



CENTRAL POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT 6

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Employee Manual

PREFACE

The material covered within this staff handbook is intended as a method of communicating to employees regarding general district information, rules and regulation and is not intended to either enlarge or diminish any Board policy, administrative regulation or collective bargaining agreement. Material contained herein may therefore be superseded by such Board policy, administrative regulation, collective bargaining agreement or changes in state or federal law.

Any information contained in this staff handbook is subject to unilateral revision or elimination from time to time without notice.

No information in this document shall be viewed as an offer, expressed or implied or as a guarantee of any employment of any duration.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Equal employment opportunity and treatment shall be practiced by the district regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation*, age, marital status or disability, if the employee, with or without reasonable accommodation, is able to perform the essential functions of the position.

The superintendent has designated personnel to coordinate compliance with these legal requirements, including Title VI, Title VII, Title IX and other civil rights or discrimination issues, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)] and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Contact the District Office for additional information and/or compliance issues:

ASSOCIATIONS

The Southern Oregon Bargaining Council represents the bargaining unit for all licensed staff.

The Oregon School Employees Association Chapter 47 represents the bargaining unit for all classified staff.

BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Regular Board meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:30. The location of some Board meetings varies. Board meeting information can be found on the School District #6 webpage. All regular and special meetings of the Board are open to the public unless as otherwise provided by law.

All staff members are invited to attend Board meetings. All formal communications or reports to the Board are to be submitted through building supervisors and administrators to the superintendent in accordance with established lines of authority, as approved by the Board. This does not restrict protected labor relations communication of bargaining unit members.

All official Board communications, policies and information of staff interest will be communicated to staff through the superintendent to local building supervisors and administrators.

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SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

LICENSED WORK HOURS, ABSENCE, LATE ARRIVAL, LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING WORK HOURS:

Work Hours:

The normal workday for licensed employees is 8 hours, inclusive of a 45-minute duty free lunch. Each building establishes a starting time for employees. Fridays may be a 7.5 hour workday. Employees are expected to arrive on time and remain at work until the end of established workday.

Absence:

Fill out a leave form whenever you are absent from work. If you call in sick fill out the leave form upon return.

Schedule substitutes through Subfinder. Pre-arrange for subs whenever possible. If you do pre-arrange for a sub you still must call subfinder and select “pre-arranged.” Subfinder will not make calls after 7:00 a.m. If you have an emergency or become ill in the morning after 7:00 contact your principal or school office to arrange for a substitute.

As per the collective bargaining agreement, be sure to use **sick leave** for “personal or immediate family illness or injury.” **Personal days** are to be used for personal business and “matters which require absence during work hours.”

Leaving school grounds during work hours:

As per the collective bargaining agreement, contact the office and obtain permission from your principal if you are leaving school grounds during the workday.

Late arrival:

Contact your supervisor or the school office if you are going to be late arriving to work.

CLASSIFIED WORK HOURS AND BREAK TIMES, ABSENCE, TIMECARDS, ETC...

Work Hours:

Adhere to your assigned work hours unless prior arrangements are made with your principal or supervisor.

Complete time cards accurately. Record actual time you arrive and leave work. Falsifying time cards will be cause for disciplinary action.

Breaks:

Employees cannot waive their rights to take required meal and rest periods. As per the collective bargaining agreement, “under no circumstances will employees be allowed to attach their lunch or break times to the end of their shift.”

Length of work period	Number of rest breaks required	Number of meal periods required
2 hrs or less	0	0
2 hrs 1 min - 5 hrs 59 min	1 (15 min)	0
6 hrs	1 (15 min)	1
6 hrs 1 min - 10 hrs	2 (15 min)	1

Absence:

Fill out a leave form whenever you are absent from work. If you call in sick fill out the leave form upon return.

As per the collective bargaining agreement:

Sick leave is to be used for illness to the employee or an immediate family member.

Personal leave is to be used for sickness (if sick leave is exhausted) or “important personal business.” Requests for personal leave should be made 24 hours prior if possible.

Leave Without Pay, or dock pay, is not an accepted form of leave and will not be authorized except under the following conditions. Upon the recommendation of the immediate supervisor, the Superintendent in his/her discretion may grant an additional leave without pay for the following reasons:

- A. Critical illness, injury or death of a person encompassed within the "immediate family" or with whom a very close relationship exists.
- B. Unusual conditions over which the employee has no control and which require his/her presence.
- C. In accordance with the Family Leave Act of 1993, the District will provide continued medical insurance premiums for a maximum of twelve (12) weeks as per requirements of the Act.
- D. Chronic use of this leave may be subject to disciplinary action.

GENERAL POLICIES

Transporting students in personal vehicles:

Oregon law requires anyone (employee or volunteer) transporting students to certify minimum levels of insurance coverage and properly secure students under six years of age or between 40 and 60 lbs. with proper child safety systems. All employees transporting students in personal vehicles must complete the Employee Volunteer Auto Use Permit available in the main office.

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

FEDERAL FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)/OREGON FAMILY LEAVE ACT (OFLA) MILITARY FAMILY LEAVE ACT (MFLA)/OREGON MILITARY FAMILY LEAVE ACT (OMFLA)

Eligibility

In accordance with federal law, staff members employed by the district for the previous 12 months and who have worked at least 1,250 hours during the year preceding the start of the leave may be eligible for FMLA leave. Staff members employed by the district at least 180 days prior to the first day of the family medical leave of absence and who have worked an average of 25 or more hours per week may be eligible for OFLA leave. There is no minimum average number of hours worked per week when determining employee eligibility for parental leave under OFLA.

Length/Purpose of Leave

Employees eligible for FMLA leave under federal law and/or OFLA leave under state law are entitled to take 12 work weeks of leave within a 12-month period for the:

1. Birth of the employee's child (eligibility expires 12 months after the birth);
2. Placement of a child for adoption or foster care when the child is under 18 or older than 18 if incapable of self-care (eligibility expires 12 months after placement);
3. Care of a family member with a serious health condition; or
4. The staff member's own serious health condition.

Additionally, an employee eligible for OFLA leave is entitled to such leave for the care of a sick or injured child who requires home care but who is not suffering from a serious health condition. An additional 12 workweek leave within any one-year period is available for an illness, injury or condition related to pregnancy or childbirth that disables the employee from performing her work duties. An employee who takes 12 full work weeks of parental leave is then entitled to 12 additional work weeks of sick child leave under OFLA.

Contact the Human Resource Office for additional information regarding length of leave entitlements under state and federal law and provisions governing two family members eligible for FMLA or OFLA leave.

A serious health condition is defined differently under federal and state law. Contact the Human Resource Office for details.

Contact the Human Resource Office for additional information regarding the Military Family Leave Act (MFLA)/Oregon Military Family Leave Act (OMFLA).

Intermittent Leave and Alternate Duty

The district may transfer an employee, with the employee's voluntary consent, on intermittent OFLA leave or a reduced work schedule into an alternate position with the same or different duties to accommodate the leave provided certain criteria are met.

Additionally, the district may transfer an employee recovering from a serious health condition to an alternate position that accommodates the serious health condition provided certain criteria are met.

Calculating the 12-Month Period for Leave

The district will use the same method for calculating the 12-month period in which the 12 workweek FMLA and OFLA leave entitlement occurs for all employees. The district will use a "rolling" 12-month period measured backward from the date the employee uses any family and medical leave.

Paid/Unpaid Leave

Family leave under federal law is generally unpaid. Under state law, employees are entitled to access any accrued paid leave including paid sick leave for any OFLA qualifying event. The district requires the employee to use any accrued sick leave, vacation or personal leave days (or other paid time established by

Board policy(ies) and/or collective bargaining agreements) in that order before taking FMLA and/or OFLA leave without pay for the leave period.

The district will notify the employee that the requested leave has been designated as FMLA and/or OFLA leave and, if required by the district, that accrued paid leave shall be used during the leave period. Such notification will be given to the employee prior to the commencement of the leave or within two working days of the employee's notice of an unanticipated or emergency leave.

When the district does not have sufficient information to make a determination of whether the leave qualifies as FMLA or OFLA leave, the district will provide the required notice promptly when the information is available but no later than two working days after the district has received the information. Oral notices will be confirmed in writing no later than the subsequent payday.

Application

Staff members requesting FMLA and/or OFLA leave shall submit to the district a written request at least 30 days prior to the anticipated leave date if the leave is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment. The notice shall include the anticipated starting and ending dates of the requested leave and an explanation of the need for the leave. Staff members are expected to schedule treatment, including intermittent leave and reduced hours, so as to not unduly disrupt the operation of the district.

If advance notice of FMLA leave, under federal law, is not possible, for example due to a change in circumstances or medical emergency, notice must be given as soon as practicable. "As soon as practicable" means at least oral notification within one or two business days of when the leave becomes known to the employee.

Failure to provide the required notice for FMLA leave may result in the district delaying the staff member's leave for up to 30 days after the notice is ultimately given.

If advance notice of OFLA leave is not possible due to unanticipated or emergency leave situation, oral or written notice is required within 24 hours. The district realizes that there may be circumstances when it is not possible to provide a 24-hour notice. Therefore, the staff member may designate a family member or friend to notify the district during that period of time. In either case, proper documentation must be submitted within three working days of the employee's return to work.

Failure to provide the required notice for OFLA leave may result in the district deducting up to three weeks from the staff member's leave period.

Medical Certification

If the staff member provides 30 or more days notice when applying for FMLA and/or OFLA leave, he/she shall be required to provide medical documentation when appropriate to support the request for leave. The district will provide written notification to employees of this requirement within three working days of the staff member's request for leave. If the staff member provides less than 30 days notice, he/she is required to submit such medical certification no later than 15 calendar days after receipt of the district's notification that medical certification is required.

Under federal law, a second medical opinion at the district's expense may be required whenever the district has reason to doubt the validity of the initial medical opinion. The health-care provider may be

selected by the district. The health-care provider shall not be an individual employed by the district on a regular basis. Should the first and second medical certifications differ, a third opinion may be required. The district and the employee will mutually agree on the selection of the health-care provider for a third medical certification. The third opinion will be final. Second and third opinions and the actual travel expenses for a staff member to obtain such opinions will be paid for by the district.

Under state law, the district may require a second opinion and designate the health-care provider. Should the two opinions conflict, the district may require a third opinion and that the two providers designate the third health-care provider. The third opinion will be final. Second and third opinions and the actual travel expenses for a staff member to obtain such opinion will be paid for by the district.

If the leave is for the purpose of an employee's own serious health condition, he/she may also be required to provide a fitness-for-duty medical release from the health-care provider before returning to work.

The district may require a staff member using OFLA leave to care for a sick child to provide medical certification after the use of more than three days of such leave in a one-year period. The employee may be required to pay the cost of the medical certification not covered by insurance or other benefit plans.

Continuation of Health Insurance Benefits

Under FMLA leave, group health insurance benefits and premium payments must be continued on the same basis as coverage would have been provided and premiums paid in the absence of the leave. The district will continue to pay the district's contribution toward the employee's premium. The employee will continue to pay the employee's share of premiums, if any. A 30-day grace period will be allowed for receipt of employee contributions. The district's obligation to maintain the employee's benefits will cease if the employee's contribution is more than 30 days late. The district will provide written notice that the premium payment is more than 30 calendar days late. Such notice will be provided within 15 calendar days before coverage is to cease.

Return to Work

Following an FMLA or OFLA leave, a staff member is generally entitled to be returned to his/her former position or to an equivalent job with equivalent benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment, with certain exceptions. See the Human Resource Office for details of this or any other provision of FMLA or OFLA leave,

ADMISSION TO DISTRICT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Staff members designated by the building principal or supervisor with responsibility at extracurricular activities are admitted free of charge. Passes to District 6 events may be issued, in accordance with collective bargaining agreement language, if the process does not violate ethics standards for public employees.

ANIMALS IN DISTRICT FACILITIES

Permission is to be obtained from the principal before animals are brought into the school. Animals must be adequately cared for and appropriately secured. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals. The only animals allowed to be housed in a classroom must be for a specific and appropriate educational purpose and shall be allowed for the amount of time necessary to achieve the educational goal.

The teacher will be responsible for the proper control of animals brought to school for instructional purposes, including effective protection of children when animals are in the school. This will include keeping the animal in an appropriate cage or container that prevents contact with fecal matter.

If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, arrangements must be made for their care.

Animals may not be transported on a school bus.

Animals serving the disabled would be an exception to this policy.

BREAKS

Scheduled breaks are provided to all nonexempt employees to ensure safety, efficiency and to meet the requirements of law. All classified staff members who work four or more consecutive hours are entitled to one 15 minute break. Those working eight hour days are entitled to two 15 minute breaks.

Nonexempt (e.g. includes some confidential) employees are expected to adhere to the break schedule established by the building principal/supervisor. Deviation from the regularly scheduled break period requires prior supervisor approval.

Under no circumstances will nonexempt employees be allowed to attach their lunch or break times to the beginning or end of their shift.

MOTHER FRIENDLY WORKPLACE

An adequate location for the expression of milk, or breastfeeding, will be provided to an employee, including a 30 minute, unpaid rest period to express milk or breastfeed during each four hour work period. Employees should meet with their building principal or supervisor to discuss any concerns they have regarding the designated location.

CARE/USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

All staff members are encouraged to exercise continuous and vigilant care of all district-owned property. Such items as computer and video equipment, and musical instruments are priority items for theft and damage.

Incidents of theft or willful destruction of district property through vandalism or malicious mischief should be reported immediately to the building principal/supervisor.

Certain district-owned equipment, including computers, may be checked out by staff and district patrons. Such equipment may not be used for personal financial gain or avoidance of personal financial loss.

In the event of loss or damage, a fee may be assessed by the district according to the repair or replacement costs.

CASH IN DISTRICT BUILDINGS

Money collected by staff as a result of fund raisers or other school-related purposes is to be deposited in the office whenever the sum accumulated in any one day by a class, staff member or others exceeds \$100. At no time are substantial amounts of money to be kept overnight or held during holidays or for long periods of time in classrooms.

Staff members are asked to emphasize to students the importance of promptly depositing money collected with appropriate school officials.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

All staff will be required to participate in annual training in the prevention and identification of child abuse and the obligations of reporting.

Any staff member who has reasonable cause or reasonable suspicion to believe that any child under 18 years of age with whom he/she has come in contact has suffered abuse or neglect, or that any adult with whom he/she is in contact has abused a child, shall immediately orally report to the Oregon Department of Human Services, Community Human Services, or local law enforcement agency. The building principal is also to be immediately informed.

Written documentation of this report must be completed and submitted to the building principal. Forms are available in the office.

Oregon law recognizes these types of abuse:

1. Physical;
2. Neglect;
3. Mental injury;
4. Threat of harm;
5. Sexual abuse or sexual exploitation.

Failure to report a suspected child abuse or to comply with the confidentiality of records requirements is a violation punishable by law and by district disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

A staff member who, based on reasonable grounds, participates in the good faith making of a child abuse report shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as provided by law.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS/INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES

The district provides for the reasonable protection against the risk of exposure to communicable disease to all staff while engaged in the performance of their duties. Protection is provided through immunization and exclusion in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules. Infection control procedures, including provisions for handling and disposing of potentially infectious materials, have also been established through Board policy and administrative regulations for staff and student protection.

All staff shall comply with measures adopted by the district and with all rules set by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, and the county health department.

Staff members have a responsibility to report to the district when infected with a communicable disease unless otherwise stated by law.

HBV*/Bloodborne Pathogens Training and Immunization

Staff members designated as primary first-aid providers, or who may otherwise incur occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials in conjunction with their assigned duties as determined by the district, will receive appropriate information and training as follows:

1. At the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place;
2. At least annually thereafter and within one year of their previous training;
3. When changes such as modification of tasks or procedures or new tasks or procedures affect the staff member's occupational exposure.

Additionally, HBV vaccination and vaccination series will be made available after training and within 10 days of initial assignment to all staff that have been identified by the district as having occupational exposure. Report any occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens to the building principal or supervisor. Following a report of an exposure incident, the district will immediately make available to the exposed staff member a confidential postexposure evaluation and follow-up.

Employees who use medical sharps in the performance of their duties (e.g. administering injectable medicines to students, such as epinephrine and glucagon) will annually be provided an opportunity to identify, evaluate and select engineering and work practice controls (e.g. sharps disposal containers, self-sheathing needles, safer medical devices, such as sharps injury protections and needleless systems). The district will implement such work practice controls, as appropriate.

Infection Control Procedures

Appropriate hygienic and sanitation practices have been established by the district as follows:

1. Standard precautions are to be followed at all times. Standard precautions require the assumption that staff and students approach infection control as if all direct contact with human blood and body fluids is known to be infectious for HIV*, HBV and/or bloodborne pathogens;
2. Whenever possible, students would be directed to care for their own minor bleeding injury. This includes encouraging students to apply their own band-aids. If assistance is required, band-aids may be applied after removal of gloves if care giver will not come into contact with blood or wound drainage;
3. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved gloves are required for all tasks in which an individual may come into contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials. Such tasks include cleaning body fluid spills, emptying trash cans, handling sharps/containers, handling contaminated broken glass, cleaning contaminated equipment and handling contaminated laundry/clothing. This also includes assisting with any minor wound care, treating bloody noses, handling clothes soiled by incontinence, diaper changing and cleaning up vomit;
4. Immediate, complete and effective hand washing with soap and running water of at least 30 seconds duration should follow any first aid or health care given a student or contact with potentially infectious materials;
5. If exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials occurs through coughing, any first-aid procedure or through an open sore or break in the skin, thorough washing, preferably with germicidal soap, is necessary;
6. In the event hand-washing facilities are not readily available, thorough cleaning using an antiseptic cleanser and clean cloth/paper towels or antiseptic towelettes provided by the district as an alternative is necessary. In the event alternatives are used, hands must be washed with soap and water as soon as feasible;
7. Contaminated work surfaces shall be decontaminated with an appropriate disinfectant after completion of procedures; immediately or as soon as feasible when surfaces are overtly contaminated or after any spill of blood or other potentially infectious materials; and at the end of the work shift if the surface may have become contaminated since the last cleaning. Clean surfaces with soap and water and then rinse with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved disinfectant** following labeling instructions for use, or a freshly-made solution of one part bleach to nine parts water, and allow to air dry. These surfaces include equipment, counters, mats (including those used in physical education classes and athletic events), toys or changing tables;
8. An EPA-approved disinfectant must be used when cleaning fluids such as blood or vomit from the floor or other such contaminated surfaces;
9. Contaminated laundry such as clothing and towels must be placed and transported in bags and containers in accordance with the district's standard precautions. All such items must be laundered in hot or cold water and soap and placed in a dryer;
10. Needles, syringes, broken glassware and other sharp objects found on district property must not be picked up by students at any time, nor by staff without appropriate puncture-proof gloves or mechanical device such as a broom, brush and dust pan.
11. All wastebaskets used to dispose of potentially infectious materials must be lined with a plastic bag liner that is changed daily;
12. Gloves and repellent gowns, aprons or jackets are required for tasks in which exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials can be reasonably anticipated to contaminate street clothing. Type and characteristics of such protective clothing will depend on the task. Such tasks may include diapering/toileting with gross contamination, assisting with wound care, sorting or bagging contaminated laundry/clothing and disposing of regulated waste with gross contamination;
13. Maximum protection with gloves, face and/or eye protection and gowns are required whenever splashes, spray, spatter or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials may be generated and eye, nose or mouth contamination can be reasonably anticipated. Such tasks may

- include feeding a student with a history of spitting or forceful vomiting and assisting with severe injury and wounds with spurting blood;
14. If a first-aid situation occurs, students should report to a person in authority, staff should report to a supervisor.
- * HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
 - * HBV – Hepatitis B Virus
 - ** Disinfectants which can be used include Lysol, Purex, Clorox, Tough Act bathroom cleaner, Dow bathroom cleaner, Real Pine liquid cleaner, Pine Sol, Spic and Span, Tackle liquid, Comet and other products with EPA numbers. Other disinfectants as recommended by the Center for Disease Control may be used.

COMMUNITY USE OF BUILDINGS

The building is open to community groups during the week and weekends for approved use when such use does not interfere with district programs.

As classrooms may be scheduled outside regular building hours, all staff are encouraged to leave their rooms in order and to secure personal items. The district is not responsible for personal items left on district property.

COMPLAINTS

Student/Parent Complaints

The district recognizes that complaints regarding staff performance, discipline, grades, student progress and homework assignments will be made by students and parents from time to time. Every effort will be made to ensure that such complaints are handled and resolved informally and as close to their origin as possible. Whenever possible students, parents and others with complaints will be encouraged to discuss the complaint directly with the staff member. All such meetings should be held in confidence and not in the presence of others.

If the complaint is not informally resolved, staff should advise the complainant that he/she may submit the matter directly to the building principal or immediate supervisor, as appropriate. The complainant will be provided with necessary formal complaint procedure guidelines in accordance with Board policy and applicable provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

When a complaint is made directly to the Board as a whole or to an individual Board member, it will be referred to the superintendent for appropriate building administrator follow-up. If the complaint is against the superintendent, the complaint will be referred to the Board chair.

All staff members should familiarize themselves with Board policy and applicable provisions of administrative regulations and collective bargaining agreements regarding the handling of complaints.

Staff Complaints

Staff member complaints contending a violation, misinterpretation or inappropriate application of district personnel policies and/or administrative regulations should be directed to the building principal or immediate supervisor for informal discussion and resolution. If the staff complaint is against the superintendent the complaint should be referred to the Board chair.

If the complaint is not resolved informally, formal complaint procedures may be initiated by staff in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

This complaint procedure may not be used to resolve disputes and disagreements related to the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement.

COMPUTER USE

The District's electronic communication network systems have been made available for employee use for District purposes, not for personal use. Any message put into the system is not a private communication.

State ethics policies forbid public employees from using access or equipment for personal gain. The network should not be used for any commercial or illegal activity.

The District reserves the right to monitor and access communications via the District's electronic communications network systems, for the protection of such systems, to monitor compliance with district policies, and to ensure that the District's confidential information does not enter the public domain.

Employees should be aware that communications via the Internet are subject to interception by outsiders and cautions that all communications via its electronic communications network systems (as well as any other document or file created or stored via the District's computer systems) may be subject to discovery in connection with legal proceedings involving the District or its employees.

The District prohibits use of its electronic communications network systems for the purpose of violation of any other person's or entity's copyright.

Faculty members are expected to model effective internet use and give examples of appropriate sites before assigning activities involving the Internet. Faculty members assigning activities that include Internet use are expected to make sure students have returned signed parent permission forms to the school. Furthermore, faculty members allowing students access to computers are responsible to actively monitor the student's computer, network, and internet use.

The District requires that all employees observe common standards of etiquette in connection with all communications via the District's electronic communications network systems, and specifically prohibits the use of such systems to make harassing communication of any kind (for example, in the context of gender, race or religious discrimination).

All employees are expected to review the Employee Network Acceptable Use Policy annually.

CONTRACTS AND COMPENSATION

Contracts will be issued for all licensed and classified district employees.

Contract teachers are employed pursuant to two-year employment contracts. “Contract teacher” means any teacher who has been regularly employed by a school district for a probationary period of three successive school years and who has been retained for the next succeeding school year.

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, the Board may extend a contract teacher’s employment for a new two-year term by providing written notice to the teacher no later than March 15 of the first year of the contract. Any new contract that extends the teacher’s employment for a new term shall replace any prior contracts.

If the teacher’s contract has not been extended for a new two-year term, the Board upon recommendation of the superintendent, may elect by written notice to the teacher prior to March 15 of the first year of the contract. Any new contract that extends the teacher’s employment for a new term shall replace any prior contracts.

It is the staff member’s responsibility to provide all information necessary for placement on the salary schedule to the Human Resource Office in accordance with timelines established by the district and collective bargaining agreements.

Notice will be given to staff in compliance with rules of the insurance carrier and current relevant collective bargaining agreement regarding domestic partner benefits.

COPYRIGHT

A variety of machines and equipment for reproducing materials to assist staff in carrying out their educational assignments is available to staff in both the school and home setting.

Infringement on copyrighted material, whether prose, poetry, graphic images, music, audiotape, video or computer-programmed materials, is a serious offense against federal law, a violation of Board policy and contrary to ethical standards required of staff and students.

All reproduction of copyrighted materials shall be conducted strictly in accordance with applicable provisions of law. Unless otherwise allowed as “fair use” under federal law, permission must be acquired from the copyright owner prior to reproduction of material in any form. Permission forms are available in the office or media center.

“Fair use” guidelines are as follows:

Fair Use

Printed Materials

1. Permissible uses – district employees may:
 - a. Make a single copy of the following for use in teaching or in preparation to teach a class:
 - i. A chapter from a book;

- ii. An article from a periodical or newspaper;
 - iii. A short story, short essay or short poem, whether or not from a collective work;
 - iv. A chart, graph, diagram, drawing, cartoon or picture from a book, periodical or newspaper.
- b. Make multiple copies for classroom use (not to exceed one copy per student in a course) from the following:
- i. A complete poem, if it has fewer than 250 words and does not exceed two printed pages in length;
 - ii. A complete article, story or essay of less than 2,500 words;
 - iii. Prose excerpts not to exceed 10 percent of whole or 1,000 words, whichever is less;
 - iv. One chart, graph, diagram, cartoon or picture per book or per issue of a periodical;
 - v. An excerpt from a children's book containing up to 10 percent of the words found in the text.
2. All permitted copying must bear an appropriate reference. References should include the author, title, date and other pertinent information.
3. Prohibited uses – district employees may not:
- a. Copy more than one work or two excerpts from a single author during one class term;
 - b. Copy more than three works from a collective work or periodical volume during one class term;
 - c. Copy more than nine sets of multiple copies for distribution to students in one class term;
 - d. Copy to create or replace or substitute for anthologies or collective works;
 - e. Copy “consumable” works, such as workbooks, exercises, standardized tests and answer sheets;
 - f. Copy the same work from term to term;
 - g. Copy the same material for more than one particular course being offered (may not copy every time a particular course is offered) unless permission is obtained from the copyright owner.
4. All sound recordings, including phonograph records, audiotapes, compact disks and laser disks, will be treated under the same provisions that guide the use of print materials unless as may otherwise be excepted by regulations governing the reproduction of works for libraries/media centers.

Sheet and Recorded Music

1. Permissible uses – district employees may:
- a. Make emergency copies to replace purchased copies which for any reason are not available for an imminent performance provided purchased replacement copies will be substituted in due course;

- b. Make, for academic purposes other than performance, multiple copies (one per student) of excerpts not constituting an entire performance unit such as section, movement or aria, but in no case no more than 10 percent of the whole work;
 - c. Make, for academic purposes other than performance, a single copy of an entire performable unit such as a section, movement or aria if confirmed by the copyright holder to be out of print or the “unit” is unavailable except in a larger work. The copy may be made solely for the purpose of scholarly research or in preparation to teach a class;
 - d. Edit or simplify printed copies which have been purchased provided that the fundamental character of the work is not distorted or the lyrics, if any, altered or lyrics added if none exist;
 - e. Copy complete works which are out of print or unavailable except in large works and used for teaching purposes;
 - f. Make a single copy of a recorded performance by students to be retained by the school or individual teacher for evaluation or rehearsal purposes;
 - g. Make a single copy of a sound recording, such as a tape, disk or cassette, of copyrighted music owned by the school or an individual teacher for constructing aural exercises or examinations and retained for the same purposes.
2. Prohibited uses – district employees may not:
- a. Copy to create or replace or substitute for anthologies, compilations or collective works;
 - b. Copy works intended to be “consumable”, such as workbooks, exercises, standardized tests and answer sheets;
 - c. Copy for the purpose of performance, except as noted above (1.a.) in emergencies;
 - d. Copy to substitute for purchase of music except as noted above (1.a., b. and c.);
 - e. Copy without inclusion of the copyright notice on the copy;
 - f. Downloading/file sharing of music from the internet that was originally intended for sale.

Television Off-the-Air Taping

1. Permissible uses – district employees may:
- a. Record a broadcast program off-air simultaneously with the broadcast transmission, including simultaneous cable or satellite transmission, and retain the recording for period not to exceed the first 45 consecutive calendar days after the date of the recording.

A limited number of copies may be reproduced from each off-air recording to meet the legitimate needs of teachers. Each additional copy will be subject to all provisions governing the original recording.

Unless authorized by the supervisor, at the conclusion of the retention period, all off-air recordings shall be released or destroyed immediately.

Individuals who wish to retain programs beyond the 45-day period need to complete and return the preview portion of the Request for Off-Air Video Taping form to the media supervisor for each program videotaped. The media will coordinate requests for permission to use or retain copyrighted television programs beyond the 45-day retention period.

- b. Retain videotapes of commercial programs only with written approval of appropriate copyright holders;
- c. Use off-air recordings once for each class in the course of relevant teaching activities and repeat once only when instructional reinforcement is necessary and only within the first 10 consecutive school days of the 45-consecutive calendar day retention period;
- d. Use off-air recordings for evaluation purposes only, after the first 10 consecutive school days up to the end of the 45-consecutive calendar day retention period. Evaluation purposes may include use to determine whether or not to include the broadcast program in the teaching curriculum;
- e. Use off-air recordings made from a satellite dish if they conform to the 45-consecutive calendar day retention period established for broadcast or cable programming and are not subscription channels;
- f. Use copies of off-air recordings, as stipulated in these guidelines, only if the copies include the copyright notice on the broadcast program;
- g. Request that a library/media center record and retain for research purposes commercial television news programs from local, regional or national networks; interviews concerning current events; and on-the-spot coverage of news events. Documentary, magazine-format and public affairs broadcasts, however, are not included in the definition of daily newscasts of major events of the day.

Requests for retention of programs recorded off-air will be directed to the producers of those programs directly through the network (not affiliate).

Prohibited uses – district employees may not:

- a. Tape off-air programs in anticipation of an educator’s requests;
- b. Request that a broadcast program be recorded off-air more than once for the same educator, regardless of the number of times the program may be broadcast;
- c. Use the recording for instruction after 45 consecutive calendar days;
- d. Hold the recording for weeks or indefinitely because:
 - i. Units needing the program concepts are not taught within the 45-day use period;
 - ii. An interruption or technical program delayed its use; or
 - iii. Another teacher wishes to use it, or any other supposedly “legitimate” educational reason.
- e. Record programs off-air without written permission from the author/producer/distributor when a special notice is provided specifically prohibiting reproduction of any kind;
- f. Alter off-air programs from their original content. Broadcast recordings may not be physically or electronically combined or merged to constitute teaching anthologies or derivative works. Off-air recordings, however, need not be used in their entirety;
- g. Exchange program(s) with other schools in the district or other school districts without the approval of the principal or supervisor;

Programs will be used for the specific curriculum application for which the request was intended. No other curriculum application is authorized.

- h. Use the recording for public or commercial viewing;

- i. Copy or use subscription programs transmitted via subscription television cable services, such as HBO or Showtime. Such programs are licensed for private home use only and cannot be used in public schools;
- j. The downloading of programs originally intended for sale or pay for use from the internet.

“Pay” programs received via satellite dish are also subject to these prohibitions.

Rental, Purchase and Use of Videotapes

1. Permissible uses – district employees may:
 - a. Use purchased or rented videotapes such as feature films as part of a systematic course of instruction, in accordance with district policy. Such use shall be for direct instruction and must take place in a classroom or similar area devoted to instruction;
 - b. Use only rented lawfully-made videotapes;
 - c. Arrange for the local school to transmit videotapes over their closes circuit television for direct instruction;
 - d. Use off-air videotapes made at home for classroom instruction and only in accordance with television off-air guidelines and district policy.
2. Prohibited uses – district employees may not:
 - a. Use rented or purchased videotapes where a written contract specifically prohibits such use in the classroom or direct teaching situation;
 - b. Use rented or purchased videotapes such as feature films for assemblies, fund raising, entertainment or other applications outside the scope of direct instruction without public performance rights.

Computer Software

1. Permissible uses – district employees may:
 - a. Make a copy of an original computer program for the purpose of maintaining the availability of the program should it be damaged during use. Either the copy or the original may be retained in archives. Only one, either the original or the copy, may be used at any one time;
 - b. Make a copy of a program as an essential step in using the computer program as long as it is used in conjunction with the machine and in no other manner;
 - c. Make a new copy from the archival program in the event that the program in use is damaged or destroyed;
 - d. Use a purchased program sent from a manufacturer labeled “archival” simultaneously with the original copy of the program provides its use is permitted (not excluded) by the terms of the sales agreement;
 - e. Make an archival copy of a rightfully-owned disk that is labeled “archival” by the software manufacturer;

- f. Load a software program from a single disk into a distribution network or to individual stand-alone computers for simultaneous use when the distribution network is only accessible to the owner-user if not otherwise prohibited by terms of a sales agreement;
- g. Adapt a copyrighted program from one language to another for which it is not commercially available or add features to a program to better meet local needs.

Prohibited uses – district employees may not:

- h. Load the contents of one disk into multiple computers at the same time in the absence of a license permitting the user to do so;
 - i. Load the contents of one disk into local network or disk-sharing systems in the absence of a license permitting the user to do so;
 - j. Make or use illegal copies of copyrighted programs on district equipment;
 - k. Allow any student to surreptitiously or illegally duplicate computer software or access any database or electronic bulletin board;
 - l. Make copies of software provided by a software publisher for preview or approval;
 - m. Make multiple copies of copyrighted software (or a locally-produced adaptation or modification) even for use within the school or district;
 - n. Make replacement copies from an archival or back-up copy;
 - o. Make copies of copyrighted software (or a locally-produced adaptation or modification) to be sold, leased, loaned, transmitted or even given away to other users;
 - p. Make multiple copies of the printed documentation that accompanies copyrighted software.
2. With permission from the copyright holder, prohibitions may be significantly modified or removed altogether.

Reproduction of Works for Libraries/Media Centers

1. Permissible uses – district employees may:
- a. Arrange for interlibrary loans of photocopies of works requested by users, provided that copying is not done to substitute for a subscription to or purchase of a work;
 - b. Make for a requesting entity, within any calendar year, five copies of any article or articles published in a given periodical with the last five years prior to the date of the request for the material;
 - c. Make single copies of articles or sound recordings or excerpts of longer works for a student making a request, provided the material becomes the property of the student for private study, scholarship or research;
 - d. Make a copy of an unpublished work for purposes of preservation, of a published work to replace a damaged copy of an out-of-print work that cannot be obtained at a fair price;
 - e. Make off-the-air recordings of daily television news broadcasts for limited distribution to researchers and scholars for research purposes;
 - f. Make one copy of a musical work, pictorial, graphic, sculptural work, motion picture or other audiovisual work if the current copy owned by the library/media center is damaged, deteriorated, lost or stole; and it has been determined that an unused copy cannot be obtained at a fair price.

2. Prohibited uses – district employees may not:
 - a. Make copies for students if there is reason to suspect that the students have been instructed to obtain copies individually;
 - b. Copy without including a notice of copyright on the reproduced material.

Performances

Permissible uses – district employees must:

Contact the copyright holder in writing for permission whenever copyrighted works such as plays and musical numbers are to be performed.

This is particularly important if admission is to be charged or recordings of the performance are to be sold.

Violations

Employees in violation of copyright law may be required to remunerate the district in the event of loss due to litigation and may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS/FINGERPRINTING

All newly licensed or registered educators are required to submit to a nationwide criminal records check including fingerprinting in accordance with rules established by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). This includes any individual registering with TSPC for student teaching, practicum or internship as a teacher, administrator or personnel specialist who has not submitted to a criminal records check with the previous year.

Additionally, all staff not requiring licensure or registration as a teacher, administrator, personnel specialist or school nurse and newly hired are required to submit to a nationwide criminal records check including fingerprinting as required by Board policy and law.

Employment will be offered pending the return and disposition of such checks. All offers of employment are contingent upon the results of such checks.

Fees for individuals subject to the checks including fingerprinting, including nonlicensed applicants, shall be paid by the individual.

A staff member not requiring licensure or registration may request that the required fees be withheld from his/her paycheck. A staff member may request periodic payroll deductions over two pay periods rather than a lump sum payment.

The following procedures will be used for all newly hired employees subject to criminal records checks including fingerprinting:

Termination of Employment

Any individual required to submit to criminal records checks and/or fingerprinting in accordance with law and/or Board policy will be terminated from employment or contract status by the superintendent immediately upon the following:

1. Refusal to consent to a criminal records check and/or fingerprinting; or
2. Notification by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his/her designee that the employee has made a false statement as to conviction of a crime or conviction of crimes prohibiting employment with the district as specified in law.

Appeals

All appeals regarding a determination which prevents his/her employment or eligibility to contract with the district will be directed to the Oregon Superintendent of Public Instruction. Individuals eligible to appeal as a contested case will be so notified in writing by ODE.

DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

Discipline and dismissal of staff will follow due process, relevant provisions of collective bargaining agreements and applicable law.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

No staff member engaged in work in connection with a direct federal grant of \$100,000 or more shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use on or in the workplace any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana or any other controlled substance or alcohol, as defined in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. Section 812) and as further defined by regulation at 21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15.

“Workplace” is defined to mean the site for the performance of work done in connection with a federal grant or contract. That includes any school building or any school premises; any school-owned vehicle or any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off school property during any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district where work on a federal grant is performed.

No district employee shall knowingly sell, market or distribute steroid or performance enhancing substances to kindergarten through 12 grade student with whom the employee has had contact as part of the employee’s district duties; or knowingly endorse or suggest the use of such substances.

Each staff member engaged in work related to a direct federal grant or contract of \$100,000 or more must notify his/her supervisor of his/her conviction of any criminal drug statute based on conduct occurring in the workplace, as defined above, no later than five days after such conviction.

Each staff member engaged in work related to direct federal grant or contracts of \$100,000 or more must abide by the terms of the district's drug-free workplace policy.

The district, upon determining that a staff member has engaged in the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use, on or in the workplace, of a controlled substance or alcohol or upon having reasonable suspicion of a staff member's use of a controlled substance or alcohol in the workplace, shall, pending any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace, take action with regard to the employee determined to be appropriate. Such action may include transfer, granting of leave with or without pay, suspension with or without pay or dismissal.

Within 30 days of a staff member's criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace, the district shall:

1. Take action with regard to the employee determined to be appropriate, which may include discipline up to and including dismissal; and/or
2. Require satisfactory participation by the employee in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES

Staff presence will not be required, due to inclement weather, fuel shortage or other circumstances beyond the District's control, when student presence is not required at that employee's particular school. Notifications of closure for said reasons will be made to local radio stations and posted on the District's website no later than 7:00 a.m. Regardless of the foregoing, all employees will complete at least the requirements of the state of Oregon under its Administrative Regulations, or state standards. If, however, the number of hours falls below the state minimum, the District may elect to require student attendance.

EVALUATION OF STAFF

The purpose of the district's evaluation is to aid the teacher in making continuing professional growth and to determine the teacher's performance of the teaching responsibilities. The district's program also provides for the assessment of classified employees and current performance of their job assignments.

Licensed staff will be formally evaluated annually. Probationary evaluations will be based on at least two formal observations and other relevant information developed by the district. All other licensed staff will be formally observed at least biennially and evaluated annually.

Classified staff will be formally evaluated annually.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Regular working hours for all classified staff will be set by the building principal or supervisor. Nonexempt staff are not to work before, beyond or outside their established working hours and are not to work overtime without prior authorization from the building principal or supervisor.

All time sheets must be a true reflection of all time worked, whether it is more or less than regularly scheduled work hours.

Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action in accordance with applicable provisions of Board policy, administrative regulations and collective bargaining agreements.

FUND RAISING

All fund-raising must be approved by the superintendent/his/her designee and supervised by the appropriate advisor.

Fund-raising projects involving the sale of products must be approved by the activity sponsor and by the principal before the activity is initiated.

Solicitation of funds is expressly prohibited without consent of the superintendent or designee.

All money raised must be receipted and deposited with the district.

Staff and students should take all reasonable precautions to provide for the security of any items/materials/products being sold. Staff members are directed to follow established building procedures for the depositing of funds collected. At no time should money collected be allowed to accumulate in classrooms, lockers or other unsecured areas.

GIFTS AND SOLICITATIONS

Staff members are to avoid accepting anything of value offered by another for the purpose of influencing his/her professional judgment.

Staff members are prohibited from accepting items of material value from companies or organizations doing business with the district. Material value is defined by law as \$50 or more from a single source in a single year.

No organization may solicit funds from staff members within the schools, nor may anyone distribute flyers or other materials related to fund drives through the school without building principal or supervisor approval.

The solicitation of staff by sales people, other staff or agents during on-duty hours is prohibited without building principal or supervisor approval. Any solicitation should be reported at once to the building principal or supervisor.

HAZING/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION/CYBERBULLYING/MENACING

Hazing, harassment, intimidation, cyberbullying or menacing by students, staff or third parties toward staff is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated by the district. Staff who are found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials and staff will be reported to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Students will be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.

An employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of Board policy JFCF – Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Cyberbullying – Student shall immediately report his/her concerns to the designated district official.

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

The district will safeguard the protected health information of employees from use or disclosure that may violate standards and implementation specifications to the extent required by law.

“Protected health information” means individually identifiable health information that is:

1. Transmitted by electronic media;
2. Maintained in electronic media;
3. Transmitted or maintained in any other form or medium.

The electronic exchange of financial and administrative transactions related to an individual’s protected health information will meet the requirements of HIPAA, including national standards for transactions designed to ensure the security of health information created or received by the district.

Individuals with questions about how medical information may be used and disclosed and how to get access to this information, or with complaints about district compliance with HIPAA, should contact the personnel office.

INJURY/ILLNESS REPORTS

All injuries/illnesses occurring on district property or during the course of school-sponsored activities, including field trips and other away events, are to be reported to the building principal immediately.

Reports will cover property damage as well as personal injury.

A completed injury/illness report form must be submitted to the building principal or supervisor within 24 hours or the next scheduled district workday, as appropriate.

In the event of a work-related illness or injury to an employee resulting in overnight hospitalization for medical treatment other than first aid, the Superintendent or designee will inform the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA) within 24 hours as required by law. Fatalities or catastrophes will be reported within eight hours. An injury or illness is work related if an event or exposure in the work environment caused or contributed to the condition or significantly aggravated preexisting condition. Medical treatment includes managing or caring for a patient for the purpose of combating disease or disorder. The following are not considered medical treatment: visits to a doctor or health-care professional solely for observation or counseling; diagnostic procedures including administering prescription medications used solely for diagnostic purposes; and any procedure that can be labeled first aid. A catastrophe is an accident in which two or more employees are fatally injured, or three or more employees are admitted to a hospital or equivalent medical facility.

All work-related injuries/illnesses will be promptly investigated and corrective measures implemented, as appropriate.

KEYS

Keys are issued to staff by the building principal or supervisor. In order to protect property, students and staff and to ensure the building is adequately secured when no authorized personnel are present, all staff are expected to follow the following key-control procedures:

1. The duplication of keys is prohibited;
2. Keys are not to be left unattended. Avoid leaving keys on desks, tables, in mailboxes, unattended coat pockets, etc.;
3. Keys may not be loaned to students or to individuals not employed by the district. Under no circumstances should staff provide keys to students to “run errands”, “unlock/lock” doors, etc.;
4. Lost or stolen keys must be reported to the building principal or supervisor as soon as possible after discovery of the loss or theft so that measures may be taken to protect district property. Five days will be allowed for the finding or recovery of keys before any charges are assessed;
5. Upon completion of a lost or stolen key report form, presentation of the broken or damaged key(s) and submission of assessed fees, replacement keys will be issued in a timely manner;
6. Charges for lost or stolen keys will be made to the staff member to whom the key(s) has been issued, in the following amounts:
 - a. Room or other keys – Up to \$10;
 - b. Master key – Up to \$45;
 - c. Maximum charge – \$60.
7. All keys are to be checked in at the end of the school year. Staff with summer duties necessitating building access may make arrangements with the building principal or supervisor to keep their keys, as appropriate.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of each licensed staff member to keep his/her license and all endorsements current. Teachers are cautioned that failure to maintain license and endorsements may invalidate their contract with the district.

In the event the district is required to forfeit any State School Fund moneys as a result of a teacher failure to meet license requirements as set forth by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), the district entitled to recover one-half of the amount of the forfeiture from the teacher whose unlicensed status caused the forfeiture. Recovery may not exceed one-half of the amount forfeited that is attributable to the particular licensed person.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION

Requests of staff by individuals or groups to distribute pamphlets, booklets, flyers, brochures and other similar materials to students for classroom use or to take home are to be referred to the building principal or supervisor. The materials and proposed method of distribution will be reviewed and a decision made based on the educational concerns and interests of the district.

MEETINGS

All staff are expected to attend staff meeting unless prior arrangements have been made with the building principal. Staff members are expected to schedule their time accordingly to not conflict with these meetings.

PARENTAL RIGHTS/SURVEYS

Staff are advised that parents of students may inspect any survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by the school to students. Parents may also inspect any survey administered or distributed by the district or school containing one or more of the following items:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's parent;
- Sex behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally-recognized privileged or analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians or ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parents;
- Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance.

A student's personal information (name, address, telephone number, social security number) will not be collected, disclosed or used for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information without prior notification, an opportunity to inspect any instrument used to collect such information and permission of the student's parent(s) or the student, if age 18 or older.

Instructional materials used as part of the school's curriculum may also be reviewed by the student's parent(s).

Requests to review materials or to excuse students from participation in these activities, including any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screenings administered by the school and not otherwise permitted or required by state law should be directed to the office during regular school hours.

PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Staff members may exercise their right to participate fully in affairs of public interest on a local, county, state and national level on the same basis as any citizen in public or private employment and within the law.

Staff members may, within the limitations imposed by state and federal laws and regulations, choose any side of a particular issue and support their viewpoints as they desire by vote, discussion or persuading others. Such discussion and persuasion, however, may not be carried on during the performance of district duties, except in open discussion during classroom lessons that consider various candidates for a

particular office or various sides of a particular political or civil issue consistent with district curriculum and assigned duties.

On all controversial issues, staff members are expected to make clear that the viewpoints they represent are personal and are not to be interpreted as the district's official viewpoint.

No staff member may use district facilities, equipment or supplies in connection with his/her campaigning, nor may he/she use any time during the working day for campaign purposes.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Staff possession or use of personal communication devices on district property, in district facilities during the work day and while the staff is on duty in attendance at district-sponsored activities may be permitted subject to the limitations set forth in this policy and consistent with any additional school rules as may be established by the superintendent. At no time, whether on duty or off duty, will a personal communication device be used in a manner that interferes with staff duty and responsibility for the supervision of students.

A "personal communication device" is a device, not issued by the district, which emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor of the device. These devices include, but are not limited to, walkie talkies, long-or short-range portable radios, portable scanning devices, cellular telephones, pagers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), laptop computers and similar devices with wireless capability. This also includes other digital audio and video devices such as, but not limited to, iPods, radios and TV.

Just as with all forms of communication, staff member communications with students via electronic media shall maintain proper professional student-teacher relationships by not demonstrating or expressing professionally improper interest in a student's personal life, by not exchanging romantic or overly personal notes with a student and by honoring proper adult boundaries with students at all times. Personal cellular telephones/pagers and other digital audio and video devices shall not cause a disruption of school activities or interfere with work assignment. Cellular telephones which have the capability to take photographs or audio/video recording are to be used only for legitimate, school-related purposes while on district property or while a staff member is on duty in district-sponsored activities. Laptop computers and PDAs brought to school will be restricted to classroom or instructional-related activities only. The district will not be liable for loss or damage to personal communication devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Staff members, while on duty and off duty, will utilize social network sites (e.g., Facebook, MySpace and Twitter), public websites and blogs, judiciously by not posting confidential information about students, staff or district business. Staff members, while on duty and off duty, will treat fellow employees, students and the public with respect while posting in order to prevent substantial disruption in school. Communication with students using personal communication devices regarding non-school matters is prohibited during school hours and strongly discouraged at all times. If communicating with students electronically regarding school-related matters, staff should, whenever possible, use district e-mail using mailing lists to a group of students rather than individual students.

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with superintendent or designee approval.

Staff is subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal for using a personal communication device in any manner that is illegal or violates the terms of this policy. Staff actions on social network sites, public websites, blogs and other social media, while on or off duty, which disrupt the school environment, are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. A “disruption” for purposes of this policy includes but is not limited to; one or more parent threatens to remove their children from a particular class or particular school, actual withdrawal of a student or students from a particular class or particular school and/or a threatened or actual negative impact on the learning environment.

The taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing of obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, emailing etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs, will be reported to law enforcement and/or appropriate state or federal agencies.

The superintendent shall ensure that this policy is available to all employees.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

The district is not liable for lost, stolen or damaged personal property on district property.

PERSONNEL RECORDS

An official personnel file is established for each person employed by the district. A staff member’s personnel file may contain such information as applications for employment, references, records relative to compensation, payroll deductions, evaluations, complaints and written disciplinary actions. All charges resulting in disciplinary action shall be considered a permanent part of a teacher’s personnel file and shall not be removed for any reason. Employees may submit a written response to any materials placed in their personnel file.

All records containing medical condition information such as workers’ compensation reports and release/permission-to-return-to-work forms will be kept confidential, in a separate file from personnel records. All other personnel records are considered confidential and not open to public inspection. Access to personnel files is limited and inspection only by the following or as otherwise required by law:

1. The individual employee. An employee or designee may arrange with the personnel office to inspect the contents of his/her personnel file.
2. Others designated in writing by the employee;
3. The comptroller or auditor, when such inspection is pertinent to carrying out his/her respective duties, or as otherwise specifically authorized by the Board. Information so obtained will be kept confidential. No files will be removed from their central location for personal inspection;
4. A Board member when specifically authorized by the Board. Information will be kept confidential. No files will be removed from their central location for personal inspection;
5. The superintendent and members of the central administrative staff;
6. District administrators and supervisors who currently or prospectively supervise the employee;
7. Employees or the personnel office;

8. Attorneys for the district or the district's designated representative on matters of district business;
9. The disciplinary records of a district employee convicted of a crime listed in ORS 342.143 are not exempt from the disclosure under ORS 192.501 or 192.502 and may be released to any person upon request. Prior to the release of disciplinary records the district shall remove any personally identifiable information from the record that would disclose the identity of a child, a crime victim or a district employee who is the subject of the disciplinary record;
10. Upon request from a law enforcement agency, the Department of Human Services or the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission, a district shall provide the records of investigations of suspected child abuse by a district employee.

The superintendent may permit persons other than those specified above to use and to inspect employee records when, in his/her opinion, the person requesting access has a legitimate official purpose. The superintendent will determine in each case the appropriateness and extent of such access.

Release of personnel records to parties other than those authorized to inspect them will be only upon receipt of a court order.

PURCHASE ORDERS

No obligation may be incurred by any staff member unless that expenditure has been authorized in the budget or as may otherwise be permitted by Board action and/or Board policy.

No purchase, including purchases from student body funds, will be authorized unless covered by an approved purchase order. Forms are available in the office.

All building purchase orders must contain all of the required information before they are processed. Additionally, at least three competitive quotes with the vendor's business name and amount of the quote should be obtained whenever practical for all goods, materials, supplies and services more than \$5,000.

All other purchases are subject to the Board's policy governing bidding requirements, administrative regulation specifying exemptions from competitive bidding and such other requirements as may be specified by law. Staff members with questions should contact the business office for details.

RELEASE OF GENERAL STAFF INFORMATION

A staff member's or volunteer's address, electronic mail address, date of birth, social security number and personal phone number contained in personnel records maintained by the district are exempt from public disclosure. Such information will be released by the district only upon written permission of the staff member or volunteer, unless otherwise accepted by law.

Authorized district personnel may disclose information about a former employee's job performance to a prospective employer under the following conditions:

1. Disclosure of information is upon the request of the prospective employer;
2. Disclosure of information is upon the request of the former staff member;
3. The information is related to job performance; or
4. The disclosure is presumed to be in good faith.

The district will not disclose information that is knowingly false, deliberately misleading, rendered with malicious purpose or is in violation of the staff member's civil rights.

RESEARCH/COPYRIGHTS AND PATENTS

Staff members engaged in a research project during the work day or who use district resources or students, either for study toward advanced work or for use in classroom instruction, may do so only with the prior approval of the building principal or supervisor.

Privacy rights of students or other individuals involved in such research projects must be maintained.

Publications, instructional materials, articles, models and other devices prepared by staff members for district use with district time, money and facilities as part of the employee's job responsibilities remain the property of the district.

In the event that a staff member produces items described above partly on his/her own time and partly on district time, the district reserves the right to claim full ownership. The employee may petition the district for assignment of copyright or patent rights. Employees may not attempt to copyright or patent such items without the knowledge and consent of the district.

RESIGNATION OF STAFF

A licensed staff member who wishes to resign from his/her position with the district must give written notice at least 60 days prior to the date he/she wishes to leave district employment. The superintendent may accept the resignation effective the day it is received and either release the teacher immediately or inform the teacher that he/she must continue teaching for part or all of the 60-day period.

Where less than a 60-day notice is given, the Board may request the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to discipline the licensee. Exceptions due to emergency or other extenuating circumstances may be considered by the Board.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

All potential hazards are to be reported immediately to a safety committee member or to the office.

SEXUAL CONDUCT (REPORTING REQUIREMENTS)

Sexual conduct by district/school employees as defined by Oregon law will not be tolerated. All district employees are subject to this policy.

“Sexual conduct” as defined by Oregon law is any verbal or physical or other conduct by a school employee that is sexual in nature; directed toward a kindergarten through grade 12 student; unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance; and creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. The definition for sexual conduct does not include behavior that would be considered child abuse as outlined by Oregon law and district Board policy JHFE and JHFE-AR – Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse.

Any district/school employee who has reasonable cause to believe that another district/school employee or volunteer has engaged in sexual conduct with a student must immediately notify his/her immediate supervisor or the District Office.

When the district receives a report of suspected sexual conduct by a district employee, the district may decide to place the employee on paid administrative leave or in a position that does not involve direct, unsupervised contact with students while conducting an investigation. An investigation is a detailed inquiry into the factual allegations of a report of suspected sexual conduct that is based on interviews with the complainant, witnesses and the district employee who is the subject of the report. The investigation must meet any negotiated standards of an employment contract or agreement.

If, following the investigation, the report is substantiated, the district will inform the employee that the report has been substantiated and provide information regarding the appeal process. The employee may appeal the district's decision through the appeal process provided by the district's collective bargaining agreement. A substantiated report is one that: a) an educational provider has reasonable cause to believe is founded based on the available evidence after conducting an investigation; and b) involves conduct that the educational provider determines is sufficiently serious to be documented in the employee's personnel file.

If the employee decides not to appeal the determination or if the determination is sustained after an appeal, a record of the substantiated report will be placed in the employee's personnel file. The employee will be notified that this information may be disclosed to a potential employer.

The district will post in each school building the name and contact information of the person designated to receive sexual conduct reports, as well as the procedures the personnel director will follow upon receipt of a report. When the personnel director takes action on the report, the person who initiated the report must be notified.

The initiation of a report in good faith about suspected sexual conduct may not adversely affect any terms or conditions of employment or the work environment of the complainant. If a student initiates a report of suspected sexual conduct by a district employee in good faith, the student will not be disciplined by the Board or any district employee.

The district will provide annual training to district employees, parents and students regarding the prevention and identification of sexual conduct. The district will provide to employees at the time of hire, a description of conduct that may constitute sexual conduct and a description of records subject to disclosure if a sexual conduct report is substantiated.

Educational providers shall follow hiring and reporting procedures as outline in ORS 339.374 for all district employees.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

It is the policy of School District #6 that all employees and students will be able to work and learn in an environment free from discrimination, including harassment. Therefore, it is a violation of District policy for any employee or student to engage in harassment (including sexual harassment) of any other employee or student based on national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, parental status, veteran status or disability.

In order to maintain an atmosphere that is free of any form of harassment, all employees will be held accountable for taking reasonable action to maintain work and educational environments which are free from conduct that causes, or reasonably could be considered to cause, intimidation or hostility.

Appropriate disciplinary measures for all substantiated incidents of harassment will be taken, including the possibility of dismissal, (suspension for student for termination for employees) from the District.

The Board is committed to the elimination of sexual harassment in district schools and activities. Sexual harassment is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated. This includes sexual harassment of students or staff by other students, staff, Board members or third parties. "Third parties" include, but are not limited to, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors or others engaged in district business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the district and others not directly subject to district control at interdistrict and intradistrict athletic competitions or after school events. "District" includes district facilities, district premises and nondistrict property if the student or employee is at any district-sponsored, district-approved or district-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the control of the district or where the employee is engaged in district business.

Sexual harassment of students and staff shall include, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. The conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of demanding sexual favors in exchange for benefits;
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct or communication is used as the basis for educational decisions affecting a student or employment or assignment of staff;
3. The conduct or communication is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance or with an employee's ability to perform his/her job; or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile educational or working environment. Relevant factors to be considered will include, but not be limited to, did the individual view the environment as hostile; was it reasonable to view the environment as hostile; the nature of the conduct; how often the conduct occurred and how long it continued; age and sex of the complainant; whether the alleged harasser was in a position of power over the student or staff member subjected to the harassment; number of individuals involved; age of the alleged harasser; where the harassment occurred; and other incidents of sexual harassment at the school involving the same or other students or staff.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to, physical touching or graffiti of a sexual nature, displaying or distributing of sexually explicit drawings, pictures and written materials, sexual gestures or obscene jokes, touching oneself sexually or talking about one's sexuality in front of others or spreading rumors about or rating other students or others as to appearance, sexual activity or performance.

All complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated. Any student or employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy or feels he/she is a victim of sexual harassment must immediately report his/her concerns to the building principal, compliance officer or superintendent, who have overall responsibility for all investigations. A student may also report concerns to a teacher counselor or school nurse, who will promptly notify the appropriate district official. The student and the student's parents or staff member who initiated the complaint shall be notified of the findings of the investigation and, if appropriate, that remedial action has been taken.

The initiation of a complaint in good faith about behavior that may violate this policy shall not adversely affect the educational assignments or study environment of a student complainant or any terms or conditions of employment or work environment of the staff complainant. There shall be no retaliation by the district against any person who, in good faith, reports, files a complaint or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry of sexual harassment.

It is the intent of the Board that appropriate corrective action will be taken by the district to stop the sexual harassment, prevent its recurrence and address negative consequences.

Students in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or counseling or sexual harassment awareness training, as appropriate. The age and maturity of the student(s) involved and other relevant factors will be considered in determining appropriate action. Employees in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal and/or additional sexual harassment awareness training, as appropriate. Other individuals whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the superintendent or Board.

Additionally, the district may report individuals in violation of this policy to law enforcement officials. Licensed staff, staff registered with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and those participating in practicum programs, as specified by Oregon Administrative Rules, shall be reported to the TSPC.

The superintendent shall ensure appropriate periodic sexual harassment awareness training or information is provided to all supervisors, staff and students and that annually, the name and position of district officials responsible for accepting and managing sexual harassment complaints, business phone numbers, addresses or other necessary contact information is readily available. This policy as well as the complaint procedure will be made available to all students, parents of students and staff in student/parent and staff handbook. The district's policy shall be posted in all grade 6 through 12 schools. Such posting shall be by a sign of at least 8.5 by 11 inches.

The superintendent will establish a process of reporting incidents of sexual harassment.

SPECIAL INTEREST MATERIALS

Supplementary materials from nonschool sources require building principal or supervisor approval prior to their use in school. This includes educational films and all video rentals secured from or through commercial sources. Also included, but not limited to, would be pamphlets, booklets, or documents (e.g., BLM pamphlet or manual, political advertisement from Oregon DNC, etc...) from any other agency or non-curricular source.

STAFF CONDUCT – TSPC ETHICAL EDUCATOR

All staff are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that conforms with applicable job descriptions, Board policy and administrative regulations.

Additionally, all licensed staff are expected to adhere to the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators as specified in Oregon Administrative Rules.

Application of Rules

1. Oregon Administrative Rules were adopted by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes.
2. Oregon Administrative Rules may be used as criteria by the TSPC in matters pertaining to the revocation or suspension of licenses issued by the commission under Oregon Revised Statutes or the discipline of any license holder or any person who has held a

- license at any time within five years prior to issuance of the notices of charges under Oregon Revised Statutes.
3. The commission determines whether an educator's performance is ethical or competent in light of all the facts and circumstances surrounding the educator's performance as a whole.
 4. The commission will promptly investigate complaints:
 - a. The commission may, at its discretion, defer action to charge an educator against whom a complaint has been filed under ORS 342.176 when the investigation report indicates that disciplinary action against the educator is pending at the local district level or when criminal charges are pending or are likely to be filed against the educator. In considering whether to defer action to charge an educator, the commission shall consider all relevant circumstances including the nature and seriousness of the allegations and whether the educator is currently employed as a teacher or school administrator;
 - b. The executive secretary shall regularly inform the commission of the status of any complaints on which the commission has deferred action.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to Oregon Administrative Rules unless otherwise indicated by context:

1. Administrator – Any supervisory educator who holds a valid Oregon administrative license or registration.
2. Competent – Discharging required duties as set forth in these rules.
3. Educator – Any licensed or registered person who is authorized to be engaged in the instructional program including teaching, counseling, administering and supervising.
4. Ethical – Conforming to the professional standards of conduct set forth in these rules.
5. Sexual contact – Includes:
 - a. The intentional touching of the breast or sexual or other intimate parts of a student;
 - b. Causing, encouraging or permitting a student to touch the breast or sexual or other intimate parts of the educator;
 - c. Sexual advances or requests for sexual favors directed toward a student;
 - d. Verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when directed toward a student or when such conduct has the effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment; or
 - e. Verbal or physical conduct which has the effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment.
6. Sexual harassment – Any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:
 - a. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment;

- b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or
 - c. Such conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.
7. Teacher – Any person who holds a teacher's license as provided in ORS 342.125.

The Competent Educator

The teacher demonstrates a commitment to:

1. Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons;
2. Encourage scholarship;
3. Promote democratic citizenship;
4. Raise educational standards;
5. Use professional judgment.

Curriculum and Instruction

The competent educator measures success by the progress of each student toward realization of personal potential as a worthy and effective citizen. The competent educator stimulates the spirit of inquiry, the acquisition of knowledge and understanding and the thoughtful formulation of goals as they are appropriate for each individual.

The competent teacher demonstrates:

1. Use of state and district-adopted curriculum and goals;
2. Skill in setting instructional goals and objectives expressed as learning outcomes;
3. Use of current subject matter appropriate to the individual needs of students;
4. Use of students' growth and development patterns to adjust instruction to individual needs consistent with number of students and amount of time available;
5. Skill in the selection and use of teaching techniques conducive to student learning.

Supervision and Evaluation

The competent educator is a student of human behavior and uses this knowledge to provide a climate that is conducive to learning and that respects the rights of all persons without discrimination. The competent educator assumes responsibility for the activities planned and conducted through the district's program and assists colleagues to do the same. The competent educator gathers relevant information and uses it in the planning and evaluation of instructional activities.

The competent teacher demonstrates:

1. Ways to assess progress of individual students;
2. Skill in the use of assessment data to assist individual student growth;

3. Procedures for evaluating curriculum and instructional goals and practices;
4. Skill in the supervision of students.

Management Skills

The competent educator is a person who understands students and is able to relate to them in constructive ways. The competent educator establishes and maintains good rapport. The competent educator maintains and uses records as required and as needed to assist the growth of students.

The competent teacher demonstrates skills in:

1. Establishing and maintaining classroom management that is conducive to learning;
2. Using and maintaining district property, equipment and materials appropriately;
3. Using and maintaining student records as required by district policies and procedures;
4. Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations.

Human Relations and Communication

The competent educator works effectively with others – students, staff, parents and patrons. The competent educator is aware of the ways the community identifies with the school, as well as community needs and ways the school program is designed to meet these needs. The competent educator can communicate with knowledge, clarity and judgment about educational matters, the school and the needs of students.

The competent teacher demonstrates:

1. Willingness to be flexible in cooperatively working with others;
2. Skill in communicating with students, staff, parents and other patrons.

The Ethical Educator

The ethical educator is a person who accepts the requirements of membership in the teaching profession and acts at all times in ethical ways. In so doing, the ethical educator considers the needs of the students, the district and the profession.

The ethical educator, in fulfilling obligations to the student, will:

1. Keep the confidence entrusted in the profession as it relates to confidential information concerning a student and family;
2. Refrain from exploiting professional relationships with any student for personal gain or in support of persons or issues;
3. Maintain an appropriate professional student-teacher relationship by:

- a. Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal life;
- b. Not accepting or giving or exchanging romantic or overly personal gifts or notes with a student;
- c. Reporting to the educator's supervisor if the educator has reason to believe a student is, or may be, becoming romantically attached to the educator.

The ethical educator, in fulfilling obligations to the district, will:

1. Apply for, accept, offer or assign a position of responsibility only on the basis of professional qualifications and will adhere to the conditions of a contract or the terms of the appointment;
2. Conduct professional business, including grievances, through established lawful and reasonable procedures;
3. Strive for continued improvement and professional growth;
4. Accept no gratuities or gifts of significance that could influence judgment in the exercise of professional duties;
5. Not use the district's or school's name, property or resources for noneducational benefit without approval of the educator's supervisor or the appointing authority.

The ethical educator, in fulfilling obligations to the profession, will:

1. Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty;
2. Extend equal treatment to all members of the profession in the exercise of their professional rights and responsibilities;
3. Respond to requests for evaluation of colleagues and to keep such information confidential, as appropriate.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT – PDU'S REQUIREMENTS

The Board recognizes the importance of continued educational experiences and other professional growth activities as a means to improve job performance. All requests for release time from regular work duties for attendance at meetings or conferences will be decided bas on such factors as availability of funds, consistency with district and building goals and job assignment. Requests require prior building principal or supervisor approval.

The documentation of Professional Development Units as set forth in OAR Chapter 584, Division 090 by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for license renewal are the sole responsibility of the employee.

Meetings and conferences devoted primarily or exclusively to organizational or business affairs of staff member collective bargaining units, political workshops, training sessions for consultation committees and like activities will not be considered as appropriate activities for the expenditure of district funds.

STAFF DRESS AND GROOMING

All staff are expected to be neat, clean and to wear appropriate dress for work that is in good taste and suitable for the job at hand.

Teachers are expected to dress in a manner which is appropriate to their assignment.

Employees are allowed to wear religious attire while maintaining religious neutrality and refraining from endorsing religion in the educational environment. Please contact your building administrator or supervisor for additional information/guidance.

STAFF ETHICS

Staff members are prohibited from engaging in, or having a financial interest in, any activity that raises a reasonable question of conflict of interest with their duties and responsibilities as employees of the district.

This means that:

1. Staff members shall not solicit for financial remuneration from students, parents or other staff;
2. Any device, publication or any other item developed during the staff member's paid time shall be district property;
3. Staff members shall not further personal gain through the use of confidential information gained in the course of or by reason of their position or activities in any way.

Staff members are prohibited from performing any duties related to an outside job during their regular working hours or during the additional time needed to fulfill the position's responsibilities. District facilities, equipment or materials may be used under the same conditions as this property is made available to the general public and the authorized use is consistent with ORS Chapter 244].

STAFF HEALTH AND SAFETY

In order to assure the safety of staff and students, information and/or training as necessary is provide to assist all staff to recognize and to respond appropriately to the presence of hazardous materials in the workplace, including proper handling, labeling, storage and disposal of such materials.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), which accompany any hazardous substance used in the school setting, are maintained on file in the office and elsewhere in the building, as necessary, and readily available to any staff member who must handle such materials or who may have been exposed to such products.

All staff members are expected to conduct their work in compliance with first-aid and infection control procedures established by the district and the following safety rules of the district:

1. All injuries shall be reported immediately to the person in charge or other responsible representative of the district;
2. It is the duty of all employees to make full use of safeguards provided for their protection. It shall be the employee's responsibility to abide by and perform the following requirements:
 - a. An employee shall not operate a machine unless guard or method of guarding is in good condition, working order, in place and operative;

- b. An employee shall stop the machine or moving parts and properly tag-out or lock-out the starting control before oiling, adjusting or repairing, except when such machine is provided with means of oiling or adjusting that will prevent possibility of hazardous contact with moving parts;
 - c. An employee shall not remove guards or render methods of guarding inoperative except for the purpose of adjustment, oiling, repair or setting up a new job;
 - d. Employees shall report to their supervisor any guard or method of guarding that is not properly adjusted or not accomplishing its intended function;
 - e. Employees shall not use their hands or any portion of their bodies to reach between moving parts or to remove jams, hangups, etc. (Use hook, stick, tong, jig or other accessory.);
 - f. Employees shall not work under objects being supported that could accidentally fall (such as loads supported by jacks, the raised body or a dump truck, etc.) until such objects are properly blocked or shored;
 - g. Employees shall not use defective tools or equipment. No tool or piece of equipment should be used for any purpose for which it is not suited and none should be abused by straining beyond its safe working load.
3. Employees shall not remove, deface or destroy any warning, danger sign or barricade or interfere with any other form of accident prevention device or practice provided which they are using or which is being used by any other worker;
 4. Employees must not work underneath or over others thereby exposing them to a hazard without first notifying the other employee(s) or seeing that proper safeguards or precautions have been taken;
 5. Employees shall not work in unprotected, exposed or hazardous areas under floor openings;
 6. Long or unwieldy articles shall not be carried or moved unless adequate means of guarding or guiding are provided to prevent injury;
 7. Hazardous conditions or practice observed at any time shall be reported as soon as practicable to the person in charge or some other responsible representative of the employer;
 8. Employees observed working in a manner which might cause immediate injury to either themselves or other workers shall be warned of the danger;
 9. Before leaving a job, workers shall correct, or arrange to give warning of, any condition which might result in injury to others unfamiliar with existing conditions;
 10. Good housekeeping methods shall be observed in all operations. Materials shall be so handled and stored as to minimize falling, tripping or collision hazards;
 11. Working and storage areas and passageways shall be kept free of unnecessary obstructions. No loose object shall be placed in any area where its presence will necessitate employees crowding between such objects as moving machinery, steam pipes or other objects with which contact would be dangerous;
 12. Any materials which might cause an employee to slip or fall shall be removed from floors and other treading surfaces immediately or suitable means or methods shall be used to control the hazardous condition;
 13. All sharp, pointed or otherwise hazardous projections in work areas shall be removed or rendered harmless.

STAFF/PARENT RELATIONS

The district encourages parents to be involved in their student's school experience. Teachers are advised that unless otherwise ordered by the courts, an order of sole custody on the part of one parent does not deprive the other parent of certain rights. It is the responsibility of the parent with sole custody to provide to the district any court order that curtails the rights of the noncustodial parent.

A noncustodial parent may receive and inspect the school records pertaining to his/her student and to consult with teachers concerning his/her student's welfare and education.

Noncustodial parents will not be granted visitation or telephone access to their student during the school day unless a signed agreement has been submitted to the school by the parent having sole custody of the child/children. Students may not be released to the noncustodial parent without the written permission of the parent having sole custody.

In the case of joint custody, it is the responsibility of the parents to provide the district, in writing, any special requests or clarifications in areas concerning the student and the district's relationship and responsibilities. Such information will be maintained on file in the office and provided to staff, as appropriate.

Staff members with questions regarding custodial and/or noncustodial parent rights with respect to particular students should contact the office.

TELEPHONES

Telephones are available throughout the building for staff convenience. Long distance calls for district business purposes may be placed from a telephone with an unrestricted line, located in the office. Local personal telephone calls made during working hours from district telephones should be brief, infrequent and placed before or after school, during breaks, lunch or at other times when staff is not responsible for supervising students. Personal long distance calls may not be made on district telephones, even if staff offers to reimburse the district for such charges. If it becomes necessary to make personal long distance calls while at work, such calls must be made with the staff member's personal calling card or by pay phone.

Staff possession or use of personal communication devices on district property, in district facilities during the work day and while the staff is on duty in attendance at district-sponsored activities may be permitted subject to the limitations set forth in policy and consistent with any additional school rules as may be established by the superintendent. At no time will a personal communication device be used in a manner that interferes with staff duty and responsibility for the supervision of students.

TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

In order to comply with state law and to protect the health of students, staff and the general public, provide a healthy working environment and promote good health for students, tobacco use is prohibited on all district property and in district-owned buildings and vehicles and at district sponsored events.

Tobacco is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette and any other smoking product, spit tobacco also known as smokeless, dip, chew, snuff in any form nicotine or nicotine delivering devices, chemicals or devices that product the physical effect of nicotine substances or

any other tobacco substitute (e.g., e-cigarettes). This does not include FDA approved nicotine replacement therapy products used for the purpose of cessation.

TUTORING

No private tutoring for which a staff member receives a fee is permitted in district schools on school time. District facilities, materials or equipment may be used under the same conditions as this property is made available to the general public and the authorized use is consistent with ORS Chapter 244.

USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES FOR DISTRICT BUSINESS

The use of private vehicles for district business, including the transportation of students, is generally discouraged. Staff members should use district-owned vehicles whenever possible, scheduling activities and other transportation far enough in advance to avoid any nonemergency use of private vehicles. No staff member may use a private vehicle for district business without permission from the building principal or supervisor.

VOLUNTEERS

The district encourages the constructive participation of groups and individuals in the school to perform appropriate tasks during and after school hours under the direction and supervision of staff.

Every effort should be made to use volunteer resources in a manner which will ensure maximum contribution to the welfare and educational growth of students.

Staff members interested in securing the services of a volunteer or with names of individuals expressing an interest in volunteering should contact the office. The use of volunteers requires prior building principal or supervisor approval. All volunteers must follow all District guidelines for approval and meet all District requirements before they begin service.

WEAPONS

In accordance with Oregon law, any employee who has reasonable cause to believe a student or other person has, within the previous 120 days, unlawfully been in possession of a firearm or destructive device as defined by the district's weapons policy, shall immediately report such violation to an administrator, his/her designee or law enforcement. Employees who report directly to law enforcement shall also immediately inform an administrator.

Administrators shall promptly notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of staff reports received and at any other time there is reasonable cause to believe violations have occurred or that a student has been expelled for bringing, possessing, concealing or using a dangerous or deadly weapon, firearm or destructive device. Parents will be notified of all conduct by their student that violates the district's weapons policy.

Employees shall promptly report all other conduct prohibited by the district's weapons policy to an administrator.

STUDENTS, FACILITIES AND INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

ADMINISTERING NONINJECTABLE MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

Students may be permitted to take prescription or nonprescription medication at school or at school-sponsored activities on a temporary or regular basis, when necessary.

Training will be provided by a qualified trainer to designated school staff authorized to administer medication to students within individual school buildings and while participating at school-sponsored activities on or off district property.

Training will provide an overview of applicable provisions of Oregon law, administrative rules, district policy and administrative regulations and include, but not be limited to, safe storage, handling, monitoring medication supplies, disposing of medications, record keeping and reporting of medication administration and errors in administration, emergency medical response for life-threatening side effects and allergic reactions and student confidentiality. Materials as recommended and/or approved by the Oregon Department of Education will be used.

Students in grades K-12 are permitted to self-medicate prescription and nonprescription and nonprescription medication in accordance with the following procedures:

1. A parent (guardian) permission form and written instructions have been submitted for all prescription and nonprescription medication. In the case of prescription medications, permission from the physician or other licensed health care provider is also required. Such permission may be indicated on the prescription label. Building principal permission is also required for all self-medication requests;
2. Students who are developmentally and/or behaviorally unable to self-medicate will be provided assistance by designated school staff. A permission form and written instructions will be required as provided above;
3. All prescription and nonprescription medication must be kept in its appropriately labeled, original container, as follows:
 - a. Prescription labels must specify the name of the student, name of the medication, dosage, route and frequency or time of administration and any other special instruction;
 - b. Nonprescription medication must have the student's name affixed to the original container.
4. The student may have in his/her possession only the amount of medication needed for that school day except for manufactory's packaging that contains multiple dosage, the student may carry one package;
5. Sharing and/or borrowing of medication with another student is strictly prohibited.

Permission to self-medicate may be revoked by the building principal or supervisor if there are any abuses of these procedures.

All other students will be administered medication only by designated school staff after receipt of required parent permission forms and written instructions.

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES

The assignment of students and classes to teachers is the responsibility of the building principal or designee. Parents have the right to discuss student class assignments with counselors and the building principal.

Any request to change a student's assignment to a particular class by a student, parent or teacher should be referred to counselors or the appropriate building administrator.

Students are to be added or dropped from teacher class rosters only when notified by the office.

Any student with the proper add slip, or who has otherwise been added to a particular class by an administrator or designee is to be admitted to class. Teachers with questions regarding a student's placement should contact administration.

CLASSROOM SECURITY

When leaving the classroom, locker room or other work areas between classes or at the end of the day, teachers are expected to turn out the lights and secure all doors. Windows should also be secured at day's end.

Staff are asked to refrain from keeping personal items of value in or about their desks. Purses should never be left unsecured. Students should be instructed to leave valuables at home. The district will not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, personal property due to such causes as fire, theft, accident or vandalism.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES/STUDENTS WITH HIV, HBV, AIDS*

Protection from communicable disease is generally provided through immunization, exclusion or other measures provided for in Oregon Revised Statutes and rules of the county health department. A student with certain school restrictable disease is not allowed to come to school while the disease is contagious. This restriction is removed by the written statement of the local health officer or a licensed physician (with the concurrence of the local health officer) that the disease is no longer communicable to others in the school setting. In those cases where a communicable disease is diagnosed and confirmed and the student would not be excluded from school. The district will inform the appropriate staff member to protect against the risk of exposure, as necessary.

Parents of a student six years of age or older who is infected with HIV or HBV and is not a special risk student as defined by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, are not required by law to report their student's condition to the district. Those students also, as provided by law, have a right to continue school. "Special risk students" means those students infected with HBV or HIV whose health-care provider has reasonable grounds to believe present a special risk to other students or adults in an educational setting. Such special risks include, but are not limited to, a student's ongoing history of biting others, spitting or scratching, lack of control of body secretions or uncoverable, oozing lesions.

Parents of an HIV student five years of age or younger, a special risk HIV student (as defined above), or of any student with AIDS, are required to notify the superintendent of the student's infection in order for the student to be granted permission to continue to attend school. Failure to do so will result in an order by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, or local health department, excluding the student from school or the parent may voluntarily withdraw the student from school. If the district is informed of the student's infection and written parental permission is obtained, a planning team is convened to address the nature, duration and severity of risk as well as any modification of activities needed.

*HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

*HBV – Hepatitis B Virus

*AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The use of corporal punishment in any form is strictly prohibited by the district and will be considered cause for discipline up to and including dismissal. Corporal punishment is defined as the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain.

A staff member is authorized to employ physical force when, in his/her professional judgment, the physical force is necessary to prevent a student from harming himself/herself, others or doing harm to district property.

Corporal punishment does not include physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by:

1. Training for or participation in athletic competition voluntarily engaged in by a student;
2. Recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by a student;
3. Physical exertion shared by all students in a teacher-directed class activity, which may include, but is not limited to, physical education exercises, field trips or vocational education projects;
4. Physical restraint or the use of aversive techniques as a part of a behavior management program in a student's individualized education program which has been signed by the parents and is carried out according to district procedures.

DISMISSAL OF CLASSES

Teachers should never dismiss a class before the established dismissal time. Detaining the entire class after dismissal time is also discouraged. Whenever individual students are detained after class, the teacher is expected to provide the student a note for the student's next class teacher. This will help reduce unnecessary hall traffic as students reporting to class late will need to account for their tardiness.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND DISASTER PLANS

All staff will be provided with a copy of the district's emergency procedures plan detailing staff responsibilities in the event of such emergencies as disorderly behavior, unlawful assembly, disturbances at school activities, natural disasters, fire, illness or injury of a student or staff member and the authorized use of force on school property.

Copies of the emergency procedures plan will be available in the office and other strategic locations throughout the building.

FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Field trips and other student activities involving travel may be authorized by the building principal or supervisor when such trips or activities contribute to the achievement of desirable educational goals.

Requests should be submitted to the building principal or supervisor well in advance of the proposed activity. All such requests will be considered based on such factors as availability of funds, the educational value derived, the safety and welfare of the students involved, impact on the regular school program and availability of appropriate supervision, either from within school staff or from volunteers.

Written parental permission must be obtained for each approved trip. Teachers are expected to have and save in their records signed forms showing parental approval and acknowledgement of the student conduct guidelines to the office prior to departure for the scheduled activity.

Staff members should contact the office for appropriate substitute and vehicle arrangements and related field trip procedures and forms.

Any out-of-state travel must be approved by the Board.

FLAG SALUTE

Students will be provided an opportunity to salute the United States flag at least weekly by reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

FUND RAISING

Fund-raising activities to raise money for a wide variety of school activities and equipment are held at various times throughout the course of the school year. All fund-raising activities must be conducted under the direct supervision of staff or other authorized individuals and approved by the building principal or supervisor prior to the activity being initiated.

Fund-raising requests must include an explanation or justification for the proposal consistent with building and/or district goals. Fund raising must not interfere with or disrupt school.

Fund-raising request forms are available in the office and must be completed and submitted for approval.

All money raised must be receipted and deposited with the district.

Staff and students should take all reasonable precautions to provide for the security of any items/materials/products being sold. Staff members are directed to follow established building procedures for the depositing of funds collected. At no time should money collected be allowed to accumulate in classrooms, lockers or other unsecured areas.

GRADING

Building grading policies and procedures may change from building to building as developed by the building principal.

The evaluation of student progress is a primary responsibility of all teachers.

Grade reduction or credit denial based on a student's attendance may be permissible only when the student's attendance is not used as a sole criterion for the grade reduction or credit denial. Prior to a grade reduction or credit denial, teachers are required to provide notice to the student, parents or guardians.

No grade may be reduced or credit denied based on absence due to religious reasons, a student's disability or an excused absence as determined by district policy.

Special education students are to receive grades based on progress toward goals states in the student's individualized education program (IEP).

GUEST SPEAKERS/CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKERS

Guest speakers may be used by teachers from time to time, when such use is consistent with educational goals and with a demonstrable relation to the curricular or cocurricular activity in which the participating students are involved. Teachers are expected to inform the building principal or supervisor of the date, time and nature of the presentation whenever such use is planned.

Prior building principal or supervisor approval is required whenever the guest speaker and/or presentation may be reasonably considered controversial.

Guest speakers should represent various approaches or points of view on a given topic in order to afford students a more comprehensive understanding of the issue.

Teachers responsible for inviting a particular guest speaker have the right and obligation to interrupt or suspend the presentation if the conduct or content being presented is judged to be in poor taste or endangers the health and safety of students or staff.

HUMAN SEXUALITY, HIV/AIDS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, HEALTH EDUCATION

Human sexuality, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted disease prevention curriculum has been developed cooperatively by parents, teachers, administration, local health department staff and others as an internal part of health education and other subjects. All teachers are expected to teach the age-appropriate curriculum annually and twice in grades 9-12 in accordance with established curriculum.

The purpose of the curriculum is to present current, accurate information to help students learn infection control procedures for preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS/HBV/HCV-causing virus and to assist them in making decisions about protecting their health and the health of others. The value of abstinence must be stressed.

Teachers are expected to notify parents of minor students in advance that the material regarding any human sexuality and HIV/AIDS/HBV/HCV will be taught. Any parent may request his/her student be excused from the class.

*AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HBV – Hepatitis B Virus

HCV – Hepatitis C Virus

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Homebound instruction is provided to any student whose health, impairment, or educational placement causes him/her to be absent from school for at least 10 days. A physician's statement substantiating such absence is required in order for the district to authorize homebound instruction.

The amount of instructional service provided will be related to each student's educational needs and physical and mental health.

Teachers are expected to cooperate with counselors, students and parents to provide such assignments/homework as may be necessary to help students maintain satisfactory progress during the student's temporary absence from school.

HOME TUTORING SERVICES

Home tutoring services may be provided to students who are temporarily disabled or for other medical reasons unable to attend school in excess of 10 consecutive school days.

A physician's statement substantiating such absence is required in order for the district to authorize home tutoring.

The home tutor will work with the student's teacher to provide the necessary instructional support needed to help the student maintain his/her academic progress.

MAKE-UP WORK

A student who has an excused absence from class is permitted to make up those assignments that he/she has missed. The student is expected to make arrangements with the teacher on his/her first day back in class for the work missed due to absence.

A student suspended from school is to be permitted, as provided by Oregon Administrative Rule, to make up school work upon his/her return from the suspension if the work reflects achievement over a greater period of time than the length of the suspension. For example, the student is allowed to make up final, midterm and unit examinations, without an academic penalty. Students will not, however, be allowed to make up daily assignments, laboratory experiments, class discussions or presentations missed while under suspension.

MOVING CLASS/HOLDING CLASSES OUTDOORS

From time to time, teachers may find it necessary to temporarily move a class from their scheduled room or teaching area. Teachers are responsible for ensuring that both the office and students are informed of the change.

As holding classes outdoors often presents a distraction to students in the class as well as to staff and students in other classrooms, teachers are expected to conduct their classes in their scheduled rooms unless otherwise assigned by the building principal or supervisor.

From time to time, certain class assignments may be more appropriately conducted outdoors. Prior building principal or supervisor approval is required for all such activities.

MEDIA ACCESS TO STUDENTS

The media may interview and photograph students involved in instructional programs and school activities including athletic events. Such media access may not be unduly disruptive and must comply with Board policies and district goals.

Media representatives are required to report to the building principal or supervisor for prior approval before accessing students involved in instructional programs and activities not attended by the general public. Staff members are expected to direct any media representatives on campus (as well as any other non-school personnel) to check into the office. As always, no visitor on campus should interview a student without permission from the building principal or designee.

Staff may release student information to the media only in accordance with applicable provisions of the education records law and Board policies governing directory information and personally identifiable information.

NON-SCHOOL-SPONSORED STUDY AND ATHLETIC TOURS/TRIPS/COMPETITIONS

The district does not sponsor, endorse or financially contribute to the variety of outside-sponsored study and athletic tours/trips/competitions available to students.

Students who raise funds for their personal participation in such activities may not raise moneys for travel and other activity expenses as a representative of the school. Students may not use school supplies, materials or facilities in conjunction with such trips or their related fund raising.

Staff members are prohibited from using their contact with students to advertise or recruit for summer or other holiday travel activities not sponsored by the district which involve their supervision of students. Staff may not advise parents regarding selection of such trips or tours for their students.

The counseling center may contain pamphlets which will assist parents who have questions about selection of such activities.

PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS

Students may be excused from a state-required program or learning activity for reasons of religion, disability or other reasons deemed appropriate by the district, upon the written request of the parent.

An alternative program of credit may be provided. Teachers are expected to work cooperatively with students, parents, counselors and other district staff in the development of such alternative learning activities, as needed.

RELEASE TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Students may be excused from school for religious instruction, not to exceed two hours for grades 1-8 and five hours for grades 9-12 in any school week. Teachers will be notified by the office of any students in their class so excused.

Any student unable to attend classes on a particular day due to religious beliefs is to be excused from attendance requirements for that day.

No such absences shall be counted against a student in determining failure or reduction of grades. Any tests and assignments a student misses because of such absences are to be given to the student upon his/her return to school or at such other times as may be deemed appropriate by the teacher.

RESUSCITATION

No staff member may comply with any directive from parents or others, written or verbal, that life-sustaining emergency care be withheld from a student in need of such care while under the control and supervision of district staff.

Life-sustaining emergency care means any procedure or intervention applied by appropriately trained district staff that may prevent a student from dying who, without such procedure or intervention, faces a risk of imminent death. Examples of life-sustaining emergency care may include: efforts to stop bleeding, unblocking airways, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

In a life-threatening situation, staff members are expected to dial 911 for paramedic assistance and provide life-sustaining emergency care to any student requiring it in order to sustain life until relieved by paramedics or other appropriate medical personnel.

RETENTION OF STUDENTS

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. Exceptions may be made when, in the judgment of the professional staff, such exceptions are in the best educational interest of the students involved.

Exceptions will always be made after prior notification and explanation to the student's parents, but the final decision will rest with the retention team.

Parental decisions are final, but when the parents' decision is not in agreement with the school's recommendation, parents must sign a "release from responsibility" form to be placed in the student's file.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS

All moneys raised or collected by and/or for school-approved student groups are to be receipted and deposited into a checking account administered by the business office. All student activity fund expenditures must be approved by the building principal and person in charge of the student activities program.

All expenditures from the general account of student activity funds must also be approved by the school-recognized student government organization if such organization exists. Funds derived from the student body as a whole shall be expended to benefit the student body as a whole.

All expenditures from a specific account of student activity funds related to other school-recognized student groups must be approved by the members of that organization and their staff advisor. Funds derived from authorized clubs and organizations shall be expended to benefit the specific club or organization and, to the extent possible, to benefit those students currently in school who have contributed to the accumulation of the funds.

STUDENT CONDUCT

All students are to comply with district policy, written building and classroom rules, pursue the prescribed course of study, submit to the lawful authority of teachers and school officials and conduct themselves in an orderly manner at school during the school day or during school-sponsored activities.

In addition to adopted Board policies governing student conduct, school rules specifying student conduct expectations have been established. These rules apply to actions which occur on district property; at any district-sponsored activity regardless of location; or when traveling to or from school for district-sponsored activities on transportation provided or approved by the district. Disregard of these rules constitutes grounds for suspension, expulsion or other reasonable disciplinary action.

All teachers are expected to review the student conduct rules contained in the Student/Parent Handbook with their students during the first week of the school year. A schedule developed by the building principal including particular areas to be emphasized will be provided to all staff during in-service.

Student conduct rules unique to individual classrooms may also be developed by teachers. All such rules must be consistent with district policy, administrative regulations and school rules governing student conduct and discipline. Classroom rules and consequences are to be reviewed with students, posted in classrooms and made available to parents.

STUDENT DETENTION

Teachers may detain a student after school hours for disciplinary reasons provided the parent has been notified of the detention and, in the case of bus students, prior arrangements have been made for the student's transportation home.

Parents may be asked to arrange for the transportation of the detained student; however, if the parent cannot or will not provide it, an alternative disciplinary procedure must be substituted.

Students who are detained after school are not to be left unsupervised during their detention.

STUDENT DISMISSAL PRECAUTIONS

No teacher may permit any student to leave class/school prior to the regular hour of dismissal except as may be authorized by the office.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

A student/parent handbook is made available to all students at the beginning of each new school year and at the time of registration for new students moving into the district at other times of the year.

All staff are expected to familiarize themselves with the general information, administrative regulations and procedures pertaining to students as set forth in the student/parent handbook and in Board policy.

Teachers are expected to review the handbook with students during the days/times designated by the building principal.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Transportation of students to and from school and to curricular and extracurricular activities sponsored by the district is provided by the district's transportation system in accordance with district policy.

Parents, employees and other designated adults may be permitted to use private vehicles to transport students other than their own on field trips and other school activities only with prior building principal or supervisor approval. The parent, employee or other adult driving the vehicle must be properly licensed and must provide proof of insurance. Such insurance shall meet or exceed minimum requirements as established by the state of Oregon and as set by the district. The vehicle must contain an adequate number of seat restraints including, when applicable, a child safety system for a child who weighs less than 40 pounds, regardless of age, and the adult driver require their use. The child safety system must elevate the person so that a safety belt or safety harness properly fits the individual and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law. A person who weighs over 40 pounds and who is under four feet nine inches and under the age of eight years of age must be properly secured with a child safety system that elevates the person so that a safety belt or harness properly fits the person. A person who is taller than four feet nine inches or eight years of age or older must be properly secured with a safety belt or harness that meets the minimum standards and specifications of law. Training in the proper installation and use of child safety systems may be required. The driver is responsible for not placing children under the age of 13 in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with passenger-side air bags.

No student is to be permitted to perform district business with his/her own vehicle, a staff member's vehicle or a district-owned vehicle.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Staff members are responsible for the supervision of all students while in school or engaged in school-sponsored activities.

All teachers are expected to be in their classrooms prior to the arrival of students.

Under no circumstances are classrooms or other areas where students are under the supervision of assigned staff to be left unattended while students are present. Teachers who may need to temporarily leave the classroom or their assigned duties in an emergency situation while students are present are expected to contact the office to arrange for temporary coverage.

No other staff member may leave his/her assigned group unsupervised except as appropriate supervision arrangements have been made to take care of an emergency.

During school hours, or while engaged in school-sponsored activities, students may be released only into the custody of parents or other authorized persons.

TEACHING ABOUT RELIGION

Religious education is the responsibility of the home and religious institution. Public schools are obligated to maintain neutrality in all such matters.

As religion influences many areas of education such as literature and history, its role in civilization may be taught when consistent with curriculum and teaching assignment. In such instances, teachers may provide information and opportunity for students to study the forms of various religions.

Though teachers may be permitted to expose students to information concerning religious beliefs, a teacher may not advocate, openly, covertly or by subtlety, a particular religion or religious belief.

USE OF RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION

The use of physical restraint and/or seclusion is permitted only as a part of a behavior support plan when other less restrictive interventions would not be effective and the student's behavior poses a threat of imminent, serious physical harm to self or others.

Except in the case of an emergency, only staff current in the required training in accordance with the district-designated physical restraint and seclusion training program will implement physical restraint or seclusion with a student. In an emergency, physical restraint and/or seclusion may also be used by a school administrator, teacher or other school employee as necessary to prevent a student from harming his/herself, students, staff or others or from causing damage to district property. The use of physical restraint/seclusion under these circumstances is only allowed so long as the student's behavior poses a threat of imminent, serious physical harm to themselves, others or district property. Any student being restrained or secluded within the district whether an emergency or as part of a plan shall be constantly monitored by staff for the duration of the intervention. Any room used for seclusion of a student must allow staff full view of the student in all areas of the room and be free of potentially hazardous conditions such as unprotected light fixtures and electrical outlets.

USE OF FEATURE FILMS/VIDEOS

The Board requires certain precautions be taken to ensure the use of any particular film/video is consistent with the educational values espoused by the district.

Films/videos rated G, PG, Pg-13, or R may be shown as part of the school program. The selection of such materials must directly relate to the curricular objectives for the course and be done in compliance with School Board Policy II/IIA (Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials) and School Board Policy IIAB (Supplementary Material Selection). Films rated G may be used in grades K-12. Films rated PG may be used in grades 4-12. Films rated PG-13 may be used in grades 7-12. Films rated R may be used in grades 11-12. Excerpts of R rated films may be used in grades 9-10 if they contain no objectionable material. Objectionable material includes mature adult themes, obscene or profane language, gratuitous violence, or explicit sexual content (including nudity).

The Board desires that parents be actively involved in the education of their children and insists that instructors clearly communicate with parents about the use of feature films in the instructional program. The use of a PG film requires parental notification in all instances and parental permission for grades 4-6. The use of a PG-13 film requires parental notification in all instances and parental permission for all grades 7-10. The use of an R film requires parental notification and permission. If an excerpt of a PG-13 or R film is used and it contains no objectionable material, then only parental notification is required. Parents should have the opportunity to preview a film when practicably possible.

VISITORS

Students are not permitted to bring visitors to school without prior approval of the building principal or supervisor.

Staff members are expected to report any unauthorized person on school property to the building principal or supervisor.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Students ages kindergarten through 21 living in the district who have been evaluated by qualified educational and/or medical personnel and found eligible for services or programs for students with disabilities shall be provided a free and appropriate education.

The related services and educational programs provided are designed to meet the needs as specified by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). Placements are made by the building's IEP team, which consists of the student's parent(s); one regular education teacher, if the student is participating in the regular education program, or, if the student does not have a regular education teacher, a teacher qualified to teach a student the same age; the student's special education teacher or a special education provider; a representative of the district; an individual, who may be another member of the team, who is knowledgeable about the student's disability and who can interpret the instructional implications of the evaluation results; the student, when appropriate, and other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, at the discretion of the parent or district; and other agency representative as provided by law.

Teachers with questions regarding the referral and placement process should contact a special education staff member.

All teachers are expected to work cooperatively with special education staff to modify curriculum, instructional strategies and grading as necessary to meet the needs of a student's IEP.