Enrollment Program in accordance with applicable law and the relevant policies and rules of the District, all as amended from time-to-time.

### **WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL**

No student under the age of eighteen (18) will be allowed to withdraw from school without the written consent of his/her parent/guardians and completion of any required forms.

### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

Each student must have the immunizations required by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services or must have an authorized waiver. If a student does not have the necessary shots or waivers, s/he may be excluded from school as permitted by law. This is for the safety of all students and staff. Any questions about immunizations or waivers should be directed to the School Nurse, Trisha Taber.

### **STUDENT ACCIDENTS/ILLNESS/CONCUSSION**

The School District of Manawa believes that school personnel have certain responsibilities in case of accidents, illness or concussions that occur in school. Said responsibilities extend to the administration of first aid by persons trained to do so, summoning of medical assistance, and notification of administration personnel, notification of parent/guardians, and the filing of accident reports.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION**

Per Board policy every student must have an Emergency Medical Authorization Form completed and signed by his/her parent/guardian in order to participate in any activity off school grounds. This includes field trips, spectator trips, athletic and other extra-curricular activities, and co-curricular activities.

The school has made the Emergency Medical Authorization Form available to every parent/guardian at the time of enrollment. A student's failure to return the completed form to school may jeopardize the student's participation in school activities.

### **USE OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS**

In those circumstances where a student must take prescribed medication during the school day, the following guidelines are to be observed.

- Parent/guardians should, with their physician's advice, determine whether the medication schedule can be adjusted to avoid administering medication during school hours.
- The Medication Request and Authorization Form must be filed with the principal and the school nurse before the student will be allowed to begin taking any medication (including emergency medications for allergies and/or reactions) during school hours. The forms are available in the School office.
- All medications to be administered during school hours must be registered with the Nurse's office.

- Medication that is brought to the office will be properly secured.
- Medication may be conveyed to school directly by the parent/guardian.
- For each prescribed medication, the container shall have a pharmacist's label with the following information:
  1. Student's name
  2. Practitioner's name
  3. Date
  4. Pharmacy name and telephone
  5. Name of medication
  6. Prescribed dosage and frequency
  7. Special handling and storage directions
- Medication MAY NOT be sent to school in a student's lunch box, pocket, or other means on or about his/her person, except for emergency medications for allergies and/or reactions.
- Any unused medication unclaimed by the parent/guardian will be destroyed by School personnel when a prescription is no longer to be administered or at the end of a school year.

A log for each prescribed medication shall be maintained by the School that will note the personnel giving the medication, the date, and the time of day. This log will be maintained along with the physician's written request and the parent/guardian's written release.

#### **ASTHMA INHALERS AND EPI-PENS**

Students, with appropriate written permission from both physician and parent/guardian, may possess and use a method dose inhaler or dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms. Inhalers and Epinephrine (Epi-pen) can be administered only in accordance with conditions confirmed by the school principal and updated annually.

#### **USE OF NONPRESCRIBED (DRUG PRODUCTS)**

- Staff and volunteers will not be permitted to dispense non-prescribed drug products to any student without written parent/guardian consent.

The Nonprescription Drug Product Request must be filed with the School Nurse or Principal before the student will be allowed to begin taking any medication during school hours.

For each nonprescription drug product, the container shall be the original manufacturer's package and the package must list in a legible format the ingredients and recommended therapeutic dose.

The parent/guardians request to administer a nonprescription drug product shall contain the following information:

- A. Student's name
- B. Date
- C. Name of medication
- D. Dosage and frequency
- E. Special handling and storage directions

Further, only those nonprescription drugs that are provided by the parent/guardian or guardian in the original manufacturers' package which lists the ingredients and dosage in a legible format may be administered.

Parent/guardians may authorize the school to administer a non-prescribed drug product using a form which is available at the school office. A physician does not have to authorize such medication. The parent/guardian may also authorize on the form that their child:

- May self-administer the medication.
- Keep the medication in his/her possession.

If a student is found using or possessing a non-prescribed drug product without parent/guardian authorization, s/he will be brought to the school office and the parent/guardians will be contacted for authorization. The medication will be confiscated until written authorization is received.

Any student who distributes a medication of any kind to another student or is found to possess a medication other than the one previously authorized is in violation of the school's Code of Conduct and may be disciplined in accordance with the drug-use provision of the Code.

#### **HEAD LICE**

If a child in the District is found to have lice, the child's parent/guardian will be contacted to have the child treated and to pick him/her up immediately. After treatment and upon returning to school, the child will be examined by the school health staff or principal. The District practices a policy of "no live lice" and no nits as criteria for return to school.

#### **CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

Because a school has a high concentration of people, it is necessary to take specific measures when the health or safety of the group is at risk. A teacher, nurse, or principal may send home a student who is suspected of having a communicable disease and will notify the parent/guardian of such action and the reason(s) it was taken. School officials may be required to notify local health officials if they suspect a student has a communicable disease as identified by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. School officials will comply with notification requirements of the Department of Health and Family Services in addition to notifying the student's parent/guardian.

Examples of such diseases include diphtheria, scarlet fever, strep infections, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, and other conditions indicated by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services.

Any student's removal from school will only be for the contagious period as specified in the school's administrative guidelines.

#### **DIRECT CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

In the case of non-casual-contact communicable diseases, the school still has the obligation to protect the safety of the staff and students. In these cases, the person in question will have his/her status reviewed by a panel of resource people to ensure that the rights of the person affected and those in contact with that person are respected. The school will seek to keep students and staff in school unless there is definitive evidence to warrant exclusion.

Non-casual-contact communicable diseases include sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), ARC-AIDS Related Complex, HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), Hepatitis B, and other diseases that may be specified by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services.

As required by Federal and State law, parent/guardians may be required to have their child's blood checked for HIV and HBV, and other blood-borne pathogens when the child has bled at school and students or staff members have been exposed to the blood. Any testing is subject to laws protecting confidentiality.

#### **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**

The American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act provide that no individual will be discriminated against on the basis of a disability. This protection applies not just to the student, but to all individuals who have access to the District's programs and facilities.

A student can access Special Education services through the proper evaluation and placement procedure. Parent/guardian involvement in this procedure is generally required. More important, the school encourages parent/guardians to be active participants. To inquire about Special Education programs and services, a parent/guardian should contact Dr. Melanie J. Oppor (920) 596-2525.

The district 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.

Services are also available to students with Limited English Proficiency. To inquire about programs and services, a parent/guardian should contact Carmen O'Brien at (920) 596-5840.

#### **STUDENT RECORDS**

The origination and maintenance of appropriate student records are essential to the effective operation of the District and meeting the educational interests of students. The rights and responsibilities of students, parent/guardians and the District with respect to student records are governed by State and Federal law. Many student records are kept by teachers, counselors and administrative staff. There are two (2) basic kinds of student records -- directory information and confidential records.

Directory information can be given to any person or organization for non-commercial or non-business purposes when requested, unless the parent/guardians of the student object in writing to the disclosure as required under school policy and State and Federal law. Directory information generally includes student records that identify a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, photograph, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height for members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, date of graduation, photographs, name of school most recently previously attended and degrees and awards received. Directory information also includes a student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by the student when accessing or communicating in a district's electronic systems, if, standing alone, it cannot be used to access student education records, (i.e. a pin number, password, or other factor is also needed).

- If parents/guardians and eligible students do not submit their written objection to dissemination to the Board, directory information may be utilized by the District Administrator in District-wide publications, on the cable television educational access

channel, or on the District's website. The directory information used will be properly verified and approved by the District Administrator.

Student records are generally considered confidential under State and Federal law and may not be released to third parties unless the student's parent/guardians' consent in writing. However, there are exceptions to confidentiality, and requests for records within these exceptions may be granted without a parent/guardian's written consent. If you have questions about the confidentiality of student records and/or the release of student records to third-parties, please contact Dr. Melanie Oppor.

Parent/guardians and students are reminded of: 1) their rights to inspect, review and obtain copies of students records; 2) their rights to request the amendment of the student's school records if they believe the records are inaccurate or misleading; 3) their rights to consent to the disclosure of the student's school records, except to the extent State and Federal law authorizes disclosure without consent; 4) the categories of student record information which have been designated as directory information and their right to deny the release of such information; and 5) their right to file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education.

Consistent with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), no student shall be required, as a part of the school program or the District's curriculum, without prior written consent of the student (if an adult, or an emancipated minor) or, his/her parent/guardians, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- A. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parent/guardians;
- B. Mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family;
- C. Sex behavior or attitudes;
- D. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- E. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- F. Legally recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- G. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or his/her parent/guardians; or
- H. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program).

Consistent with the PPRA and Board policy, parent/guardians may inspect any materials used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation. Please contact Jeanne Frazier, Administrative Assistant to inspect such materials.

Further, parent/guardians have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent/guardian will have access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal.

The District Administrator will provide notice directly to parent/guardians of students enrolled in the District of the substantive content of this policy at least annually at the beginning of the school year, and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change in this policy. In addition, the District Administrator is directed to notify parent/guardians of students in the District, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when the following activities are scheduled or expected to be scheduled:

- A. Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information for otherwise providing that information to others for marketing or selling.
- B. The administration of any survey by a third party that contains one or more of sensitive information contained in A through H above.

The Family Policy Compliance Office in the U.S. Department of Education administers both Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). Parent/guardians and/or eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW 20202-4605  
Washington, D.C.  
[www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco)

Informal inquiries may be sent to the Family Policy Compliance Office via the following email addresses: [FERPA@ED.Gov](mailto:FERPA@ED.Gov); and [PPRA@ED.Gov](mailto:PPRA@ED.Gov).

#### **STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES**

The district fee for Kindergarten through Grade 6 students is \$15.00. There is no district fee for 4K students.

An optional fee is to purchase a student athletic pass for \$5.00.

#### **STUDENT FUND-RAISING**

Students participating in school-sponsored groups and activities will be allowed to solicit funds from other students, staff members, and members of the community in accordance with school guidelines. The following general rules will apply to all fund-raisers.

- Students involved in the fund-raiser are not to interfere with students participating in other activities in order to solicit funds.
- A student will not be allowed to participate in a fund-raising activity for a group in which s/he is not a member without the approval of the student's teacher or counselor.
- No student may participate in fundraising activities off school property without proper supervision by approved staff or other adults.
- House-to-house canvassing by any student is not allowed for any fundraising activity.
- Students under the age of nine (9) must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or person sixteen (16) years of age or older.
- Any fund-raisers that require students to exert themselves physically beyond their normal pattern of activity, such as "runs for .....", will be monitored by a staff member in order to prevent a student from overextending himself/herself to the point of potential harm.
- No student may participate in a fund-raising activity conducted by a parent/guardian group, booster club, or community organization on school property without the approval of the principal.
- Fundraising by students on behalf of school-related organizations whose funds are not managed by the District may be permitted on school grounds by the District

Administrator. If the fundraising activity will involve students under age nine (9) or the group holding the fundraiser includes any students under age nine (9), the group shall secure permission from such students' parent/guardians to participate in the fundraising activity and shall assure that any such students are always accompanied by a parent/guardian or a person at least sixteen (16) years of age.

#### **STUDENT VALUABLES**

Students are encouraged not to bring items of value to school. Items such as jewelry, expensive clothing, electronic equipment, and the like, are tempting targets for theft and extortion. The school cannot be responsible for their safe-keeping and will not be liable for loss or damage to personal valuables.

#### **REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Parent/guardians have the right to review any instructional materials related to the human growth and development curriculum and may also observe instruction in classes dealing with such subject matter. Any parent/guardian who wishes to review instructional materials or observe classroom instruction should contact the Principal to make the appropriate arrangements. Parent/guardians' rights to review teaching materials and instructional activities are subject to reasonable restrictions and limits.

#### **MEAL SERVICE**

The school participates in the National School Lunch Program and makes lunches available to students for a fee. Students may also bring their own lunch to school for consumption in the school's cafeteria.

Applications for the school's Free and Reduced-Priced Meal program are distributed to all students. Extra applications can be obtained in the school office.

#### **FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS**

The school complies with all fire safety laws and will conduct fire drills in accordance with State law. Specific instructions on how to proceed will be provided to students by their teachers, who are responsible for safe, prompt, and orderly evacuation of the building.

Tornado drills will be conducted during the tornado season using the procedures provided by the State.

Lock down drills in which the students are restricted to the interior of the school building and the building secured may occur during the school year.

#### **EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS**

If the school must be closed or the opening delayed because of inclement weather or other conditions, the school will notify the following radio and television stations:

WDUX ---Waupaca 92.7  
WBAY-CH 2  
WSAW-CH 7  
NBC 26

WFRV-CH 5  
WLUK-CH 11



If there is no announcement made on the radio and television stations, school will be open and the buses will be running. If the weather should turn severe during the day and buses are sent out early, an announcement of this effect will be made on the above stations. Parent/guardians will also have the option of receiving an alert to their phone or email account. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian/guardian to ensure updated directory information. Parent/guardians and students are responsible for knowing about emergency closings and delays.

#### **PREPAREDNESS FOR TOXIC AND ASBESTOS HAZARDS**

The School is concerned for the safety of students and attempts to comply with all Federal and State Laws and Regulations to protect students from hazards that may result from industrial accidents beyond the control of school officials or from the presence of asbestos materials used in previous construction. A copy of the School District's Toxic Hazard Policy and asbestos management plan will be made available for inspection at the Board offices upon request.

#### **VISITORS**

Visitors, particularly parent/guardians, are welcome at the School. In order to properly monitor the safety of students and staff, each visitor must report to the office upon entering the school to obtain a pass. Any visitor found in the building without a pass shall be reported to the Principal. If a person wishes to confer with a member of the staff, s/he should call for an appointment prior to coming to the school, in order to prevent any loss of instructional time.

Visitors access to classrooms and instructional activities are subject to reasonable restrictions and limits. Please consult with the Principal regarding these restrictions.

Students may not bring visitors to school without first obtaining written permission from the Principal.

#### **USE OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES**

Students must receive the permission of the teacher before using any equipment or materials in the classroom and the permission of the Principal to use any other school equipment or facility. Students will be held responsible for the proper use and safekeeping of any equipment or facility they are allowed to use.

#### **LOST AND FOUND**

The lost and found area is in the main office. Students who have lost items should check there and may retrieve their items if they give a proper description. Unclaimed items will be given to charity at the close of the school year.

#### **STUDENT SALES**

No student is permitted to sell any item or service in school without the approval of the Principal. Violation of this rule may lead to disciplinary action.

#### **USE OF SCHOOL TELEPHONES**

Office telephones are not to be used for personal calls. Except in an emergency, students will not be called to the office to receive a telephone call.

- Telephones are available in the school for students to use when they are not in class. Students are not to use telephones to call parent/guardians to receive permission to

leave school. Office personnel will initiate all calls on behalf of a student seeking permission to leave School.

## **USE OF CELL PHONES, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANAWA**

#### Electronic Communication Device Policy

The School District of Manawa recognizes the value electronic communication devices add to the educational experience of all students as well as aid in improving communication with parent/guardians. Therefore, the use of wireless communication devices (WCDs) before and after school, during lunch break, in between classes, during after school activities (e.g. extra-curricular activities), and/or at school-related functions is permitted. WCDs may also be used in class when authorized by the classroom teacher. Use of WCDs at any other time is prohibited. Such possession or use of the WCDs may not, in any way,

1. Create a distraction, disruption or otherwise interfere with the educational environment.
2. Endanger the health or safety of the student or anyone else.
3. Invade the rights of others.
4. Involve illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind.

A "wireless communication device" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. The following devices are examples of WCDs: cellular and wireless telephones, pagers/beepers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), BlackBerries/Smart phones, Wi-Fi-enabled or broadband access devices, two-way radios or video broadcasting devices, laptops, and other devices that allow a person to record and/or transmit, on either a real time or delayed basis, sound, video or still images, text, or other information. Students may not use WCDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet web sites that are otherwise blocked to students at school.

Permission for the possession of a WCD is allowed after an Electronic Communication Device Permit is signed by a parent/guardian/guardian, approved by the principal/designee, and on file in the principal's office. The permit will only be valid for the school year in which it was filed. Permission to possess a WCD is dependent on observing the following:

- Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCDs. The School District of Manawa and its employees assume no responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to WCDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.
- Students agree that the WCD will remain turned off except when the student is using the device. This means that the device will not ring, beep, vibrate, buzz, or exhibit other displays that indicate that the device is activated.
- Students are prohibited from using WCDs to capture, record or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person during the school day, without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such words or images. Using a WCD to take or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without his/her consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted, unless authorized by the building principal.
- "Sexting", the electronic transmission of sexual messages or pictures, usually through cell phone text messaging, is prohibited at any time on school property or at school functions, while under the supervision of school authorities, or transmitted to others at school. This prohibition also explicitly includes displaying images received to a third party. Such conduct not only is potentially dangerous for the involved students, but can lead to unwanted exposure of the messages and images to others, and could result in

criminal violations related to the transmission or possession of child pornography. Such conduct will be subject to discipline and possible confiscation of the WCD.

- WCDs, including but not limited to those with cameras, may not be possessed, activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include but are not limited to locker rooms, shower facilities, restrooms, classrooms, and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes. See Locker Room Privacy Policy. The building principal has authority to make determinations as to other specific locations and situations where possession of a WCD is absolutely prohibited.
- No expectation of confidentiality will exist in the use of WCDs on school premises/property.
- Students are prohibited from using a WCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. Harassment and/or Bullying of Students.
- Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using their WCDs to receive such information.

Possession of a WCD is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the WCD. The building principal may also refer the matter to law enforcement if the violation involves an illegal activity (e.g., child pornography).

Any person who knows a student is using a WCD in violation of this policy is obligated to report the violation to the building principal.

Parent/guardians/Guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office. Students may use school phones to contact parent/guardians/guardians during permissible times of the school day.

LEGAL REF.: Section 118.28 Wisconsin Statutes

Students who violate this policy will face the following disciplinary consequences: (Any electronic device or combination thereof).

**1<sup>st</sup> offense** –Warning – device is requested to be turned off.

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense** – Teacher confiscates for the class period.

**3<sup>rd</sup> offense** – Phone is turned into the main office where a parent/guardian or guardian must pick up.

**Students refusing to relinquish their WCD may receive an in-school or out-of-school suspension. If they still refuse the proper authorities will be called.**

### **WEAPONS**

The Board of the School District of Manawa prohibits possession, use or threat to use, or storing of a weapon or look-alike weapon on school premises before, during, or after school, or at any school-sponsored activity. "School premises" includes a school building, school bus or vehicle, or any other school facility (including any school transportation facility, whether owned or contracted by the District). Students may not have live ammunition on the school site.

Determination of whether an item constitutes a weapon under this policy shall be made in accordance with established procedures. Exceptions to this policy include items which otherwise might be classified as weapons which are brought or transported to school premises or activities as part of a recognized activity for which the item is required, unless such is prohibited by law. (Examples might include but are not necessarily limited to guns handled by a staff member in a gun safety class, a look-alike gun which might be used in a dramatic activity, a gun bayonet which might be part of a history lesson, or a starting pistol used by a staff member in a track athletic event.)

Teachers should advise the appropriate building administrator beforehand of any activity or lesson necessitating the bringing to school of materials such as those described in this policy. Anyone found to be in violation of this policy is subject to discipline and/or legal action. If any part of this policy is held to be invalid under operation of the law, it shall not affect other parts of this policy which may be in compliance with the law.

**ADVERTISING OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES**

No announcements or posting of outside activities will be permitted without the approval of the Principal. A minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice is required to ensure that the Principal has the opportunity to review the announcement or posting.

The school has a central bulletin board located by the main school entrance hallway that may be used for posting notices after receiving permission from the Principal.

**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE**

The Board of Education has authorized the use of video surveillance and electronic monitoring equipment at various school sites throughout the school. 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.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY**

- A. All visitors must report to the office when they arrive at school.
- B. All visitors are given and required to wear a building pass while they are in the building.
- C. The staff is expected to question people in the building whom they do not recognize and who are not wearing a building pass, and to question people who are "hanging around" the building after hours.
- D. Students and staff are expected to immediately report to a teacher or administrator any suspicious behavior or situation that makes them uncomfortable. All District employees are to wear photo-identification badges while in District schools and offices or on District property.

**LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Hot Lunch & Breakfast Prices for 2015-2016 School Year:**

<b>Hot Lunch (Per Day)</b>	
Elementary	\$2.65
Jr./Sr. High School	\$2.80
Adult	\$3.45

<b>Breakfast (Per Day)</b>	
Elementary	\$1.20
Jr. / Sr. High School	\$1.20
Adult	\$1.75
<b>Milk (Per Day) *</b>	<b>\$.30</b>

Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch for all qualifying students in the district.

Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch forms must be filled out each year. Forms are available in each school office, and the Central Business Office. They can be filled out at ANY time throughout the year.

## SECTION II - ACADEMICS

### FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are academic activities that are held off school grounds. There are also other trips that are part of the school's co-curricular and extra-curricular program. No student may participate in any school-sponsored trip without parent/guardian consent.

Attendance rules, the Code of Conduct and the Search and Seizure policy apply to all field trips.

### GRADES

The Teachers have a standard grading procedure, as well as additional notations that may indicate work in progress or incomplete work. The purpose of a grade is to indicate the extent to which the student has acquired the necessary learning. In general, students are assigned grades based upon test results, projects, and classroom participation. Each teacher may place a different emphasis on these areas in determining a grade and will so inform the students at the beginning of the course work. If a student is not sure how his/her grade will be determined, s/he should ask the teacher.

The School uses the following grading system:

#### Grading Scale for Grades 4-6:

A	95-100
A-	92-94
B+	89-91
B	86-88
B-	83-85
C+	80-82
C	77-79
C-	74-76
D+	71-73
D	68-70
D-	65-67
F	0-64

#### Grading Scale for Grades K-3:

S	Satisfactory
I	Improving
N	Needs to Improve
U	Unsatisfactory

#### Marking System:

(A)	Excellent
(B)	Good
(C)	Average
(D)	Below Average
(F)	Failure

### GRADING PERIODS

Students shall receive a report card at the end of each 9 week period indicating their grades for each course of study for that portion of the academic term.

When a student appears to be at risk of failure, notification will be provided to the parents so they can talk with the teacher about what actions can be taken to improve the student's performance.

Parent/guardian / Teacher Conferences: Parent/guardian/teacher conferences will be held for the purpose of evaluation of student progress in school. Parent/guardians/guardians are encouraged to communicate with staff members at any time throughout the school year concerning their child's progress. Any time a parent/guardian wishes to see his/her child's records or confer with a teacher they should make an appointment through the Elementary School office.

## **PROMOTION, PLACEMENT, AND RETENTION**

### **Grades 5K-6 Level**

Criteria: To be promoted all students in grades 3-8 must demonstrate adequate progress in core subject areas. Literacy and numeracy are the foundation of all core subjects. To that end, adequate progress will be determined by end-of-year report card standard scores for core academic subjects at a score of "S" in grades kindergarten, one and two or a "D" or higher in grades three through eight. If adequate progress is not evident, based on the report card scores, multiple measures may be used to compile a complete student learning profile for promotion consideration.

The multiple measures to consider may include, but are not limited to:

- A. Wisconsin School Assessment System Examination scores
- B. Response to Intervention/Instruction documentation
- C. Local assessments
- D. Teacher recommendations
- E. Demonstrate adequate progress toward attainment of annual goals specified in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Section 504 Plans, or English Development Learning Plan (EDLP) as documented by the staff serving the student.

### **Remediation Opportunities**

School personnel shall make a concerted and repeated effort throughout the school year to notify the parent/guardians of students who are at-risk of not meeting grade-level expectations and thus, may not be eligible for promotion. Opportunities to support student learning will be suggested and encouraged. In this way, students, with the support of their parent/guardians, can take full advantage of Response to Intervention/Instruction (RtI) time, Summer School, or other remediation learning opportunities for the purpose of meeting the grade-level criteria as described above to be eligible for promotion.

Universal Screens are administered in fall, winter, and spring

- If a student scores below the cut score, differentiation instruction within the classroom will take place. The Building Consultation Team (BCT) supports the teacher in this process.
- If the student continues not meeting the target growth, the BCT reviews additional data (formative, summative, and observational). The team then consults with the relevant staff and parent/guardian contacted. The team and parents review STAR data, Fountas and Pinell Benchmark, and teacher data.
- BCT meets to develop appropriate evidence based on the intervention plan. The teacher documents frequency, duration, and method of data collection. The progress monitoring data is brought to the BCT throughout the intervention. Tier 2 (small group instruction provided outside of the classroom setting) will be put in place.
- If the intervention was successful, the student returns to universal instruction and the teacher continues to monitor progress for four (4) to six (6) weeks to ensure progress is maintained.

- If the intervention was not successful then the BCT meet and review fidelity and intensity of the intervention. The plan will be modified and Tier 3 (individualized intervention) will be put in place.
- If this is unsuccessful, the BCT will reconvene and review the fidelity and intensity of the intervention. The plan will be modified and the appropriateness of a special education referral will be considered

### **Appeal Process**

Parent/guardians of the student recommended for retention may appeal to the District Administrator or designee. Such appeals should be filed in writing no later than five (5) days after receiving the official letter of retention. The appeal petition must include reasons why the parent/guardian/guardian believes the student should be promoted. The District Administrator or designee shall respond with a decision in writing fifteen (15) days after receipt of the appeal.

### **HOMEWORK**

Teachers will clearly convey homework assignments and expectations to the students. Teachers will exercise flexibility in assigning homework with regard to total school curriculum workload.

Students at Manawa Elementary School will be provided with a student agenda or a similar recording/communication tool. Agendas will be used to keep track of assignments and long-term projects as well as a communication tool for both teachers and parents.

Students must accept, as their own responsibility, obtaining homework assignments missed due to absences. Homework completion of high quality is an essential part of the learning process.

### **STUDENT NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY**

Students are encouraged to use the school's computers/network and Internet connection for educational purposes. Use of such resources is a privilege, not a right. Students must conduct themselves in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. Unauthorized or inappropriate use, including any violation of the school's policies and administrative guidelines, may result in cancellation of the privilege, disciplinary action consistent with the school's rules, and civil or criminal liability. Smooth operation of the school's network relies upon users adhering to the school's policies and administrative guidelines. Prior to accessing the Internet at school, students must sign the Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement each year.

The School District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store at any time and without prior notice any and all usage of the computer network and Internet access and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage. All such information files shall be and remain the property of the School District and no user shall have any expectation of privacy regarding such materials.

Use of the Network to engage in "cyberbullying" is prohibited. "Cyberbullying" involves the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone and pager text messages, instant messaging (IM), defamatory personal Web sites or MySpace accounts, and



defamatory online personal polling Web sites, to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group that is intended to harm others."

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Posting slurs or rumors or other disparaging remarks about a student or school staff member on a web site or on weblog;
2. Sending e-mail or instant messages that are mean or threatening, or so numerous as to drive up the victim's cell phone bill;
3. Using a camera phone to take and send embarrassing photographs/recordings of students or school staff members or post these images on video sharing sites such as You Tube;
4. Posting misleading or fake photographs of students or school staff members on web sites.

To the extent permitted by the First Amendment, instances of cyberbullying off school grounds that disrupt the school environment or interfere with the learning process will be considered violations of the Student Code of Conduct

Students shall not access social media for personal use from the District's network but shall be permitted to access social media for educational use in accordance with their teacher's approved plan for such use.

#### **STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

To measure student progress, students will be tested in accordance with State standards and District policy.

Additional group tests are given to students to monitor progress and determine educational mastery levels. These tests are used to help the staff determine instructional needs.

Classroom tests will be used to assess student progress and assign grades. These are selected or prepared by teachers to assess how well the students have achieved specific objectives.

Vocational and interest surveys may be given to identify particular areas of student interest or talent. These are often given by the guidance staff.

- If necessary, intelligence tests, speech and language evaluations, individually administered achievement tests, and other special testing services are available to students needing these services.

Depending on the type of testing, specific information and/or parent/guardian consent may need to be obtained. The assessment program will not violate the rights of consent and privacy of a student participating in any form of evaluation.

### **SECTION III - STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

#### **SCHOOL-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

Students have the opportunity to broaden their learning through curricular-related activities.

The school has many student groups that are approved by the Board of Education. Authorized groups include:

#### **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Co-curricular activities will include but are not limited to the following:

Student Council

Club sports

Extra-curricular activities do not reflect the school curriculum, but are made available to students to allow them to pursue additional worthwhile activities such as recreational sports, drama, and the like. For further information, contact the Booster Club.

## **SECTION IV - STUDENT CONDUCT**

### **ATTENDANCE**

The school requires all students to attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of Wisconsin. The school's educational program is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. The regular contact of students with one another in the classroom and their participation in a well-planned instructional activity under the guidance of a competent teacher are vital to this purpose.

#### **Compulsory Student Attendance**

All children between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age shall attend school regularly during the full period and hours, religious holidays exempted, that the school is in session. All students must attend until the end of the term, quarter or semester of the school year in which the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age unless they fall under an exception outlined in the District's Administrative Guidelines. A child who is enrolled in five (5) year old kindergarten shall attend school regularly, religious holidays exempted, during the full period and hours that kindergarten is in session until the end of the school term.

- Attendance is also defined as participation in the various forms of distance learning including videoconference, satellite, Internet or other electronic information and telecommunications technologies.

#### **Excuse for Absence**

A parent/guardian of a student who is absent shall provide a written, dated, signed statement indicating the reason for and the time period of the absence. This statement must be submitted prior to the absence if the absence is foreseeable. If the absence is not foreseeable, the statement must be provided prior to the student's readmission to school. The statement shall be submitted to the School Principal, Mrs. Pukita, who serves as the School Attendance Officer and filed in the student's school record. The District reserves the right to verify statements and investigate absences from school.

#### **Excused Absences**

A student shall be excused from school for the following reasons:

##### Physical or Mental Condition

The student is temporarily not in proper physical or mental condition to attend a school program. If the absence exceeds 5 days, the inability of the student to attend school due to a physical or mental condition must be certified in writing by a licensed physician, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist or psychologist or Christian Science practitioner living and residing in Wisconsin, who is listed in the Christian Science Journal. The time period for which the certification is valid may not exceed thirty [30] days.

##### Obtaining Religious Instruction

Students may wish to obtain religious instruction outside the school during the required school period. The time period or periods of absence shall be determined by the Principal. Such absences must be at least 60 minutes but not more than 180 minutes per week. Requests for absence under this paragraph shall be denied if the student fails to attend religious instruction after requesting to be absent from his or her regular school. The supervisor of such religious instruction shall report monthly,

to the principal of the school regularly attended, the names of the students who attended such weekly religious instruction.

Permission of Parent/guardian or Guardian

The student may be excused by his or her parent/guardian or guardian before the absence for any or no reason. A student may not be excused for more than ten (10) days under this paragraph and must complete any course work missed during the absence. Examples of reasons for being absent that should be counted under this paragraph include, but are not limited to, the following:

- professional and other necessary appointments (e.g., medical, dental, and legal) that cannot be scheduled outside the school day
- to attend the funeral of a relative
- legal proceedings that require the student's presence
- vacations

Parent/guardians are encouraged not to take their child out of school for vacations. When a family vacation must be scheduled during the school year, the parent/guardians should discuss the matter with the principal and the student's teacher(s) to make necessary arrangements.

Religious Holiday

The student wishes to observe a religious holiday consistent with the student's creed or belief.

Suspension or Expulsion

The student has been suspended or expelled.

A student may be excused from school, as determined by the School Attendance Officer, for the following reasons:

- Quarantine: Quarantine of the student's home by a public health officer.
- Illness of an Immediate Family Member
- Emergency: An emergency that requires the student to be absent because of family responsibilities or other appropriate reasons.

**Truancy**

A student will be considered truant if he or she is absent part or all of one or more days from school during which the School Attendance Officer, principal, or a teacher has not been notified of the legal cause of such absence by the parent/guardian or guardian of the absent student. A student will also be considered truant if he or she has been absent intermittently for the purpose of defeating the intent of the Wisconsin Compulsory Attendance statute – Sec. 118.15, Wis. Stat.

When a student is truant, the School Attendance Officer shall ensure that all applicable provisions of the District's Truancy Plan are carried out.

**Unexcused Absences**

Unexcused absences demonstrate a deliberate disregard for the educational program and are considered a serious matter. The principal will determine on a case-by-case basis the appropriate methods to deal with unexcused absences.

Approved Absences: Personal illnesses, a death in the family, religious holidays, or extreme emergencies are acceptable reasons for an absence. A **valid** excuse written by a parent/guardian/guardian must be presented to the office upon return to school, or a phone call from a parent/guardian/guardian on the day of absence, documenting the reason for the absence must be made to the school office. For a definition of a “**valid**” excuse, see the following examples:

Examples of Unexcused Absences:

Oversleeping  
Stayed home to finish homework  
Missing the bus/car wouldn't start  
Shopping/haircut/pictures  
Leaving school without permission

**Habitual Truancy**

A student is considered a habitual truant if he or she is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five (5) or more days on which school is held during a school semester. When a student initially becomes a habitual truant, the School Attendance Officer shall ensure that all applicable provisions of the Districts' Truancy Plan are carried out.

Parent/guardian/Guardian Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian or guardian to ensure that their child attends school regularly. Parent/guardians are expected to provide an excuse for all absences.

Student Responsibilities.

Students are required to attend all classes and other school activities on their daily schedule, unless they have been excused from school.

**Notification:** When a student's attendance for the day is unexcused, contact will be made to the parent/guardian/guardian. A message may be left on an answering machine. The parent/guardian/guardian will then have 2 days to notify the school office, either by phone or written note, stating if the absence is excused and the reason for the absence. If after 2 days the office has not received notification for the unexcused absence, the student then becomes truant and will be referred to administration for disciplinary action.

**TARDINESS**

- a. Students who are not in their homeroom or in class when the late bell rings are considered tardy.
- b. Students who attend any part of the class shall be recorded as present.
- c. Elementary School: All students who are tardy to school must report to the office upon arrival and get an admit slip to class.

**Cases of truancy/tardiness will be referred to the school principal to plan options for addressing the truancy concern.**

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS**

The school encourages students to attend as many school events held after school as possible, without interfering with their school work and home activities. Enthusiastic spectators help to build School spirit and encourage those students who are participating in the event.

However, in order to ensure that students attending evening events as nonparticipants are safe, it is strongly advised that students be accompanied by a parent/guardian or adult chaperone when they attend the event.

- The school will not be able to supervise unaccompanied students not will it be responsible for students who arrive without an adult chaperone.
- The school will continue to provide adequate supervision for all students who are participants in a school activity.

#### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Participants/athletes are reminded that they represent the school both at athletic contests and elsewhere. All participants/athletes are expected to follow all school rules and to display high standards of behavior, including good sportsmanship, respect for others, and use of appropriate language and dress at all times. Participants/athletes must refrain from any conduct at any time that would reflect unsatisfactorily on him or her or the school. This code applies to all school activities, both curricular and extracurricular, that occur outside of the normal school day.

Conduct that would reflect unsatisfactory on a participant/athlete or on the school includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Any crime dealing with, but not limited to, sexual behavior, vandalism or property damage, theft.
- Possession, use, sale or purchase of any controlled substance/intoxicant or drug paraphernalia. Controlled substances/intoxicants include, but are not limited to: anabolic steroids or prescribed medications used in a manner other than that for which they were prescribed.
- Purchase, use or possession of tobacco products or E-cigarettes or anything that resembles them.
- The possession of any weapon or look-alike weapons.
- Hosting, sponsoring, or organizing a party/gathering at which alcohol or drugs are being used, consumed or offered. Students who knowingly or unknowingly attend a party/gathering where alcohol is being used illegally or drugs are present, are expected to remove themselves immediately from the residence. Students are encouraged to report the scenario to a school administrator immediately.

#### **Sportsmanship**

All students and parent/guardians are required to practice good sportsmanship during all school related events. Poor sportsmanship may result in the removal from sporting events.

## DRESS AND GROOMING

While fashions change, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Personal expression is permitted within these general guidelines.

Students should consider the following questions when dressing for school:

1. Does my clothing expose too much? (No)
2. Does my clothing advertise something that is prohibited to minors? (No)
3. Are there obscene, profane, drug-related, gang-related, or inflammatory messages on my clothing? (No)
4. Would I interview for a job in this outfit? (Yes)
5. Am I dressed appropriately for the weather? (Yes)
6. Do I feel comfortable with my appearance? (Yes)

If a student has selected a manner of appearance that is beyond mere freedom of expression and disrupts the educational process or presents risk to themselves or others, they may be removed from the educational setting.

## DRESS CODE

We take pride in the appearance of our students. All students are expected to dress and groom themselves neatly in clothing that is seasonably suitable for school activities. Students wearing inappropriate clothing, such as but not limited to: clothing with alcohol/tobacco reference, inappropriate slogans and suggestive in nature may be asked to return home to make necessary changes.

- Clothing must cover all undergarments. Shorts, skirts and dresses must reach fingertip in length.
- There will be no midriff showing, no low cut tops, cut-out/ripped t-shirts underneath the arm exposing the torso, spaghetti straps, or strapless garments worn.
- Straps on tank tops must be at least 2 inches wide.
- Hats, caps, headwear, jackets/coats, bulky outerwear, backpacks, large chains, jewelry with sharp objects, low riding pants, etc., are not allowed to be worn in the school.

### Reporting Concerns:

Anyone in violation will be sent to the office.

If a dress code violation occurs, these are the steps that will be taken:

- **First Occurrence:** Student will be asked to correct the problem by changing clothes, turning a shirt inside out, putting on shoes, etc.,
- **Second Occurrence:** Student will be asked to correct the problem by changing clothes, turning a shirt inside out, putting on shoes, etc., and a parent/guardian will be notified by phone.

Students attending after school events need to follow the dress. This includes, but not limited to sporting events, and school concerts.

Students who are representing our school at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands, and other such groups.

### **CARE OF PROPERTY**

Students are responsible for the care of their own personal property. The school will not be responsible for the loss of personal property. Valuables such as jewelry or irreplaceable items should not be brought to School. The school may confiscate such items and return them to the student's parent/guardians.

Damage to or loss of school equipment and facilities wastes taxpayers' money and undermines the school program. Therefore, if a student damages or loses school property, the student or his/her parent/guardians will be required to pay for the replacement or damage. If the damage or loss was intentional, the student will also be subject to discipline according to the Code of Conduct.

### **STUDENT CONDUCT**

School rules apply at school, on school property, at school-sponsored events, and on school transportation.

It is the school staff's responsibility to provide a safe and orderly learning environment. History has shown that certain student actions are not compatible with the words "safe" and "orderly". Disciplinary action will be decided on a case-by-case basis and imposed after review of the facts and/or special circumstances of the situation.

Each of the behaviors described below may subject the student to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension and/or expulsion from school.

1. Possession or use of a weapon or look-alike or other item that might cause bodily harm to persons.
2. Being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances or otherwise violating the District alcohol and drug policy.
3. Behavior that interferes with a person's work or school performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, harassing, or offensive classroom environment.
4. Arguing, taunting, baiting, bullying, cyber-bullying, inciting or encouraging an argument or disruption or group posturing to provoke altercations or confrontations.
5. Disruption or intimidation caused by gang or group symbols or gestures, or gang or group posturing to provoke altercations or confrontations.
6. Pushing, striking, or other inappropriate physical contact with a student or staff member.
7. Interfering with the orderly operation of the classroom by using, threatening to use or counseling others to use violence, force, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or disruptive means.
8. Dressing or grooming in a manner that presents a danger to health or safety, causes interference with work, or creates classroom disorder.
9. Restricting another person's freedom to properly utilize classroom facilities or equipment.
10. Repeated classroom interruptions, confronting staff argumentatively, making loud noises, or refusing to follow directions.
11. Throwing objects in the classroom.
12. Repeated disruptions or violations of classroom rules, or excessive or disruptive talking.
13. Behavior that causes the teacher or other students fear of physical or psychological harm.
14. Willful damage to or theft of school property or the property of others.
15. Repeated use of profanity.
16. Using tobacco.
17. Failure to report knowledge of a weapon, bullying or threat of violence.



18. Purposely setting a fire.
19. Gambling.
20. Plagiarism and falsification of identification or school documents.
21. Issuing a false alarm or false report.
22. Trespassing.
23. Persistent absence or tardiness.
24. Unauthorized use of School or personal property.
25. Assisting another person to violate a School rule.
26. Inappropriate public displays of affection.
27. Violation of specific classroom or activity rules.
28. Violation of bus rules.
29. Refusal to accept discipline.
30. Criminal conduct.

#### **DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION**

The administration and staff recognize that the misuse/abuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the entire school community.

- As educational institutions of this community, the schools should strive to prevent drug abuse and help drug abusers by educational, rather than punitive, means.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall mean:

- All dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Wisconsin statute;
- All chemicals that release toxic vapors;
- All alcoholic beverages;
- Any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy;
- "Look-alikes":
- Anabolic steroids;
- Any other illegal substances so designated and prohibited by law.

The use, possession, concealment, or distribution of any drug, drug look-alike and any drug-paraphernalia at any time on school property or at any school-related event is prohibited. Disciplinary sanctions, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution, will be imposed on students who violate the school's drug abuse guidelines.

#### **USE OF TOBACCO IS PROHIBITED**

The Board of Education is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with a tobacco and smoke-free environment. The negative health effects of tobacco use for both users and non-users are well established. In addition, students less than eighteen (18) years of age are generally prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing cigarettes and other tobacco products.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" means to chew or maintain any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco, as well as all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, any other matter or substances that contain tobacco, in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes and/or the smoking of electronic, "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes and any other lighted smoking devices for burning tobacco or any other substance. Accordingly, the Board prohibits students from using or possessing tobacco in any form on District premises, in District vehicles, within any indoor facility owned or while leased

or contracted for by the District and used to provide education or library services to children, and at all District-sponsored events.

### **STUDENT CODE OF CLASSROOM CONDUCT**

The School District of Manawa is committed to maintaining an orderly and safe academic atmosphere. Teachers are expected to create a positive learning environment and to maintain proper order in the classroom. Students are expected to behave in the classroom in a manner that allows teachers to effectively carry out their lessons and allows students to participate in classroom learning activities. Students are also expected to abide by all rules of behavior established by the School and their classroom teachers.

To ensure adherence to these expectations and principles, the Board of Education has adopted this Code of Classroom Conduct, which applies to all students.

### **GROUNDINGS FOR REMOVAL OF A STUDENT FROM CLASS**

Disturbances that interrupt the learning process cannot be permitted by any teacher. A teacher may temporarily remove a student from the teacher's class if the student violates the Code of Classroom Conduct. Additionally, the student may be removed from the class for a longer period of time within the discretion of the principal. A student removed from class may also be placed in an alternative education setting.

Removal of a student from class for violating the Code of Classroom Conduct or placement of the student in an alternative educational setting does not prohibit the School from further disciplining the student for the conduct that caused removal or placement including, but not limited to, suspending or expelling the student.

It is neither possible nor necessary to specify every type of improper or inappropriate behavior for which a teacher may remove a student from class. Provided below, however, are examples of reasons a student may be removed from class. A teacher may remove a student from class for conduct or behavior that:

- A. Would result in suspension or expulsion under the Board's policies and procedures;
- B. Violates the behavioral rules and expectations of the school;
- C. Is dangerous, disruptive or unruly. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  1. Possession or use of a weapon or look-alike or other item that might cause bodily harm to persons in the classroom
  2. Being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances or otherwise violating the District alcohol and drug policy
  3. Behavior that interferes with a person's work or school performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, harassing, or offensive classroom environment
  4. Arguing, taunting, baiting, inciting or encouraging an argument or disruption or group posturing to provoke altercations or confrontations
  5. Disruption or intimidation caused by gang or group symbols or gestures, or gang or group posturing to provoke altercations or confrontations
  6. Pushing, striking, or other inappropriate physical contact with a student or staff member

7. Interfering with the orderly operation of the classroom by using, threatening to use or counseling others to use violence, force, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or disruptive means
  8. Dressing or grooming in a manner that presents a danger to health or safety, causes interference with work, or creates classroom disorder
  9. Restricting another person's freedom to properly utilize classroom facilities or equipment
  10. Repeated classroom interruptions, confronting staff argumentatively, making loud noises, or refusing to follow directions
  11. Throwing objects in the classroom
  12. Repeated disruptions or violations of classroom rules, or excessive or disruptive talking
  13. Behavior that causes the teacher or other students fear of physical or psychological harm
  14. Willful damage to or theft of school property or the property of others
  15. Repeated use of profanity
- D. Interferes with the ability of the teacher to teach effectively. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:
1. Repeated reporting to class without bringing necessary materials to participate in class activities
  2. Possession of personal property by school rules or otherwise disruptive to the teaching and learning of others
- E Shows disrespect or defiance of the teacher, exhibited in words, gestures or other behavior;
- F. Is inconsistent with class decorum and the ability of others to learn. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, sleeping in class, blatant inattention, or other overt or passive refusal or inability to engage in class activities.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT REMOVAL FROM CLASS**

When a student is removed from class, the teacher shall send or escort the student to the principal and inform the principal of the reason for the student's removal from class. The teacher shall provide the principal with a written explanation of the reasons for the removal of the student within twenty-four (24) hours of the student's removal from class.

The principal will generally give the student an opportunity to briefly explain the situation. The principal shall then determine the appropriate educational placement for the student.

#### **Student Placement**

The principal shall place the student, who has been removed from a class by a teacher, in one of the following alternative educational settings:

- A. An alternative education program approved by the Board under State law;
- B. Another instructional setting, time-out, in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension; or
- C. The class from which the student was removed if, after weighing the interests of the student, the other students in the class, and the teacher, the principal determines that readmission to the class is the best or only alternative.

#### **Parent/Guardian Notification Procedures**

The principal shall provide the parent/guardian of a student removed from class-with written notice of the removal and the reason(s) for the removal. The notification shall be made as soon as practicable, but no later than two (2) school days after the student's removal from class. The notice shall also include the reasons for the student's removal and the placement made by the principal. If the removal from class and change of educational placement involves a student with a disability, the parent/guardian notification shall be made consistent with State and Federal laws and regulations applicable to disabled students.

If the student removed from a class is subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion for the particular classroom conduct and/or other disciplinary incidents the parent/guardian shall also be notified of the disciplinary action in accordance with legal and policy requirements.

#### **Students with Disabilities**

A student with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Section 115.758, Wis. Stat. may be removed from class and placed in an alternative educational setting only to the extent authorized under the laws.

#### **Definitions**

"Student" means any student enrolled in the District, an exchange student, or a student visitor to the District's schools.

"Teacher" means a person holding a license or permit issued by the State Superintendent whose employment by a school district requires that he or she hold that license or permit.

"Class" or "classroom" means any class, meeting or activity which students attend, or in which they participate while in school under the control or direction of the District. This definition of "class" includes, without limitation, regular classes, special classes, resource room sessions, labs, library time, counseling groups, assemblies, study halls, lunch, or recess. "Class" also includes regularly scheduled District-sponsored extracurricular activities, either during or outside of school hours. Such activities include, by example and without limitation, District sponsored field trips, after-school clubs, and sporting activities.

#### **OTHER FORMS OF DISCIPLINE**

It is important to remember that the school's rules apply at school, on school property, at school-sponsored events, and on school transportation. In some cases, a student can be suspended from school transportation for infractions of school bus rules.

Ultimately, it is the Principal's responsibility to keep things orderly. In all cases, the school shall attempt to make discipline prompt and equitable and to have the punishment match the severity of the incident.

#### **Informal Discipline**

Informal discipline takes place within the school. It includes:

- Writing assignments;
- Change of seating or location;
- Lunch-time detention;
- In-school restriction

## **SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION**

### **A. Suspension**

#### **1. Duration and Grounds for Suspension**

The principal or a person designated by the principal may suspend a student for up to five (5) school days or, if a notice of expulsion hearing has been sent, for up to fifteen (15) consecutive school days or ten (10) consecutive school days if the student is eligible for special education services under Chapter 115, Wis. Stats., if the suspension is reasonably justified and based upon any of the following misconduct:

- a. Noncompliance with school or School Board rules;
- b. Knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives;
- c. Conduct by the student while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health or safety of others;
- d. Conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority;
- e. Conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health or safety of any employee or School Board member of the school district in which the student is enrolled.
- f. Under paragraphs c, d, and e above, conduct that endangers a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property.

The District Administrator, or any principal or teacher designated by the District Administrator shall suspend a student if the student possessed a firearm while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority.

The suspension period applies to "school days." Thus, a suspension period does not include weekend days or vacation days.

#### **2. Suspension Procedure**

Prior to being suspended, on the day of the alleged infraction or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the student will be advised orally or in writing of the reason for the proposed suspension and given an opportunity to explain his or her conduct.

The principal, within his or her discretion, may also inform the student's parent/guardians or guardian of the reason for the proposed suspension prior to suspending the student.

#### **3. Notice of Suspension**

The parent/guardian or guardian of a suspended minor student shall be given prompt written notice of the suspension and the reason for the suspension by mail and by sending a copy of the notice home with the student. Oral notice may also be given to the student's parent/guardian or guardian; however, it will be confirmed in writing.

4. **Sending a Student Home on the day of the Suspension**

Generally, the student should remain in school on the day of the suspension until school is dismissed for the day. Except as provided below:

- If the situation requires that the student be removed from the premises before school is dismissed, the principal shall attempt to contact the student's parent/guardian or guardian to request that s/he pick up the student. If the parent/guardian/guardian is unable to pick up the student, the student should remain under the school's supervision until school is dismissed, or in the event law enforcement is involved, under law enforcement supervision.

5. **Opportunity to Complete School Work**

A suspended student shall not be denied the opportunity to take any quarterly, semester or grading period examinations or to complete course work missed during the suspension period. Such work shall be completed pursuant to the procedures established by the School Board.

6. **Reference to the Suspension in the Student's Record**

The student's suspension from school shall be entered in the student's record as required by the rules adopted by the School Board concerning the content of student records.

The suspended student or the student's parent/guardian or guardian may, within five (5) school days following the commencement of the suspension, have a conference with the District Administrator or his or her designee, who shall be someone other than a principal, administrator or teacher in the suspended student's school, to discuss removing reference to the suspension from the student's records.

Reference to the suspension in the student's school record shall be removed if the District Administrator finds that:

- The student was suspended unfairly or unjustly;
- The suspension was inappropriate, given the nature of the alleged offense; or
- The student suffered undue consequences or penalties as a result of the suspension.

The District Administrator, or the administrator's designee, shall make his or her finding within fifteen (15) days of the conference.

7. **Co-Curricular or Extra-Curricular Participation**

A student's participation in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities during a suspension shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

B. **Expulsion**

1. **Grounds for Expulsion**

The School Board may expel a student only when it is satisfied that the interest of the school demands the student's expulsion and it finds that the student:

- Repeatedly refused or neglected to obey the rules established by the School District;
- Knowingly conveyed or caused to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives;
- Engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that endangered the property, health or safety of others;
- Engaged in conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority or endangered the property, health or safety of any employee or School Board member of the School District in which the student is enrolled; or
- Was at least sixteen (16) years old and had repeatedly engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that disrupted the ability of school authorities to maintain order or an educational atmosphere at school or at an activity supervised by a school authority and that such conduct did not otherwise constitute grounds for expulsion.

Under this section, conduct that endangers a person or property includes threatening the health or safety of a person or threatening to damage property.

2. **Expulsion for Bringing a Firearm to School**

The School Board shall expel a student from school for not less than one (1) year whenever it finds that the student brought a firearm to school or, while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority, possessed a firearm, unless the Board finds that the punishment should be reduced based upon the circumstances of the incident. Any such finding by the Board shall be in writing.

3. **Expulsion Hearing**

Prior to expelling a student, the School Board shall provide the student with a hearing. Prior written notice of the expulsion hearing must be sent separately both to the student and his/her parent/guardian(s) or

guardian(s) if the student is a minor; otherwise just to the student. The notice will comply with the requirements of State law.

The student, or the student's parent/guardian if the student is a minor, has the right to request a closed hearing or the Board may choose to close the hearing. The student and, if the student is a minor, the student's parent/guardian or guardian may be represented at the hearing by counsel.

4. **Expulsion Order**

The Board shall reduce its decision to writing in the form of a written order. If expulsion is ordered, the order must state the length of time that the student is to be expelled. The order should also state specific findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of the decision.

5. **Student Records**

The student's expulsion from school shall be entered in the student's record as required by the rules adopted by the School Board concerning the content of student records.

**Discipline of Disabled Students**

Students with disabilities will be entitled to the rights and procedures afforded by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.).

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE**

Search of a student and his/her possessions, including vehicles, may be conducted at any time the student is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, if there is a reasonable suspicion that the student is in violation of law or school rules. A search may also be conducted to protect the safety of others or as otherwise permitted by law.

Students are provided lockers, desks, and other equipment in which to store materials. This equipment is the property of the school and may be searched at any time if there is reasonable suspicion that a student has violated the law or school rules.

All computers located in classrooms, labs and offices of the District are the District's property and are to be used by students, for educational purposes. The District retains the right to access and review all electronic, computer files, databases, and any other electronic transmissions contained in or used in conjunction with the District's computer system, and electronic mail. Students should have no expectation that any information contained on such systems is confidential or private.

Review of such information may be done by the District with or without the student's knowledge or permission. The use of passwords does not guarantee confidentiality, and the District retains the right to access information in spite of a password. All passwords or security codes must be registered with the instructor. A student's refusal to permit such access may be grounds for disciplinary action.



No strip searches will be conducted by any employee of the District, but may be conducted by law enforcement officials, if deemed necessary.

Anything that is found in the course of a search that may be evidence of a violation of school rules or the law may be taken and held or turned over to the police. The school reserves the right not to return items which have been confiscated.

### **STUDENT'S RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION**

Manawa Elementary School recognizes the right of students to express themselves. With the right of expression comes the responsibility to do it appropriately. Students may distribute or display, at appropriate times, non-sponsored, noncommercial written material and petitions; buttons, badges, or other insignia; clothing, insignia, and banners; and audio and video materials. All items must meet the following school guidelines:

- A. A material cannot be displayed if it:
  - 1. Is obscene to minors, libelous, indecent, or vulgar,
  - 2. Advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law,
  - 3. Intends to be insulting or harassing,
  - 4. Intends to incite fighting or presents a likelihood of disrupting school or a school event.
  - 5. Presents a clear and present likelihood that, either because of its content or manner of distribution or display, it causes or is likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of school or school activities, a violation of school regulations, or the commission of an unlawful act.
- B. Materials may not be displayed or distributed during class periods, or during passing times between classes. Permission may be granted for display or distribution during lunch periods and after school in designated locations, as long as exits are not blocked and there is proper access and egress to the building.

Students who are unsure whether or not materials they wish to display meet school guidelines may present them to the Principal twenty-four (24) hours prior to display.

### **STUDENT SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

The school is here for the benefit of the students. The staff is here to assist a student in becoming a responsible adult. If a student has suggestions that could improve the school, s/he should feel free to offer them. Written suggestions may be presented directly to the Principal or to the student council.

When concerns or grievances arise, the best way to resolve the issue is through communication. No student will be harassed by any staff member or need fear reprisal for the proper expression of a legitimate concern. As with suggestions, concerns and grievances may be directed to the Principal or to the student government.

## **SECTION V - TRANSPORTATION**

### **BUS TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL**

Bus transportation is provided for all eligible students. The bus schedule and route is available by contacting the Jim Quinn at [jquinn@manawa.k12.wi.us](mailto:jquinn@manawa.k12.wi.us) or (920) 596-5839.

Students will ride only assigned school buses and will board and depart from the bus at assigned bus stops. Students will not be permitted to ride unassigned buses for any reason other than an emergency, except as approved by the Principal.

A change in a student's regular assigned bus stop may be granted for a special need, if a note from a parent/guardian is submitted to the Principal stating the reason for the request and the duration of the change and the Principal approves.

### **BUS CONDUCT**

Students who are riding to and from school on transportation provided by the school are required to follow some basic safety rules. This applies to school-owned buses as well as any contracted transportation that may be provided.

The driver is responsible for student safety and may assign seating or direct the student in any reasonable manner to maintain that safety.

The following behaviors are expected of all students:

#### **Previous to loading (on the road and at school)**

Each student shall:

- Be on time at the designated loading zone (5 minutes prior to scheduled stop);
- Stay off the road at all times while walking to and waiting for the bus;
- Line up single file off the roadway to enter;
- Wait until the bus is completely stopped before moving forward to enter;
- Refrain from crossing a highway until the bus driver signals it is safe;
- Go immediately to a seat and be seated.
- It is the parent/guardians' responsibility to inform the bus driver when their child will not be boarding the bus. The bus will not wait.

#### **During the trip**

Each student shall:

- Remain seated while the bus is in motion;
- Keep head, hands, arms, and legs inside the bus at all times;
- Not litter in the bus or throw anything from the bus;
- Keep books, packages, coats, and all other objects out of the aisle;
- Be courteous to the driver and to other bus riders;
- Not eat, play games or play cards, etc.;
- Not tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.

#### **Leaving the bus**

- Each student shall:
- Remain seated until the bus has stopped;

- Cross the road, when necessary, at least ten (10) feet in front of the bus, but only after the driver signals that it is safe;
- Be alert to a possible danger signal from the driver.

The driver will not discharge students at places other than their regular stop at home or at school unless s/he has proper authorization from school officials.

#### **VIDEOTAPES ON SCHOOL BUSES**

The Board of Education may authorize the installation of video cameras on school buses for purposes of monitoring student behavior.

If a student is reported to have misbehaved on a bus and his/her actions were recorded on a videotape, the tape will be submitted to the Principal and may be used as evidence of the misbehavior. Since these tapes are considered part of a student's record, they can be viewed only in accordance with State and Federal law.

#### **PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS**

A student who engages in misconduct on a bus shall be subject to discipline and may be deprived of the privilege of riding on the bus.

#### **SELF-TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL**

- Riding a bike to school is a privilege which can be revoked at any time. A bicycle rack is located in the front area of school. Riding bicycles on the school property during school hours is not permitted except during events or special occasions that involve bicycles.
- The school district is not responsible for lost or stolen bicycles. We encourage students in kindergarten and first grade to ride with a buddy or sibling to ensure safety.

**Addendum A**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANAWA**

**HARASSMENT COMPLAINT FORM**  
(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Who did the harassment? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the harassment. Include time, dates, and location for each incident:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What was your reaction or what action did you take?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any witnesses or anyone else who has information relevant to this complaint:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I understand these incidents will be investigated and that this form will be kept confidential as much as possible.

No person shall provide false information at any time. If a person provides false information to school district officials regarding a complaint, proceeding, employment application, or other matter, appropriate disciplinary action may be taken against the individual who provided the false information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comment [MO1]:** Forms should be labeled as Addendums, lettered in the order in which they are referenced in the handbook, and inserted in the order in which they are referenced at the end of the handbook.

**Student/Parent/guardian Handbook:**

***I have been given the opportunity to view and/or obtain any of the above information for review. My child(ren) and I have read and understand the information contained in each section. By signing below, we agree to follow the rules and guidelines within the Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook.***

***Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_***

***Student(s) Signatures(s): \_\_\_\_\_***