

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2020 7:00 PM

Board of Education Room at the Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools

425 F Street

Palmyra, NE 68418

1. Call to Order
2. Announcement of the Open Meetings Act Posting
3. Consent Agenda
 1. Approval of minutes of previous meetings
 2. Approval of Claims/Payment of Bills and Payroll
 3. Certificated/Classified Hire(s)/Reassignment(s)/Resignation(s)
 4. Financial Report
4. Public Comment
5. Administrative Reports
 1. Superintendent's Report
 2. High School Principal
 3. Elementary Principal
6. Discussion Items- Committee Reports
 1. Olson Foundation progress report
 2. Curriculum review : Language Arts curriculum materials are provided pursuant to policy 6121
 3. Review of the roof maintenance proposal
7. Action Items
 1. Presentation, discussion and or official action to approve the 2020-2021 Bennet Elementary and Bennet Pre-School Student Handbooks.
 2. Presentation, discussion and or official action to approve the 2020-2021 Palmyra Jr.-Sr. High School Student Handbook.
 3. Presentation, discussion and or official action with regard to the Olson Foundation Project for the construction of certain improvements on property of the School District and Village for athletic and recreational facilities to benefit the Palmyra, Nebraska Community (Project) to approve the Applications for Payment and billing statements related to the Project, including, but not limited to the cost of the legal services, architectural design and planning, and site preparation costs.
 4. Presentation, discussion and or official action to revise policies 1040, 5006, 5101, 5103, 5406, 5506, 6117, 6283A.
 5. Presentation, discussion and or official action to approve the First reading of BOE policy 6111 Classroom Environment.
8. Closed Session
9. Board of Education Development
 1. Board of Education July retreat dates proposed for Phase V (McPherson and Jacobson) July 8, 22, 29.
10. Topics for Next Month's Agenda
11. Adjournment

1. Board Video: 2020/06/08

Chairperson

Superintendent

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2020 7:00 PM

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Jaimi Calfee: Present

Doug Church: Present

Brandon Desh: Present

Lance Gee: Present

Clayton Maahs: Present

Susan Royal: Present

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Board of Education President Maahs at 7:00 p.m.

2. Announcement of the Open Meetings Act Posting

3. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the removal of one claim as requested by Board member Royal Passed with a motion by Susan Royal and a second by Doug Church.

Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Doug Church: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Lance Gee: Yea, Clayton Maahs: Yea, Susan Royal: Yea

Motion to approve the SUEMADE claim Passed with a motion by Lance Gee and a second by Brandon Desh.

Susan Royal: Abstain, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Doug Church: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Lance Gee: Yea, Clayton Maahs: Yea

Board member Royal abstained from the claim to SUEMADE.

Superintendent Elect Mr. Mike Hart joined the meeting.

3.1. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

Official Board of Education minutes are available on the district web site at www.districtor1.org

3.2. Approval of Claims/Payment of Bills and Payroll

3.3. Certificated/Classified Hire(s)/Reassignment(s)/Resignation(s)

3.3.1. Presentation, discussion and or official action to ratify a teaching contract for Mikayla Batman.

3.4. Financial Report

4. Administrative Reports

Administrative reports are available in their entirety at:
<https://meeting.sparqdata.com/Public/Organization/174>

Some of the topics covered in the reports include items related to COVID-19 updates, requisitions, SENCAP participation numbers, school lunch numbers, student pick up dates, and end of school year information. BOE members had an opportunity to review items in the reports.

4.1. Superintendent's Report

4.2. High School Principal

4.3. Elementary Principal

5. Discussion Items- Committee Reports

5.1. Olson Foundation progress report

BOE members reviewed items related to progress reports for the Olson Foundation project as presented by Board member Desh. Progress included grading, concrete, dugouts, throwing areas and city park items.

6. Action Items

6.1. Presentation, discussion and or official action to adopt the ESU 4 Core Services Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to act as the Board's representative in matters dealing with the provisions of Core Services provided by ESU 4.

Motion to adopt the ESU 4 Core Services Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to act as the Board's representative in matters dealing with the provisions of Core Services provided by ESU 4 Passed with a motion by Doug Church and a second by Jaimi Calfee.

Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Doug Church: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Lance Gee: Yea, Clayton Maahs: Yea, Susan Royal: Yea

BOE members reviewed the core services resolution as presented.

6.2. Presentation, discussion and or official action with regard to possible purchase of and execution of a purchase agreement for real estate.

Motion to purchase the property pursuant to the purchase agreement Passed with a motion by Brandon Desh and a second by Doug Church.

Lance Gee: Nay, Susan Royal: Nay, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Doug Church: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Clayton Maahs: Yea

Motion to table the purchase agreement until July Failed with a motion by Susan Royal and a second by Lance Gee.

Jaimi Calfee: Nay, Doug Church: Nay, Brandon Desh: Nay, Clayton Maahs: Nay, Lance Gee: Yea, Susan Royal: Yea

BOE members discussed the real estate agreement and reviewed the proposed purchase. PURCHASE PRICE. The Purchase Price for the Property shall be FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100THS DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) ("Purchase Price").

The North 210.00 feet of Block F, Waites Addition located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M., Palmyra, Otoe County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Block F, Waites Addition: Thence: N 88°55'01" E, a distance of 165.25 feet, to the Northeast corner of said Block F; Thence: S 00°38'49" E, a distance of 210.00 feet; Thence: S 88°55'15" W, a distance of 166.43 feet, to a point on the West line of said Block F; Thence: N 00°22'13" W, a distance of 210.00 feet to the Point of the Beginning and containing 0.799 acre of land, more or less (the "Property").

6.3 Presentation, discussion and or official action with regard to the Olson Foundation Project for the construction of certain improvements on property of the School District and Village for athletic and recreational facilities to benefit the Palmyra, Nebraska Community (Project) to approve the Applications for Payment and billing statements related to the Project, including, but not limited to the cost of the legal services, architectural design and planning, and site preparation costs.

Motion to Approve the Applications for Payment and billing statements related to the Olson Foundation Project for the construction of certain improvements on property of the School District and Village for athletic and recreational facilities to benefit the Palmyra, Nebraska Community (Project) as presented Passed with a motion by Jaimi Calfee and a second by Brandon Desh.

Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Doug Church: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Lance Gee: Yea, Clayton Maahs: Yea, Susan Royal: Yea

Board members reviewed Olson Foundation claims.

7. Closed Session

8. Board of Education Development

It was noted that due to the current COVID-19 situation many events have been postponed or canceled.

9. Topics for Next Month's Agenda

The date and time of the next board meeting will be announced. June 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Palmyra

Possible topics include Multicultural reports, Handbooks, Annual Statistical Summary information, July Retreat dates, Policy Updates.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:29 p.m. May 11, 2020.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Date: June 8, 2020

TO: Palmyra District OR-1 BOE

From: Robert Hanger

Re: BOE meeting notes for June

Next Months regular meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2020

Possible agenda items include:

Budget, Food Service, Student/Staff Handbooks, Student Fee Policy Review, Census Report, Parental Involvement Policy Review, Bullying Policy Review, Board Code of Conduct Policy Review, Establish Option Enrollment Capacities

A. Consent Agenda

Building Fund: B2 Environmental: \$350.00 Ceiling material testing Palmyra art room, VASA Construction \$7863.41 repair and construction at Bennet gym grading for drainage, Hamilton's Service \$1168.94 East office air handler repair, Dillon Remodel \$1125.00 Palmyra JH locker room ceiling repair, Clark Enersen \$1832.48 Palmyra art room ceiling engineering.

B. General Fund claims:

BOK Financial: \$12,629.18 Bus lease purchase payment.

Instructure: \$6500.00 Annual license renewal for Canvas student management system.

Nebraska Council of School Administrators: \$335.00 Annual membership dues.

On to College: \$3630.00 Annual fees ACT preparation course materials and fees.

Perry Law Firm: \$1500.00 Zoom meeting information, CARES Act information, real estate purchase documents, weight room COVID-19 compliance, student items.

Shepard Floors: \$4250.00 Annual gym floor refinishing.

Stutheit Implement: \$15.91 Mower part.

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PO Number	Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Invoice Date	Amount
Account Number		Detail Description		Amount
Checking Account ID 1		Fund Number 01	GENERAL FUND	
	27126660	Access Systems Leasing	06/08/2020	2,329.90
01 1100 440 001		HS Copier Lease		1,164.95
01 1100 440 003		Elem Copier Lease		1,164.95
Total	Access Systems Leasing			2,329.90
	839755 - DISTRICTOR1	AKERS EQUIPMENT	06/08/2020	15.91
01 2620 430 001		HS Repairs and Maintenance		15.91
Total	AKERS EQUIPMENT			15.91
	JUNE2020 - 9371	BANK OF AMERICA	06/08/2020	9.95
01 2510 382 001		HS Telephone		4.98
01 2510 382 003		Elem Telephone		4.97
Total	BANK OF AMERICA			9.95
	PALMYRACOP17 - BUS	BOKF, NA	06/08/2020	12,629.18
01 2710 732 000		Bus Replacement		12,629.18
Total	BOKF, NA			12,629.18
	MAY2020 MED REIMB	CARRAHER, RACHEL	06/08/2020	800.00
01 1100 211 003		Elem Teacher BCBS, Life, Vision, Dental		800.00
Total	CARRAHER, RACHEL			800.00
	DN046 05/23/2020	CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD	06/08/2020	505.53
01 2710 626 000		Bus Gas and Oil		505.53
Total	CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD			505.53
	DOT EXAM RH MAY2020	COMPLETE CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS CENTER	06/08/2020	65.00
01 2710 890 000		Bus Misc. Expenses		65.00
	DOT EXAM TC 05262020	COMPLETE CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS CENTER	06/08/2020	65.00
01 2710 890 000		Bus Misc. Expenses		65.00
Total	COMPLETE CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS CENTER			130.00
	INV0340338	DakTech Inc.	06/08/2020	1,554.00
01 1100 734 001		HS Computer Hardware		767.50
01 2320 890 000		Superintendent Misc. Expenses		786.50
Total	DakTech Inc.			1,554.00
	1218536	DAS State ACCTG-Central Finance	06/08/2020	229.32
01 2224 530 000		Internet Service		229.32
Total	DAS State ACCTG-Central Finance			229.32
	04302020 - GENERAL	DFC Inc. Decker's Food Center	06/08/2020	17.75
01 2610 610 001		HS Custodian Supplies		17.75
Total	DFC Inc. Decker's Food Center			17.75
	660501 - MAY2020	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #4	06/08/2020	3,676.04
01 6408 591 000		EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES		706.48

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		ESU/DISTRICT		
01 1291 591 003		Sped Director ages 3-5 Elem		141.30
01 6408 591 000		EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES ESU/DISTRICT		33.34
01 6406 591 003		AD/ECH SERVICES FROM ESU/DISTRICT		33.34
01 6408 591 000		EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES ESU/DISTRICT		91.67
01 6406 591 003		AD/ECH SERVICES FROM ESU/DISTRICT		91.66
01 1200 591 003		ELEM SPED DIRECTOR		989.09
01 1200 591 001		HS SPED DIRECTOR		989.09
01 2151 591 001		HS AUDIOLOGY SERVICE FROM ESU/DISTRICT		333.37
01 2151 591 003		ELEM AUDIOLOGY SERVICES ESU/DISTRICT		266.70
Total	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #4			3,676.04
	13666	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #6	06/08/2020	398.36
01 2224 530 000		Internet Service		398.36
Total	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #6			398.36
	JUNE PAYFLEX 2020	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS	06/08/2020	100.00
01 2510 890 000		Superintendent Secretary Misc. Expenses		100.00
Total	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS			100.00
	475994	Hoeft, Aaron	06/08/2020	309.99
01 1100 733 001		HS Furniture and Fixtures		309.99
Total	Hoeft, Aaron			309.99
	667135	INSPRO INC.	06/08/2020	695.00
01 2310 520 000		BOE Insurance		695.00
	667136	INSPRO INC.	06/08/2020	720.00
01 2310 520 000		BOE Insurance		720.00
	667137	INSPRO INC.	06/08/2020	1,082.00
01 2310 520 000		BOE Insurance		1,082.00
	667138	INSPRO INC.	06/08/2020	6,108.00
01 2310 270 000		Workers Compensation		6,108.00
	667139	INSPRO INC.	06/08/2020	202.00
01 2310 520 000		BOE Insurance		202.00
	667140	INSPRO INC.	06/08/2020	3,029.00
01 2710 520 000		Bus Insurance		3,029.00
	667141	INSPRO INC.	06/08/2020	1,074.00
01 2310 520 000		BOE Insurance		1,074.00
	667142	INSPRO INC.	06/08/2020	393.00
01 2310 520 000		BOE Insurance		393.00
	667143	INSPRO INC.	06/08/2020	12,163.00
01 2620 520 001		HS Building Insurance		6,081.50
01 2620 520 003		Elem Building Insurance		6,081.50
Total	INSPRO INC.			25,466.00
	INV350064	INSTRUCTURE, INC.	06/08/2020	6,500.00
01 1100 735 001		HS Technology Software		3,250.00
01 1100 735 003		Elem Technology Software		3,250.00
Total	INSTRUCTURE, INC.			6,500.00

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	05282020 GRAD EDUC	JOHNSON, HEATH	06/08/2020	954.00
01 2410 330 001		HS Principal Professional Development		954.00
Total	JOHNSON, HEATH			954.00
	INV515090	KURITA AMERICA INC	06/08/2020	340.00
01 2610 431 003		Elem Upkeep of Building		340.00
Total	KURITA AMERICA INC			340.00
	118-00053552 - MAY20	Lincoln Journal Star	06/08/2020	424.99
01 2220 640 001		HS Library Books/Periodicals		424.99
Total	Lincoln Journal Star			424.99
	MAY2020 MED REIMB	MALONE, AMANDA	06/08/2020	300.00
01 1100 211 003		Elem Teacher BCBS, Life, Vision, Dental		300.00
Total	MALONE, AMANDA			300.00
	51640101	MATHESON-TRI-GAS INC	06/08/2020	40.24
01 1100 610 001		HS General Supplies		40.24
Total	MATHESON-TRI-GAS INC			40.24
	0-545	NCECBVI	06/08/2020	488.14
01 2181 591 001		HS VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICES		488.14
Total	NCECBVI			488.14
	1546-1 407-05072020	NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES	06/08/2020	66.92
01 2610 622 001		HS Electricity		66.92
	3273-0 407-05072020	NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES	06/08/2020	1,870.35
01 2610 622 003		Elem Electricity		1,870.35
	3321-7 407-05072020	NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES	06/08/2020	4,064.36
01 2610 622 001		HS Electricity		4,064.36
	39368-6 407-05072020	NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES	06/08/2020	27.00
01 2610 622 001		HS Electricity		27.00
	43577-6 407-05072020	NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES	06/08/2020	23.17
01 2610 622 001		HS Electricity		23.17
	43679-0 407-05072020	NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES	06/08/2020	38.10
01 2610 622 001		HS Electricity		38.10
	44277-2 407-05072020	NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES	06/08/2020	67.49
01 2610 622 001		HS Electricity		67.49
	44718-5 407-05072020	NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES	06/08/2020	247.44
01 2610 622 001		HS Electricity		247.44
Total	NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES			6,404.83
	2020-21 ELE RENEWAL	NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMIN.	06/08/2020	335.00
01 2410 810 003		Elem Principal Dues and Fees		335.00

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Total	NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMIN.			335.00
	MAY2020 PT JO	O'Neil, Jan	06/08/2020	2,670.12
01 6408 320 000		IDEA Part B Birth-4 Pre-diagnosis		1,131.09
01 6406 320 003		IDEA Preschool Professional Service		593.36
01 2171 320 003		Physical Therapy Elem Contracted Service		927.13
01 2171 320 001		Physical Therapy HS Contracted Service		18.54
Total	O'Neil, Jan			2,670.12
	4217	ONTOCOLLEGE WITH JOHN BAYLOR	06/08/2020	3,630.00
01 1100 735 001		HS Technology Software		3,630.00
Total	ONTOCOLLEGE WITH JOHN BAYLOR			3,630.00
	062020 SERVICES	PELLA, TRACY	06/08/2020	121.50
01 2140 320 001		HS Contracted Services		60.75
01 2140 320 003		Elem Contracted Services		60.75
Total	PELLA, TRACY			121.50
	60	Perry, Guthery, Hasse & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O.	06/08/2020	1,500.00
01 2310 317 000		BOE Legal Services		1,500.00
Total	Perry, Guthery, Hasse & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O.			1,500.00
	05252020 PHS	RECYCLING ENTERPRISES OF NE, INC.	06/08/2020	90.00
01 2610 431 001		HS Upkeep of Building		90.00
Total	RECYCLING ENTERPRISES OF NE, INC.			90.00
	PALMYRA - 2020	Shepard Floors	06/08/2020	4,250.00
01 2620 430 001		HS Repairs and Maintenance		4,250.00
Total	Shepard Floors			4,250.00
	213946	Uribe Refuse Services, Inc.	06/08/2020	356.00
01 2610 431 003		Elem Upkeep of Building		356.00
Total	Uribe Refuse Services, Inc.			356.00
	57802	VILLAGE OF BENNET	06/08/2020	1,035.23
01 2610 410 003		Elem Water & Sewer		998.67
01 2610 622 003		Elem Electricity		36.56
Total	VILLAGE OF BENNET			1,035.23
	230001 - 425-5262020	VILLAGE OF PALMYRA	06/08/2020	24.00
01 2610 410 001		HS Water & Sewer		24.00
	257001 - 425-5262020	VILLAGE OF PALMYRA	06/08/2020	149.50
01 2610 410 001		HS Water & Sewer		149.50
	274001 - 425-5262020	VILLAGE OF PALMYRA	06/08/2020	24.00
01 2610 410 001		HS Water & Sewer		24.00
Total	VILLAGE OF PALMYRA			197.50
	217510	VOICE NEWS	06/08/2020	5.89
01 2310 540 000		BOE Advertising		5.89

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	WC8261	VOICE NEWS	06/08/2020	85.42
01 2310 540 000		BOE Advertising		85.42
	WC8262	VOICE NEWS	06/08/2020	26.51
01 2310 540 000		BOE Advertising		26.51
Total	VOICE NEWS			117.82
	0040818	VOLLI COMMUNICATIONS, INC	06/08/2020	113.63
01 2510 382 001		HS Telephone		56.82
01 2510 382 003		Elem Telephone		56.81
Total	VOLLI COMMUNICATIONS, INC			113.63
	091969071 - MAY2020	WINDSTREAM	06/08/2020	187.93
01 2510 382 001		HS Telephone		187.93
Total	WINDSTREAM			187.93
Fund Number	01			78,228.86
Checking Account ID	1			78,228.86

General Fund Bills June 2020 \$78228.86

Payroll May 2020 \$481957.87

Total \$560186.73

Expenditure Report by Function/Object - Summary

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Function Number	Revised Budget	Expended During Month	Expenditures to Date	% of Budget	Balance at EOM	A/P Outstanding	P/O Outstanding	Unencumbered Balance
4590	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4600	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4610	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4630	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4690	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4700	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4730	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4955	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4960	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4985	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4994	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6200	66,325.75	0.00	49,363.92	74.43	16,961.83	0.00	0.00	16,961.83
6310	44,196.00	0.00	5,571.20	12.61	38,624.80	0.00	0.00	38,624.80
6330	21,000.00	0.00	29,207.00	139.08	(8,207.00)	0.00	0.00	(8,207.00)
6406	20,595.00	718.36	10,655.87	51.74	9,939.33	0.00	0.00	9,939.33
6408	147,112.14	1,962.58	118,632.95	80.64	28,479.19	0.00	0.00	28,479.19
6411	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6412	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6810	10,090.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,090.85	0.00	0.00	10,090.85
6969	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6992	45,001.00	0.00	15,447.54	36.55	28,553.46	0.00	0.00	28,553.46
8000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01	7,497,765.54	78,228.86	5,456,420.44	72.77	2,041,345.10	0.00	0.00	2,041,345.10

Monthly; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
01 101	CASH IN BANK	2,142,984.21	599,574.25	2,742,558.46
01 900	Cash County Treasurer	775,981.37	0.00	775,981.37
	Current Assets Subtotal:	<u>2,918,965.58</u>	<u>599,574.25</u>	<u>3,518,539.83</u>
<u>Other Assets</u>				
01 390	Budgeted Revenue	6,445,997.00	0.00	6,445,997.00
01 392	Less: Revenue Received	(4,573,969.41)	(1,123,772.11)	(5,697,741.52)
	Other Assets Subtotal:	<u>1,872,027.59</u>	<u>(1,123,772.11)</u>	<u>748,255.48</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:		<u>4,790,993.17</u>	<u>(524,197.86)</u>	<u>4,266,795.31</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
01 450	PAYROLL DEDUCTION PAYABLE	1,037.51	0.00	1,037.51
01 451	FICA PAYABLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 452	FIT PAYABLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 453	INSURANCE PAYABLE	758.12	37.55	795.67
01 454	RETIREMENT PAYABLE	0.00	33.78	33.78
01 455	SIT PAYABLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Current Liabilities Subtotal:	<u>1,795.63</u>	<u>71.33</u>	<u>1,866.96</u>
<u>Other Liabilities</u>				
01 690	Budgeted Expenditures	7,497,765.54	0.00	7,497,765.54
01 692	Less: Expenditures to Date	(4,853,922.39)	(524,269.19)	(5,378,191.58)
	Other Liabilities Subtotal:	<u>2,643,843.15</u>	<u>(524,269.19)</u>	<u>2,119,573.96</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
01 704	Fund Balance - Regular Unspent	3,197,122.93	0.00	3,197,122.93
01 705	Budgeted Fund Balance	(1,051,768.54)	0.00	(1,051,768.54)
	Fund Balance Subtotal:	<u>2,145,354.39</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,145,354.39</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity:		<u>4,790,993.17</u>	<u>(524,197.86)</u>	<u>4,266,795.31</u>

Monthly; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Fund: 02 Depreciation				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
02 101	CASH	217,802.18	0.01	217,802.19
	Current Assets Subtotal:	217,802.18	0.01	217,802.19
<u>Other Assets</u>				
02 392	LESS: REVENUE RECEIVED	(546.38)	(0.01)	(546.39)
	Other Assets Subtotal:	(546.38)	(0.01)	(546.39)
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:		217,255.80	0.00	217,255.80
<u>Other Liabilities</u>				
02 692	LESS: EXPENDITURES TO DATE	(151,915.41)	0.00	(151,915.41)
	Other Liabilities Subtotal:	(151,915.41)	0.00	(151,915.41)
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
02 704	FUND BALANCE	369,171.21	0.00	369,171.21
	Fund Balance Subtotal:	369,171.21	0.00	369,171.21
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity:		217,255.80	0.00	217,255.80

Monthly; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Fund: 03 Unemployment				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
03 101	CASH	18,965.60	0.74	18,966.34
03 106	SAVINGS CERTIFICATES	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
	Current Assets Subtotal:	38,965.60	0.74	38,966.34
<u>Other Assets:</u>				
03 392	LESS: REVENUE RECEIVED	(137.84)	(0.74)	(138.58)
	Other Assets Subtotal:	(137.84)	(0.74)	(138.58)
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:		38,827.76	0.00	38,827.76
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
03 704	FUND BALANCE	38,827.76	0.00	38,827.76
	Fund Balance Subtotal:	38,827.76	0.00	38,827.76
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity:		38,827.76	0.00	38,827.76

Monthly; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Fund: 05	Activity Fund			
<u>Current Assets</u>				
05 101	CASH	142,132.88	4,312.94	146,445.82
	Current Assets Subtotal:	142,132.88	4,312.94	146,445.82
<u>Other Assets</u>				
05 392	LESS: REVENUE RECEIVED	(116,575.04)	(8,345.23)	(124,920.27)
	Other Assets Subtotal:	(116,575.04)	(8,345.23)	(124,920.27)
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:		25,557.84	(4,032.29)	21,525.55
<u>Other Liabilities</u>				
05 692	LESS: EXPENDITURES TO DATE	(133,394.82)	(4,032.29)	(137,427.11)
	Other Liabilities Subtotal:	(133,394.82)	(4,032.29)	(137,427.11)

Annual; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity; Fund Number 05

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Fund: 05	Activity Fund			
<u>Current Assets</u>				
05 101	CASH	142,132.88	4,312.94	146,445.82
	Current Assets Subtotal:	142,132.88	4,312.94	146,445.82
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:		142,132.88	4,312.94	146,445.82

<u>Fund Balance</u>				
05 704 0001	ATHLETICS	10,496.34	(1,439.48)	9,056.86
05 704 0002	ANNUAL	5,836.60	360.00	6,196.60
05 704 0003	MUSIC	1,236.80	4.00	1,240.80
05 704 0004	ELEMENTARY UNIT	10,000.00	(66.64)	9,933.36
05 704 0005	STUDENT COUNCIL	2,137.84	0.00	2,137.84
05 704 0006	FFA	7,023.67	0.00	7,023.67
05 704 0007	HIGH SCHOOL UNIT	5,142.08	253.37	5,395.45
05 704 0008	LIFE SKILLS	672.61	0.00	672.61
05 704 0009	FCCLA	3,016.10	0.00	3,016.10
05 704 0010	MISC ACCOUNT	1,395.73	0.00	1,395.73
05 704 0011	ART CLUB	464.47	0.00	464.47
05 704 0012	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	971.50	0.00	971.50
05 704 0013	SPEECH	503.28	0.00	503.28
05 704 0014	1ST GRADE	716.84	0.00	716.84
05 704 0015	BOYS BASKETBALL	2,763.41	0.00	2,763.41
05 704 0016	CONCESSIONS	5,173.70	0.00	5,173.70
05 704 0017	GIRLS BASKETBALL	1,331.50	(352.30)	979.20
05 704 0019	INTEREST	433.70	5.73	439.43
05 704 0020	UNION BANK	3,067.38	0.00	3,067.38
05 704 0022	FIELDS SCHOLARSHIP	4,263.80	0.00	4,263.80
05 704 0023	CROSS COUNTRY	1,281.60	0.00	1,281.60
05 704 0024	INDUSTRIAL ARTS SHOP	534.69	0.00	534.69
05 704 0025	LIBRARY	1,997.31	0.00	1,997.31
05 704 0026	PARTY GROUP	1,132.31	0.00	1,132.31
05 704 0027	CLASS OF 2021	1,470.21	0.00	1,470.21
05 704 0028	MUSICAL/DRAMA	3,540.61	0.00	3,540.61
05 704 0029	WRESTLING	196.11	0.00	196.11
05 704 0030	GENERAL FUND REIMBURSEMENT	(2,026.50)	2,026.50	0.00
05 704 0031	6TH GRADE	471.13	0.00	471.13
05 704 0032	WEIGHTS	6,952.94	(1,824.25)	5,128.69
05 704 0033	VOLLEYBALL ACCOUNT	1,225.03	5,289.00	6,514.03
05 704 0034	IMPREST FUND	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
05 704 0035	BENNET BOOSTERS	1,589.67	0.00	1,589.67
05 704 0036	CHEERLEADING	1,197.85	60.00	1,257.85
05 704 0037	BENNET BACK-PACK PROGRAM	333.21	0.00	333.21
05 704 0038	CLASS OF 2020	1,445.51	0.00	1,445.51

Balance Sheet

Period Ending: May 2020

Annual; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity; Fund Number 05

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
05 704 0039	FAMILY PASSES	6,755.00	0.00	6,755.00
05 704 0040	STUDENT FEES	4,662.00	0.00	4,662.00
05 704 0041	QUIZ BOWL	600.08	0.00	600.08
05 704 0042	JR HIGH BASKETBALL	20.50	0.00	20.50
05 704 0044	SPANISH	44.55	0.00	44.55
05 704 0045	ENGLISH/PSYCHOLOGY	100.00	(37.99)	62.01
05 704 0046	NEW BAND UNIFORMS	11,896.40	0.00	11,896.40
05 704 0047	NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION	0.01	0.00	0.01
05 704 0049	SHOW CHOIR	1,064.93	0.00	1,064.93
05 704 0050	CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE	26,397.08	35.00	26,432.08
05 704 0051	GOLF	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 704 0052	CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	603.30	0.00	603.30
Fund Balance Subtotal:		142,132.88	4,312.94	146,445.82
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity:		142,132.88	4,312.94	146,445.82

Balance Sheet

Period Ending: May 2020

Monthly; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Fund: 06 Hot Lunch				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
06 101	CASH	59,897.29	4,609.12	64,506.41
	Current Assets Subtotal:	<u>59,897.29</u>	<u>4,609.12</u>	<u>64,506.41</u>
<u>Other Assets</u>				
06 392	LESS: REVENUE RECEIVED	(221,235.98)	(36,412.26)	(257,648.24)
	Other Assets Subtotal:	<u>(221,235.98)</u>	<u>(36,412.26)</u>	<u>(257,648.24)</u>
	Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:	<u>(161,338.69)</u>	<u>(31,803.14)</u>	<u>(193,141.83)</u>
<u>Other Liabilities</u>				
06 692	LESS: EXPENDITURES TO DATE	(246,486.52)	(31,803.14)	(278,289.66)
	Other Liabilities Subtotal:	<u>(246,486.52)</u>	<u>(31,803.14)</u>	<u>(278,289.66)</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
06 704	FUND BALANCE	85,147.83	0.00	85,147.83
	Fund Balance Subtotal:	<u>85,147.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>85,147.83</u>
	Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity:	<u>(161,338.69)</u>	<u>(31,803.14)</u>	<u>(193,141.83)</u>

Balance Sheet

Period Ending: May 2020

Monthly; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Fund: 07 Bond				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
07 101	CASH	175,126.49	117,946.23	293,072.72
07 900	Cash County Treasurer	197,489.39	0.00	197,489.39
	Current Assets Subtotal:	<u>372,615.88</u>	<u>117,946.23</u>	<u>490,562.11</u>
<u>Other Assets</u>				
07 392	LESS: REVENUE RECEIVED	(419,871.38)	(238,977.48)	(658,848.86)
	Other Assets Subtotal:	<u>(419,871.38)</u>	<u>(238,977.48)</u>	<u>(658,848.86)</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:		<u>(47,255.50)</u>	<u>(121,031.25)</u>	<u>(168,286.75)</u>
<u>Other Liabilities</u>				
07 692	LESS: EXPENDITURES TO DATE	(614,286.25)	(121,031.25)	(735,317.50)
	Other Liabilities Subtotal:	<u>(614,286.25)</u>	<u>(121,031.25)</u>	<u>(735,317.50)</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
07 704	FUND BALANCE	567,030.75	0.00	567,030.75
	Fund Balance Subtotal:	<u>567,030.75</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>567,030.75</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity:		<u>(47,255.50)</u>	<u>(121,031.25)</u>	<u>(168,286.75)</u>

Monthly; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Fund: 08 Special Building Fund				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
08 101	CASH	586,461.43	9,900.89	596,362.32
08 106	SAVINGS CERTIFICATES	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
08 900	Cash County Treasurer	86,588.38	0.00	86,588.38
	Current Assets Subtotal:	<u>723,049.81</u>	<u>9,900.89</u>	<u>732,950.70</u>
<u>Other Assets</u>				
08 392	LESS: REVENUE RECEIVED	(288,163.67)	(62,135.05)	(350,298.72)
	Other Assets Subtotal:	<u>(288,163.67)</u>	<u>(62,135.05)</u>	<u>(350,298.72)</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:		<u>434,886.14</u>	<u>(52,234.16)</u>	<u>382,651.98</u>
<u>Other Liabilities</u>				
08 692	LESS: EXPENDITURES TO DATE	(189,403.33)	(52,234.16)	(241,637.49)
	Other Liabilities Subtotal:	<u>(189,403.33)</u>	<u>(52,234.16)</u>	<u>(241,637.49)</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
08 704	FUND BALANCE	624,289.47	0.00	624,289.47
	Fund Balance Subtotal:	<u>624,289.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>624,289.47</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity:		<u>434,886.14</u>	<u>(52,234.16)</u>	<u>382,651.98</u>

Monthly; Processing Month 05/2020; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Balance</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Fund: 09 Qualified Capital Purpose Fund				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
09 101	CASH	339,833.91	(132,948.94)	206,884.97
	Current Assets Subtotal:	<u>339,833.91</u>	<u>(132,948.94)</u>	<u>206,884.97</u>
<u>Other Assets</u>				
09 392	LESS: REVENUE RECEIVED	(26,016.93)	0.00	(26,016.93)
	Other Assets Subtotal:	<u>(26,016.93)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(26,016.93)</u>
	Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:	<u><u>313,816.98</u></u>	<u><u>(132,948.94)</u></u>	<u><u>180,868.04</u></u>
<u>Other Liabilities</u>				
09 692	LESS: EXPENDITURES TO DATE	(324,407.35)	(132,948.94)	(457,356.29)
	Other Liabilities Subtotal:	<u>(324,407.35)</u>	<u>(132,948.94)</u>	<u>(457,356.29)</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
09 704	FUND BALANCE	638,224.33	0.00	638,224.33
	Fund Balance Subtotal:	<u>638,224.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>638,224.33</u>
	Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity:	<u><u>313,816.98</u></u>	<u><u>(132,948.94)</u></u>	<u><u>180,868.04</u></u>

Regular; Processing Month 05/2020; Fund Number 01

Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND

Account Number	Description	Revised Budget	During Month	To Date	% of Budget	Budget Balance
01 1100	LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES	4,613,015.00	958,990.00	3,699,457.73	80.20	913,557.27
01 1115	CARLINE TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 1120	In-Lieu 1957 Levy Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 1125	MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	283,952.00	22,007.31	239,974.04	84.51	43,977.96
01 1140	Interest Levied Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 1190	OTHER TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 1312	SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
01 1312 1001	DRIVERS EDUCATION - SUMMER FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 1315	TUITION FROM DISTRICTS - SENCAP	0.00	914.80	914.80	0.00	(914.80)
01 1370	PRESCHOOL TUITION & FEES	10,000.00	(2,026.50)	20,223.50	202.24	(10,223.50)
01 1421	TRANSPORTATION OTHER DISTRICTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 1510	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	0.00	87.16	742.12	0.00	(742.12)
01 1800	REC PROGRAM - COMMUNITY SERVICES	25,000.00	487.15	23,268.58	93.07	1,731.42
01 1910	RENTAL OF SCHOOL FACILITY	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
01 1911	LOCAL LICENSE FEES	0.00	0.00	630.00	0.00	(630.00)
01 1990	OTHER LOCAL RECEIPTS	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	(200.00)
Subtotal: LOCAL RECIEPTS		4,942,167.00	980,659.92	3,985,410.77	80.64	956,756.23
01 2110	COUNTY FINES & LICENSE FEES	20,000.00	3,177.90	19,161.76	95.81	838.24
01 2130	OTHER COUNTY RECEIPTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 2150 0002	SAFETY & SECURITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 2210	ESU RECEIPTS	5,000.00	0.00	1,003.00	20.06	3,997.00
Subtotal: COUNTY AND ESU RECEIPTS		25,000.00	3,177.90	20,164.76	80.66	4,835.24
01 3110	STATE AID	938,830.00	93,883.00	849,588.00	90.49	89,242.00
01 3120	SPED SCHOOL AGE	200,000.00	14,996.00	303,218.00	151.61	(103,218.00)
01 3125	SPED TRANSPORTATION	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
01 3130	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	20,000.00	15,381.14	134,034.13	670.17	(114,034.13)
01 3131	PROPERTY TAX CREDIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 3132	Personal Property Tax Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 3180	PRO-RATE MOTOR VEHICLE	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
01 3400	STATE APPORTIONMENT	52,000.00	0.00	75,734.70	145.64	(23,734.70)
01 3500	QUALITY ED INCENTIVE GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 3512	DISTANCE EDUCATON INCENTIVE PAYMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 3535	PAYMENTS FOR HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS	3,500.00	0.00	5,789.00	165.40	(2,289.00)
01 3540	STATE EARLY CHILDHOOD	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00
01 3570	TEACHER DEVELOPMENT GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 3800	REVENUE IN LIEU OF SCHOOL LAND TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 3990	OTHER STATE RECEIPTS	25,000.00	0.00	2,272.64	9.09	22,727.36
Subtotal: STATE RECEIPTS		1,307,830.00	124,260.14	1,370,636.47	104.80	(62,806.47)
01 4300	RESTRICTED GRANTS-IN-AID FROM FED GOV	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
01 4310	REAP	35,000.00	0.00	44,729.00	127.80	(9,729.00)
01 4500	GRANTS FROM THE FED GOV THROUGH STATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4505	TITLE 1 PART A - CARRY OVER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4506	TITLE 1 PART A - CURRENT YEAR	32,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,000.00
01 4507	TITLE 1 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4509	TITLE II SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4511	TITLE V, REAP RURAL LOW INCOME SCH GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4512	IDEA PART B BASE ALLOCATIONS	0.00	0.00	40,630.00	0.00	(40,630.00)
01 4516	IDEA PRESCHOOL BASE/IDEA ENROL POVERTY	0.00	0.00	3,908.00	0.00	(3,908.00)
01 4519	IDEA ENROLLMENT/POVERTY	85,000.00	0.00	69,598.67	81.88	15,401.33
01 4521	IDEA PART B PROPORTIONATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4524	OTHER FEDERAL NON-CATEGORICAL RECEIPTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND

Account Number	Description	Revised Budget	During Month	To Date	% of Budget	Budget Balance
01 4525	FEDERAL VOCATIONAL & APPLIED TECH EDUC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4580	Ed Jobs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4599	Fed State Fiscal Stabilization ARRA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4610	ARRA: Idea Part B Enrollment /Pover	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4630	ARRA Idea	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4708	MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT SPED	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
01 4709	MEDICAID ADMIN ACTIVITIES (MAAPS)	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00
01 4750	School to Work	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4810	ARRA TITLE 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4900	OTHER FEDERAL RECEIPTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4955	NCLB Title II Part A (teacher/princ	0.00	0.00	1,825.20	0.00	(1,825.20)
01 4965	Goals 2000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4967	TITLE IV, PART A SSAE GRANT	0.00	0.00	282.00	0.00	(282.00)
01 4975	Innovation in Education (Frameworks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4985	NCLB Title II Part D (Technology)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 4994	SCIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal: FEDERAL RECEIPTS		170,000.00	0.00	160,972.87	94.69	9,027.13
01 5200	FUND TRANSFERS	0.00	15,674.15	135,042.98	0.00	(135,042.98)
01 5300	SALE OF ASSETS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 5301	INSURANCE ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	0.00	97.00	0.00	(97.00)
01 5400	LOAN PROCEEDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 5610	Art Class Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 5620	Industrial Arts Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01 5690	OTHER NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS	1,000.00	0.00	25,416.67	2,541.67	(24,416.67)
Subtotal: NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS		1,000.00	15,674.15	160,556.65	16,055.67	(159,558.85)
01 9000	NON-PROGRAMMED RECEIPTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal: NON-PROGRAM RECEIPTS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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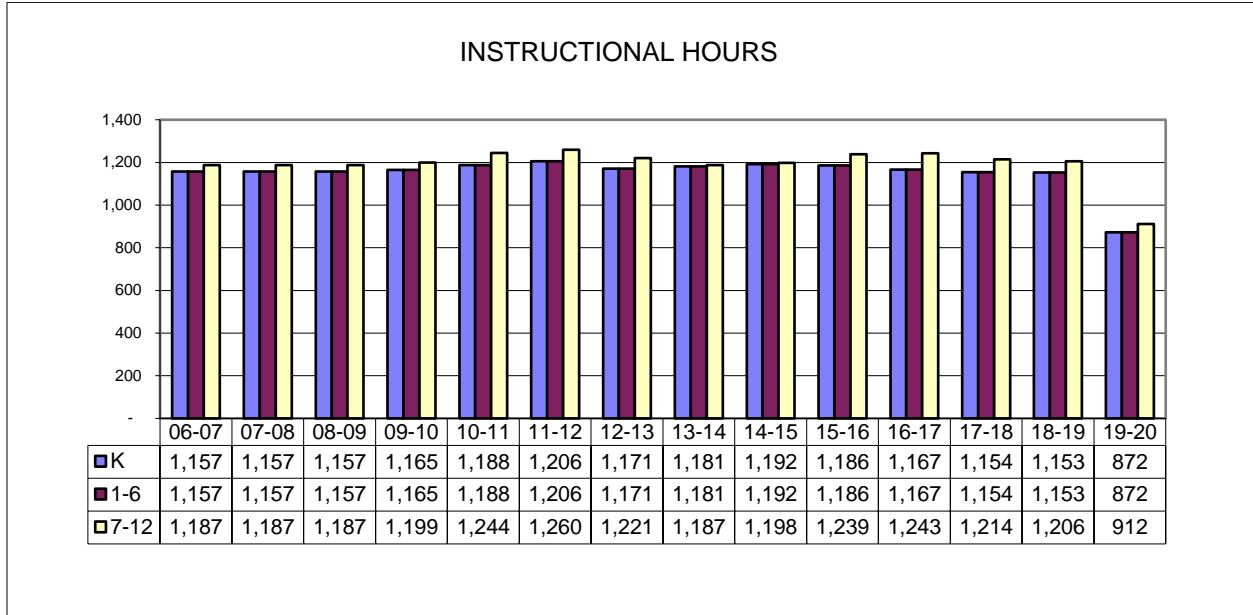
June Activities Board Report

Summer strength and conditioning is set to begin on June 8th in accordance with the Governor and NSAA guidelines. Two group sessions of 25 kids will be run from 8am to 10am Monday through Thursday. The sessions will end July 23rd.

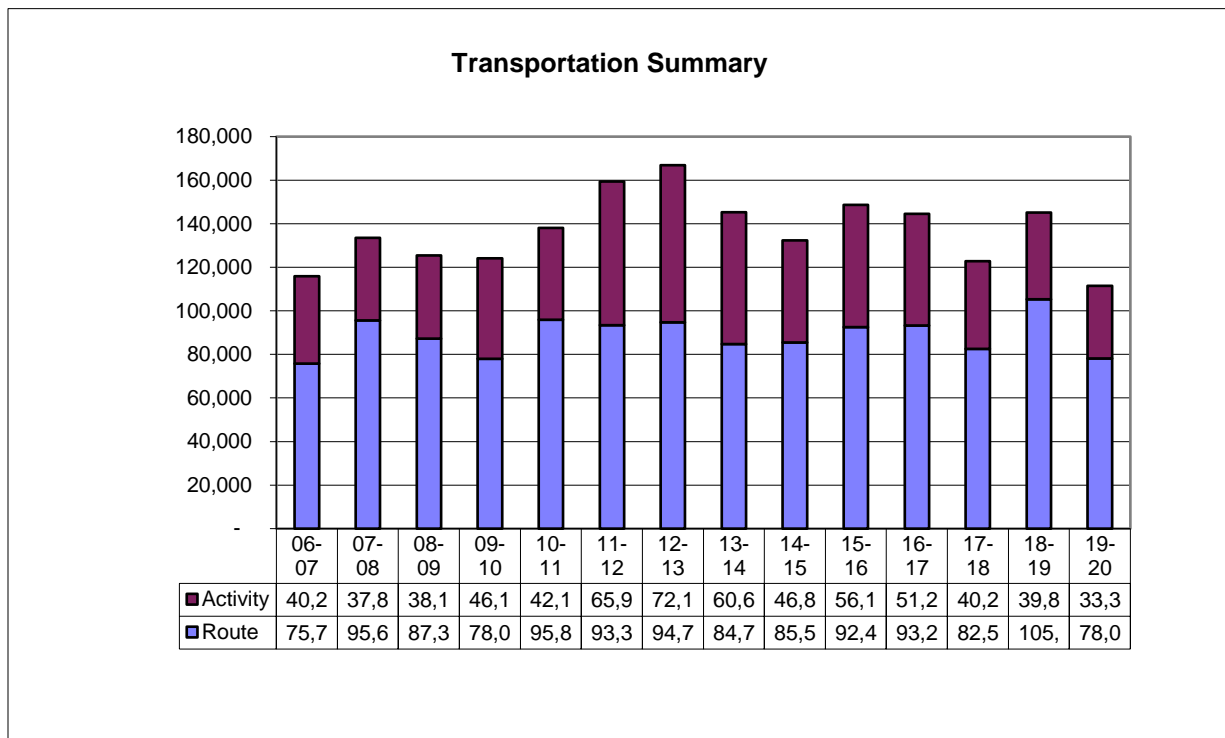
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1. Information from the Annual Statistical Summary has been compiled with comparison charts and is provided as follows. This data is submitted to NDE annually through the CDC.

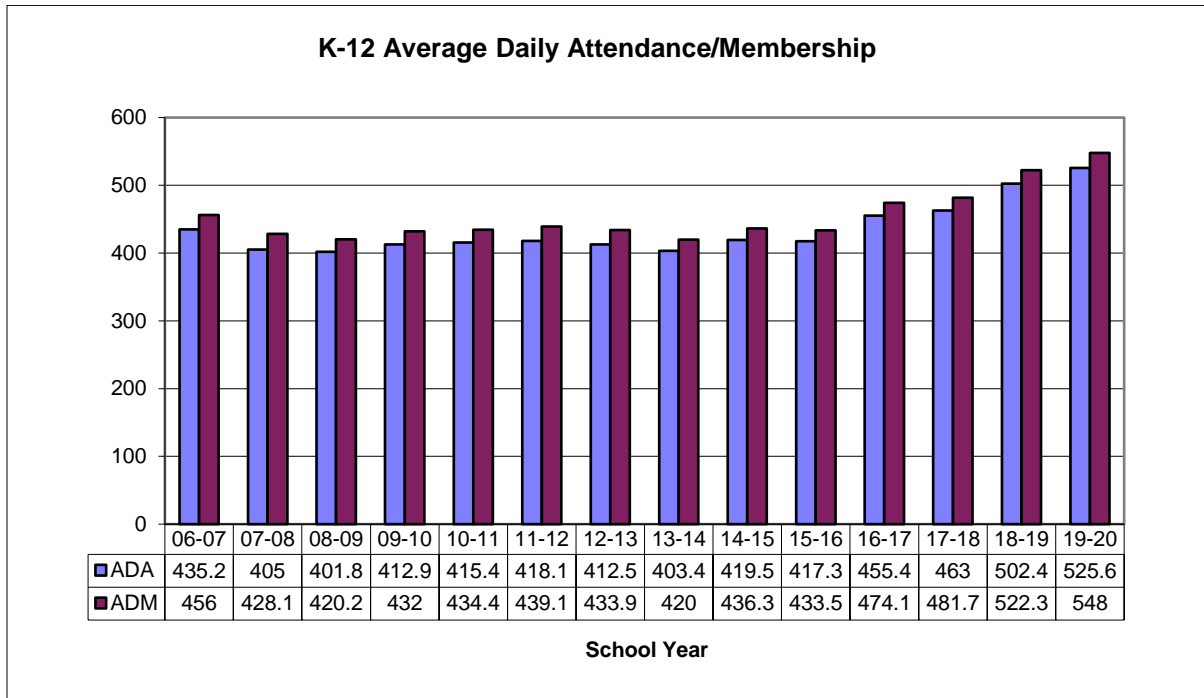
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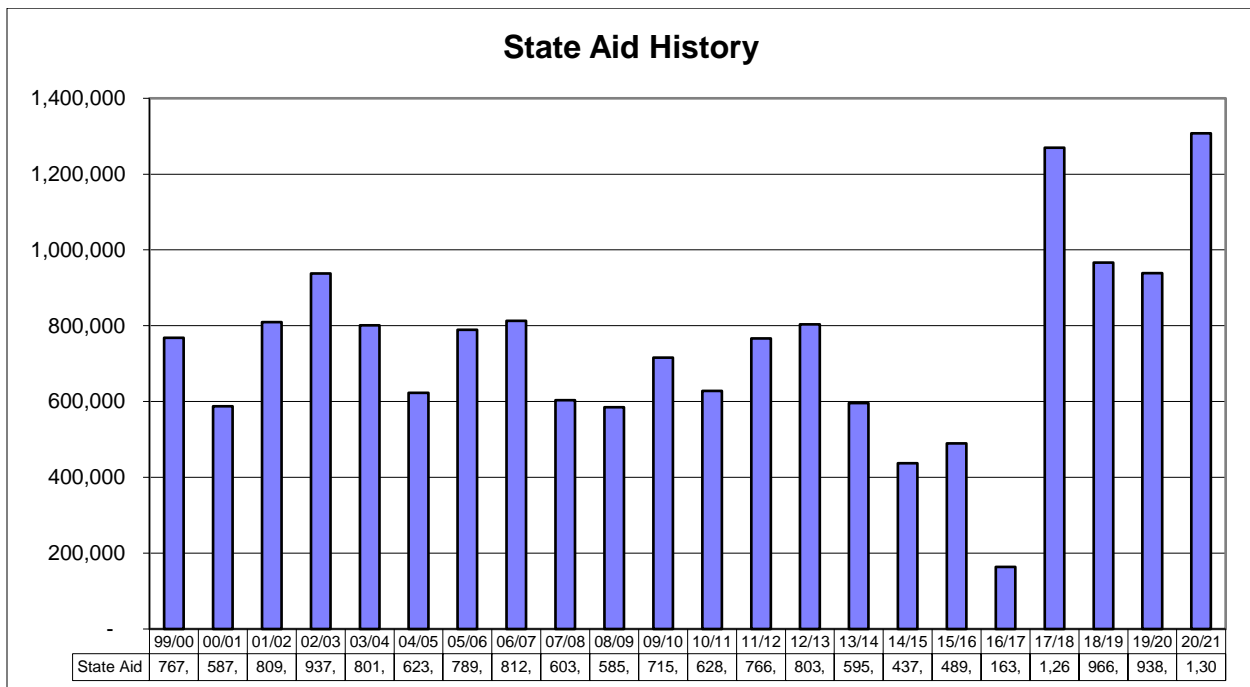
Transportation summary for vehicles includes route miles and activity miles.



Average Daily Membership and Average Daily Attendance.



State Aid has been certified at \$1,307,507.00 reflecting an increase over FY 2019 of \$368,677. This will replace the loss incurred in FY 2018 (\$302,716) for which the district did not levy. This represents the largest amount of aid in our history and is correlated to enrollment growth.



2. District OR-1 has not yet received official notification of the Early Childhood Education Program continuation grant amount that we will receive for the 2020-2021 school year in the Grants Management System (GMS). Palmyra District OR 1 will be eligible for a grant with the amount TBD based on a determination from completion of the legislative session.

3. Projects related to the Olson sports complex continue to take culminate at a rapid pace. Work in the area has been hampered by recent rains but will commence again as soon as weather permits.

4. Due to the late session and new requirements budget information from the state of Nebraska will not be available until on or before August 1, 2020. This adds some time to the budgeting process as you are all no doubt aware.

5. The title company has the process for completing purchase of the parcel under way. Documents from the surveyor are in place and closing will take place in early to mid June. They are working from home as you would assume making communication challenging.

6. In closing I wish to express my gratitude for allowing me to serve as superintendent of schools at Palmyra District OR-1 for a decade. I am deeply appreciative for the opportunity to work with board members who have operated with a “kids first” thought process, after all that is why we are all in service to public schools. Best wishes for the future of OR-1.

June High School Principal's Report:

1. Multicultural Report

Annual multi-cultural report indicates compliance with 100% of staff under Rule 16:004.11. A file of those activities is maintained on the system server, and updated per the rule each year by staff. An example is below:

Multicultural Education Report

014 Multicultural Education Report

Teacher: Panko

Area: Social Studies

Course/lesson: ***Social Studies 7***

Lesson time/length: 2 weeks

We look at the culture of Ancient Egypt and Nubia comparing it to present day Egypt and the U.S.A. and look at how it effects present day life.

Course/lesson: ***Social Studies 8***

Lesson time/length: 2 weeks

We study the effects of Industrialization in the North along with the growth of slavery and cotton production in the South in the Antebellem years. We also discussion how some of the "stereotypes" and negative images have survived that time period.

Course/lesson: **American History**

Lesson time/length: 2 weeks

We study the effects of the World War II and the Cold War on civil rights, women's rights, politics, and present-day American culture, and how they are still effecting the students today.

Teacher: Gill

Area: Spanish

Course/lesson: **Spanish I/II**

Lesson time/length: **3 days**

Brief Description of Multicultural Impact: Students research a Hispanic holiday (Day of the Dead) to discover the Native American beliefs in the holiday. Examples of this are shared and others are created for class grades. Spanish I will study art forms and reproduce skeletons via the work of Jose Guadalupe Posada, as well as complete a web search to learn additional facts. Spanish II will have the opportunities to research the "ofrendas" (offerings) given to the deceased in more detail, including the preparation of cemeteries and celebrations to honor the deceased. These are displayed on-line via each student's website.

Course/lesson: **Spanish I/III**

Lesson time/length: **3 days**

Brief Description of Multicultural Impact: Students in Spanish III are Spanish (of Spain) shopkeepers. They work to create stores of those found in a market place. Spanish I students are then asked to be foreign exchange students, asking to locate currency (the Euro), purchase items and barter in doing so. Spanish III will act as the shopkeepers and bankers, while only speaking in the language. Students at both levels are graded of their use of the language as well as the number of items they successfully buy and eth money they have left.

Course/lesson: **Spanish II**

Lesson time/length: **Through out the year**

Brief Description of Multicultural impact: Students will research and report on all Spanish-speaking countries. This will be in the form WeVideo production, which are shared via Thinglink. Peers will then view each video, taking notes. Students will then be tested on the accurate information that they have provided to their class and the information that they have learned from one another. The test will be entirely student generated.

Course/lesson: **Spanish IV**

Lesson time/length: **3 weeks**

Brief Description of Multicultural Impact: Students in Spanish IV will be exposed to various artists of Spanish-speaking countries, and will then be asked to create a virtual museum choosing the artist that they appreciate and would like to research further. These will be shared with all students of the same level. The artist will be detailed and shown with pieces (of his/her own work) throughout their live, with detailed information in Spanish in written form as well as spoken . A final test will be given as they learn about these artists.

Course/lesson: **All Spanish Courses**

Lesson time/length: **Several Times Each Week**

Brief Description of Multicultural Impact: Community and Culture are extremely important concepts in world language instruction and although only a few lesson have been shared above, multiculturalism is discussed nearly each and every class period. For I cannot share grammar and knowledge of the language without sharing culture.

2. Parent Student Handbook

- a. Names
- b. Dates
- c. Pg 34: *The knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm. The term “dangerous weapon” includes any personal safety or security device (such as tasers, mace and pepper spray). If a student desires to carry or possess a personal safety or security device, the student must obtain prior approval from the building principal before bringing such device on school grounds. If a student obtains prior approval from the building principal, the student must store the device during the school day in the student’s locker, in the main office or in another secure location designated by the building principal. A student shall not carry a personal safety or security device during the school day.*
- d. Pg 33/51: *Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (including personal safety or security devices, such as tasers, mace and pepper spray) or that has the appearance of a weapon, or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks, on school grounds or at a school function or event, or in an manner that is unlawful or contrary to school activity rules.*

- e. Pg 35: *For purposes of this policy, the term “dangerous weapon” includes any personal safety or security device (such as tasers, mace and pepper spray). In the event that a student desires to carry or possess a personal safety or security device, the student must obtain prior approval from the building principal before bringing such device on school grounds. If a student obtains prior approval from the building principal, the student must store the device during the school day in the student’s locker, in the main office or in another secure location designated by the building principal. A student shall not carry a personal safety or security device during the school day.*
 - f. Pg 62: *Concussions: District OR-1 school staff and coaches will follow all applicable state laws and District OR-1 School Board policies on concussions.*
- 3. Summer Workshops
 - a. Google Summit
 - b. Canvas
 - 4. Graduation
 - a. Moved to June 20th at 2:00pm

Multicultural Education Report

Teacher: 5M & 5Ma

Area: Reading

Course/lesson: "Storm Warriors" & "Pea Island's Forgotten Heroes"

Lesson time/length: 30 minutes for four days

Brief Description of Multicultural impact:

"Storm Warriors" is a historical fiction story that portrays the valiant efforts of a Black American coastal rescue team as the team struggles to save white passengers from a sinking ship.

"Forgotten Heroes" is a factual short essay upon which the historical fiction piece was based. This article facilitated class discussions covered racial issues that encompassed racism in America during the story's time period, and its continuing legacy in America and on American history.

Multicultural Education Report

Teacher: 5M & 5Ma

Area: Reading

Course/lesson: "The Birchbark House"

Lesson time/length: 30 minutes for four days

Brief Description of Multicultural impact:

This is a historical fiction story about a girl from an Ojibwe tribe in 1847 who meets the challenges she experiences through the course of a day. Class discussion included comparisons and contrasts with the girl's life then with students' lives now. Class looked at historical maps that showed Ojibwe lands in 1847 compared to now. Class discussed ethical issues about Native treatment by White European settlers and the White Federal government then and now.

Multicultural Education Report

Teacher: Mrs. Nitzsche/Mrs. Dvorak/Mrs. Wusk **Area:** Kindergarten

Course/lesson: Social Studies/Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lesson time/length: 30 minutes

Brief Description of Multicultural impact: This lesson introduces Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as, a brief history on segregation in America during the 1950's and 1960's. We read the book Martin's Big Words, The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., written by Doreen Rappaport. We discussed the unfair treatment Black Americans received and how the work of Martin Luther King, Jr. focused on love, peace, and forgiveness instead of violence. We completed a Let's Find out flier about him and watched a Kid President video along with short footage of his actual I Have a Dream speech. We also did a little experiment with a white egg and a brown egg. Teachers led students in a conversation about how the eggs are just like people in our world. While the eggs/we look different on the outside, we are the same on the inside.

Teacher: Mrs. Nitzsche/Mrs. Dvorak/Mrs. Wusk **Area:** Kindergarten

Course/lesson: Who were the first Americans?

Lesson time/length: 20 minutes

Brief Description of Multicultural impact: This lesson helps students recognize that history describes events and people of other times and places by identifying examples from historical accounts. Students were introduced to the first people in America (Native Americans). We identified and talked about items on the map (in the Big Book) and what they tell us about the Native American groups who lived in different areas of the United States. We watched Scholastic videos that showcased daily life in a Wampanoag village. Students finished the lesson with coloring pictures of things that Native Americans used long ago. Then they had to draw a picture of what Native Americans made with clay. During this unit we also discussed the Pilgrims trip to America. We finished the unit by each student making a book about the First Thanksgiving.

Multicultural Education Report

Teacher: Miss. Formanek

Area: Preschool

Course/Lesson: Social Studies

Brief Description of Multicultural Impact: All four preschool sessions are fortunate to have access to many materials from a variety of countries including: musical instruments, books, clothes, and food. These countries include: Mexico, Japan, China, Nigeria, India, and Ghana. The different musical instruments include: Chilean Rainstick, Chinese Gong, Asian Frog Rasp, Ghanaian Woven Rattles, Rhythm Sticks, Peruvian Gourd Maracas, and a Japanese Den Den.

This school year we taught a theme/lesson titled “All About Me”, where we touched on the differences in people and other countries. Teachers provide many open-ended questions and help children have a better understanding and knowledge for multicultural items, people, countries, etc. The great thing about preschool is that we don’t have those conversations/lessons strictly during that lesson or theme. It is constant and a daily conversation that is used to give our students knowledge for those multicultural differences. We have these conversations while at centers playing or manipulating the different items that our classroom has access to. After having these conversations, and modeling the different items staff will eventually observe students interact with each other by demonstrating those impactful conversations and lessons.

June Elementary Principal's Board Report:

Pick up/Drop off items/Report Cards:

Families picked up student items and dropped off school materials in May. Report cards were sent home to families either with their belongings or in the mail.

Summer Enrichment:

After completion of a survey instrument parent response numbers were not in favor of a summer program delivered electronically or in person in June. We have made the determination that based on those numbers it would not be feasible to host summer enrichment this month due to the COVID-19 impact and following nine weeks of intensive asynchronous instruction delivered in March, April and May.

Multicultural Report:

Multicultural reports indicate compliance with 100% of staff under Rule 16.004.11. A binder of specific classroom activities is in the office, and I have attached two specific examples.

Preschool and Elementary Handbook:

Attached.

Elementary Changes or updates:

Page 14: Afterschool price (July)

Page 35: lunch prices (July)

Page 42: Return to Learn (Concussions)

Page 46: Student Fees (July)

Page 70: The knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm. The term "dangerous weapon" includes any personal safety or security device (such as tasers, mace and pepper spray). If a student desires to carry or possess a personal safety or security device, the student must obtain prior approval from the building principal before bringing such device on school grounds. If a student obtains prior approval from the building principal, the student must store the device during the school day in the student's locker, in the main office or in another secure location designated by the building principal. A student shall not carry a personal safety or security device during the school day.

Coordination & Progress Meeting Agenda

DATE & TIME | 05/19/2020

PROJECT | Palmyra Sports Complex

LOCATION | Palmyra, NE

OWNER | District OR-1/Village of Palmyra

CONTRACTOR | Nemaha Sports Construction

Kyle King: kyle.king@nemaha.net; 402-430-1552



1. Change Management:

a. RFC's/PR's/CO's/ASI's update

- Plan to add sidewalk to City Park drinking fountain?
- Substantial Completion letters?
- Change order(s) to amend contract amount and completion dates?

2. Completed since last period:

- Installed main field backstop post sleeves.
- Finished all building and site electrical at City Park.
- Poured SW portion of north lot.
- Poured SE portion of north lot.
- Formed backstop curb.
- Graded west roadway for concrete.
- Installed 1st base bullpen fence posts.
- Poured first base bullpen curbs.
- Continued infield work - batters/catchers stations and plate install.
- Seed/sod areas maintenance.
- Knocked down site weeds/fine graded prior to seeding.
- 2 days weather impacts.

3. Scheduled for next period:

- Seed City Park (restoration) and outlying areas around ballfield/football field.
- Install drainage along G-Street sidewalks.
- Pour backstop curb.
- Pour backstop trench drain at backstop/dugouts/bullpens.
- Pour portion of west roadway.
- Set fence posts around north lot.
- Finish drainage/base aggregate and turf install for both bullpens.
- Finish infield material install/touch-up after curb and trench drain install.
- Seed/sod areas maintenance.

4. Other items:

- Owner inquired on access limitation on south/west sides (bollards or fence). TCEP to review.

- Kyle informed Jared of street closure.
- Punch list item - repair sidewalk patches at City Park backstop.
- Kyle to follow-up on City Park lights and shed power being restored.
- Jared wanted us to review what to do with the gutter when the sidewalk is added to fountain.
- Kyle to discuss drainage at sidewalk w/Thad.
- Ballfield/club cancelled for this season. City Park softball (1-team) starts June 1.
- Rick asked for status of Musco training, City Park, park lights and breaker panel labeling.

Next progress meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 8am



TremCare Services

A well designed and well installed roof should give good performance for many years. Roofing systems cannot reach their full performance potential unless they are maintained. Maintenance involves periodic inspection, removal of debris and other objects that threaten the roof integrity, and performing minor repairs to the system to keep it from deteriorating.

Periodic maintenance is such an important part of a roof system's performance that it is required by virtually every major roof system manufacturer's warranty. Unfortunately, roof maintenance is rarely carried out and the longevity and performance of the roofs suffer.

TremCare Gold coverage includes:

INSPECTIONS, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Periodically, during the term of this Agreement, Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. will inspect the roof and provide preventive maintenance and general housekeeping services.

Preventive maintenance is not designed to restore neglected roofs to new condition but to maintain roofs in their present condition. Unfortunately, many roofs have deteriorated due to lack of maintenance to a point where they can no longer be properly maintained. If any of your roofs or roof areas have reached this condition, you will receive a notice of this in your periodic inspection report. We can then work with you to determine the best course of action for these roof areas.

Roof inspection services include:

1. Visual inspection of the roof membrane and roof surface conditions.
2. Inspection of the flashing systems including, but not limited to, the metal edge system, base flashings on equipment and adjoining walls, counterflashing and termination details, soil stacks and vents, and inspection of roofing details for rooftop projections and equipment such as pitch pans, HVAC equipment, skylights and access hatches.

Preventive maintenance services include: (NOTE: Preventive does not include extensive repairs or restoration of a deteriorated roof intended to improve its condition to a maintainable roof. If such extensive repairs are necessary, you will be made aware of what is needed to be done to bring the individual roof to a maintainable condition.)

Preventive Maintenance consists of the following repairs and maintenance:

- Flashing components and details – Patch minor flashing defects and kick holes, reinforce open flashing laps, seal open metal edge laps and open flanges within reason, seal open coping joints, seal expansion joint laps, re-secure and/or seal

intermittent fasteners that have backed out, refill pitch pans, caulk storm collars and reseal intermittent voids in termination bar and counterflashing. Owner will be advised of any extensive repairs required.

- Roof membrane – Repair intermittent splits, tears, open laps and breaks in the membrane. If extensive repairs are required, Owner will be advised. Patch any fractured blisters or those in danger of fracture due to traffic. If extensive repairs are required, owner will be advised.
- Drains, Gutters and Scuppers – Tighten drain bolts and clamping rings (if possible). Owner will be advised of missing drain strainers. Repair strip-in around drains and scuppers, re-secure gutters and seal open gutter joints.

Preventive Maintenance does not include:

- Repairs or maintenance of any building component other than the RS.
- Remediation, detection or abatement of mold.
- Recoating or other significant repair to, or replacement of, the roof membrane.

General rooftop housekeeping services include:

- Removal of debris (i.e., leaves, branches, paper and similar items) from the roof membrane and drainage areas.
- Disposal of debris will be at the Owner's approved on-site location.

General rooftop housekeeping does not include removal of obsolete HVAC components, any construction materials left by other trades and other equipment left on the roof.

The Services do not include extensive repairs, restoration or replacement of a deteriorated roof, such as recoating or resurfacing of the flood coat or the reflective coat of the RS. If such steps are necessary, WTI will notify the Owner with recommendations to replace or bring the roof to a maintainable condition, as appropriate. Major roof repairs and replacements are within the product and service offerings WTI and its affiliated companies provide, and can be arranged under separate contract with WTI, but are not included in the Service Agreement Price.

Roof Inspection Report

WTI will provide the Owner with reports from the roof inspections performed under this Agreement. The reports will be provided through OLI[®] (on-line information database), which the Owner and its authorized representatives can access as described herein.

How to Use TremCare

Periodically, based on the schedule contracted for your TremCare Agreement, you will be contacted by Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. to schedule a roof inspection and maintenance visit. During this conversation, please cover the following topics:

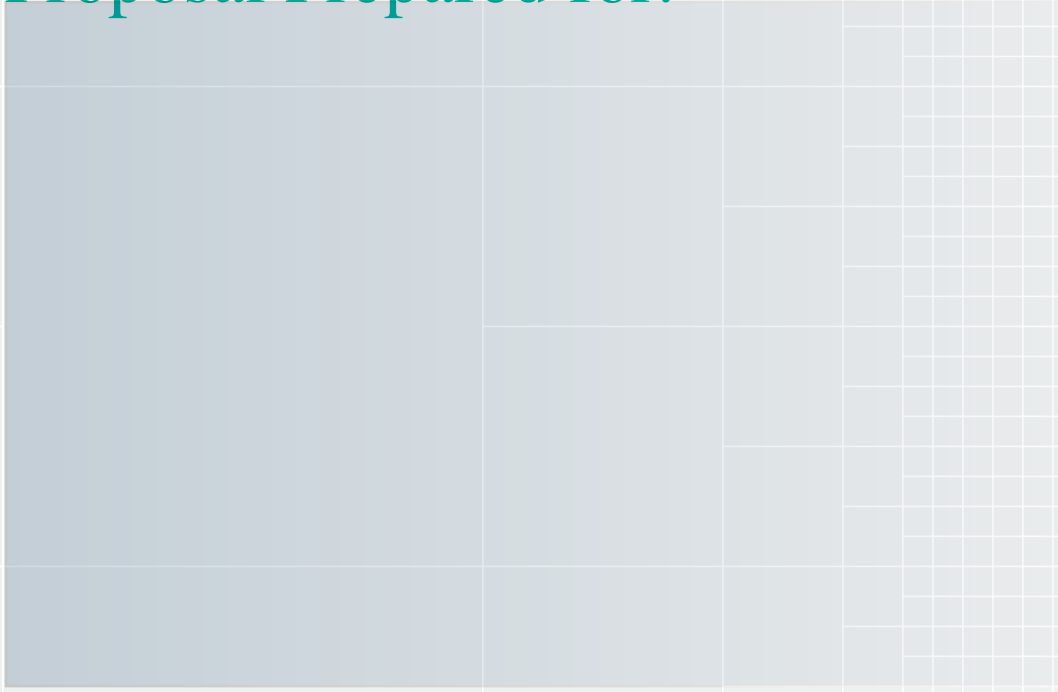
1. The date and time convenient for the TremCare site visit and roof maintenance.
2. Any site-specific security or safety or access issues that must be addressed prior to the site visit. For instance:
 - A. Required safety training prior to site visit.
 - B. Safety equipment required - safety glasses, hard hats, safety shoes, etc.
 - C. Restricted hours of operation.
 - D. Other pertinent information and requirements.
 - E. Any requirements for access to the contracted roofs (i.e., Is a ladder required? What size?).

During the site visit the customer will be asked to provide:

1. Access to all of the roofs.
2. An escort, if required by your facility.
3. Directions on how to reach the roof areas in concern.
4. Information on any leaks that have occurred, or changes and modifications to the roof since the last visit.



Proposal Prepared for:



Re: Project Name/Address:
Customer (the “Customer”):

Dear

Thank you for allowing Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (“WTI”) to provide you with a proposal to provide TremCare® Gold Platinum services at the above-referenced location. The roof area is approximately _____ square feet. WTI proposes to provide the services set forth on the attached sample TremCare agreement for a period of _____ year(s), at the price of \$ Plus tax Tax included Tax exempt No tax for _____ scheduled inspections per year.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

This Proposal is an offer by WTI to provide the services to the Customer under the terms set forth on the attached sample TremCare agreement and according to WTI’s standard terms and conditions (a copy of which may be obtained at <http://www.tremcoroofing.com/files/share/terms/TandCWTI.pdf>), all of which are hereby incorporated by reference (together, the “Terms and Conditions”). The Terms and Conditions will govern the Work to the exclusion of any other or different terms, including any customer purchase order, unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing pursuant to a Master Agreement or similar contract with Customer signed by an authorized representative of WTI. Please confirm your acceptance either by return e-mail to the representative identified below or by having an authorized representative of Customer sign in the space provided below. Upon receipt of acceptance, we will process your order, issue a TremCare Agreement specific to your facility and begin providing you with the benefit of our TremCare services.

We appreciate your business and look forward to working with you at your facility.

Sincerely,

WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By:
Title:
Phone:
E-mail:



AUTHORIZATION AND ACCEPTANCE:

Authorization is hereby given to WTI to proceed with the TremCare services as described above.

Customer:

By:
P.O. number (if required):
Print name:
Title:
Date:



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REGARDING PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS:

Please check ONE of the below:

The work described to be performed by Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (“WTI”) at customer’s facilities is not subject to federal, state or local prevailing wage requirements, other than the Fair Labor Standards Act’s minimum wage provisions (29 U.S.C. § 206) and similar state minimum wage laws of general application.

The work to be performed by WTI at customer’s facilities is subject to prevailing wage requirements, and the customer agrees to provide WTI with all applicable wage schedules for such work before a purchase order is generated for this work.

Customer further acknowledges that if customer is a public entity or agency, or the project is funded in whole or in part with federal funds, the price quoted by WTI for work performed on customer’s facilities is based on the assumption that the work is covered by a prevailing wage law (applicable state or local prevailing wage law or the Davis Bacon Act). If the customer indicates above that this project is not subject to any federal, state or local prevailing wage requirements the quoted price may be reduced.

Customer Name:

Customer Representative:

(print name)

Signature:

Date:



District OR-1 Long Range Roofing Costs May 2020

Facility	Sections	Roof Types	Condition	Total Sq. Ft.	Tremco SF	Roof Value	PM 1 YR	PM 5 YR	Annual Cost
Palmyra High School	10	KEE, EPDM, MTL	10	71,700	47,500	\$1,400,000	\$5,065	\$21,548	\$4,310
Bennet Elementary	16	KEE, EPDM, MTL, SH	16	54,500	37,500	\$1,061,000	\$4,844	\$20,608	\$4,121
	26		26	126,200	85,000	\$2,461,000	\$9,909	\$42,156	\$8,431
		Roofing Asset Value:		\$ 2,460,900					
Replacement costs are budget estimates based on similar projects in the area. Actual costs may vary.									
		Roof Conditions							
Maintain	Good	5+ years	KEE = Tremco Keytone Ethylene Ester						
Restore or Retrofit	Fair/Poor	3-5 years	EPDM = Non Tremco Ethylene Propylene Diene Momomer						
Replace	Failed	0-3 years	MTL = Metal Roofs SH = Shingle Roofs						
NOTE: These budgets do not include contingency items such as deck replacement, blocking, etc.									

Little Panthers Preschool Parent Handbook 2020-2021

Little Panthers Preschool

Bennet Elementary
50 Dogwood Street
Bennet, NE 68317

Elementary Phone- 782-3535

www.districtor1.org

Little Panthers Preschool
Handbook for Parents
2020-2021

The Little Panthers Preschool is part of the District OR-1 Public School District. All policies set forth by the District OR-1 Board of Education in the District's Parent Handbook are in effect for the Preschool.

The additional guidelines set forth in this Preschool Parent Handbook are solely for the Little Panthers Preschool and address issues that only pertain to preschool students.

Preschool Staff

Mr. Mike Hart	Superintendent
Ms. Linde Walter	Principal
Ms. Kristi Lamb	Preschool Teacher
Mrs. Casey Hohensee	Preschool Teacher
Mrs. Emily Buddenberg	Speech/Language Pathologist
Mrs. Jiree Wilson	Speech/Language Pathologist

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Little Panther Preschool

Our Philosophy

District OR-1 Public Schools, the parent district of Little Panthers Preschool, acknowledges and respects the uniqueness of each child. We also support the

belief that a child's strong sense of self esteem comes from experiencing success within an age appropriate environment enhanced by a rich, stimulating curriculum. The curriculum engages children's learning in all developmental areas, while at the same time allowing for individual differences in learning styles and encouraging creativity through a variety of play-based experiences.

Our overall goals for the children enrolled in Little Panthers Preschool include: Children will develop a strong sense of self-confidence and self-esteem. Learning experiences with focus on the development of the whole child with emphasis on social/emotional skills and fostering a growing sense of independence.

Our Values and Goals

- Maintain a SAFE, supportive and stimulating environment
- **Facilitate learning through PLAY; play is a child's work!**
- Respect children's uniqueness; recognize and celebrate individual differences
- Create a trusting and predictable environment
- Emphasis on the "process" rather than the "product"
- Use of positive language
- Modeling of empathy and compassion
- Encourage children to take risks so they can experience new successes
- Help children learn to make choices and develop responsibility for those choices
- Provide a "CHILD-CENTERED PROGRAM" which comes from a blend of the INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN together with a successfully planned and organized facility and use of our curriculum
- Continually cultivate curriculum, which is updated and revised to ensure a variety of developmentally appropriate experiences for children

Curriculum

We will be using the Nebraska Department of Early Childhood Education **Teaching Strategies GOLD** Curricular Objective and Assessment System. Thirty-eight objectives that guide teaching and learning are the heart of Teaching Strategies GOLD. Based on predictors of school success and state early learning standards, these objectives help teachers focus on what matters most for children's success. Teaching Strategies GOLD is a seamless research-based system proven to be reliable and valid for teaching and assessing children. It is intended for use as a key component with any developmentally appropriate early childhood curriculum and program, Teaching Strategies GOLD is inclusive of all children, including English-language learners and children with disabilities.

Little Panthers Preschool uses a Center Based Classroom approach to implement our curriculum and foster learning that has two important features. 1.) A distinct organizational structure, and 2.) a focus on specific interest areas in the

classroom. These eleven interest areas provide the detailed content in the organizational structure and together they both ensure our preschool is meeting the curricular and developmental needs of our students. The eleven areas are:

Blocks: (props to accompany block play like cars, animals, people, signs, etc.)

Dramatic Play: (puppets, props, clothing for careers, housekeeping, tools, etc.)

Toys & Games: (classifying, colors, numbers, letters, patterns, sorting, counting)

Art: (drawing, painting, gluing, cutting, all mediums, group and individual projects)

Library: (books in all areas, a writing center, a listening center, read aloud)

Discovery (science, indoors & outdoors, classroom pets, life sciences, magnets, etc.)

Sand & Water Play: (indoors and outdoors)

Music & Movement: (instruments, CD, online resources, singing, dancing, exercise)

Cooking: (preparing snacks, cooking to go with units of study, baking for holidays)

Technology: (online resources to extend units of study, use of computers)

Outdoor Play: (riding toys, climbing, building, bird and squirrel feeding, game playing)

Enrollment Policy

Our enrollment procedure used to determine the preschool class list each spring is based on the following list of criteria in order of priority:

1. Students on an Individualized Education Program (IEP), living in our school district will have first priority for acceptance. The State of Nebraska set up the preschool program to help those children with the highest needs.
2. Those students living in our school district who will turn four by July 31st, oldest to youngest by birth month/day/year.
3. Those students living in our school district who will turn three by July 31st, oldest to youngest by birth month/day/year.
4. If there are still open spots, non-district students will be chosen based on the criteria listed above.

We do wish we could enroll every child. Being filled to capacity with a waiting list tells us there is certainly a need within the district for the youngest members of our student population. A quality early childhood program keeps the teacher/pupil ratio low and matches enrollment to the physical size of the facility.

Those two factors are also a limiting factor in our enrollment numbers and have to be taken into account.

Fee Payment Information

Little Panthers preschool adheres to the Rule 11 guidelines put forth by the Nebraska Department of Education and works in cooperation with the NDE to establish a fee schedule and guidelines for all preschool families. Within that framework, there are certain criteria that families may meet that can waive the fee payment for their preschool student. If a child does not meet one of the five criteria, there is a \$125 per month fee for preschool. During the months of August, December, and May the fee is \$50.

The criteria is as follows:

- Children identified with a disability and are receiving early childhood services
- Children whose family income qualifies them for participation in the federal free and reduced lunch program
- Children who reside in a home where English is not the primary language for communication
- Children of parents that are younger than eighteen or have not completed high school
- Children who were born prematurely or at low birth weight as verified by a physician

Children who meet one of the criteria above will not be charged a monthly fee.

Payments will be made on the first of each month.

Checks should be made to District OR-1 Preschool

You will receive a payment schedule for the year along with your child's enrollment packet. The monthly charge is detailed in that schedule along with the payment due date. This will be the only billing notice.

Forms are available for verification and participation in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program at both the elementary and preschool offices. Questions about this program should be directed to the Superintendent's office at 780-5327.

Your child will receive breakfast and a snack in the morning session or lunch and a snack during the afternoon session. This cost is included in the monthly fee.

Preschool Time Information

Morning Preschool Session-
8:00-11:30 Monday-Thursday

Afternoon Preschool Session-
12:00-3:30 Monday-Thursday

No preschool classes on Fridays

Home visits are scheduled prior to the beginning of the school year. You will be asked to schedule another home visit and a conference during the school year. These visits are required by the Nebraska Department of Education and have been a wonderful way to begin building that school-home partnership.

A classroom calendar will be sent home for each month with the days the preschool is in session clearly marked. Each week, a classroom newsletter will be published. This newsletter will contain classroom news, upcoming events, student photos, and helpful tips for parents. Please watch for the newsletter the last day of the preschool week.

Students who are the oldest or only child in their family will also receive a Bennet Elementary newsletter each week. District information is available on the school website www.districtor1.org.

The Little Panthers Preschool will usually follow the calendar of District OR-1, Palmyra and Bennet Schools. If not, it will be indicated on the preschool calendar or in a letter sent home to preschool parents.

Families of Little Panthers Preschool will participate in two home visits and one parent-teacher conference each school year.

Contacting the Teacher

If there is anything you need to know about a situation involving your child, the teacher will provide this information to you through a brief conversation at pick-up time, via a phone call, an email, or a short note. This would include things like minor injury (more than a band-aid), behavior issues, concerns about a situation, etc. Please don't hesitate to let your child's teacher know of any concerns, questions, or confusion over anything.

If you wish to visit with the teacher in depth, it would be best to set up a conference or call when preschool is not in session.

Preschool parents are expected to come to the exterior door of the school building each time they drop off and pick up their child. Preschool students are not allowed to walk through the parking lot without an adult.

When dropping off your child, you may assist your child in settling in (take off coat, hang up backpack). The arrival routine should be the same each day.

Drop off and Pick Up Procedure

These predictable routines will reduce separation anxiety and will allow your child to gain independence and practice responsibility.

If your child is having trouble separating from you, signal the teacher and let her take care of it. A quick “good-bye” and exit from the parent is best. Please trust that the teacher will handle your child appropriately in an event such as this.

Each session is 3 ½ hours long. Prompt arrival and pick-up is important to helping us stay on schedule and also for helping your child settle into the daily routine. **Do not arrive before 8:00 or 12:00**

Arriving promptly for pick-up time is very important, especially for the morning session. There is only 30 minutes between the sessions and the teacher will need this time to set up for the afternoon class. **If you arrive after 8:10/12:10, please check in at the office before bringing your child to the classroom.**

If your child is going to be absent, please call the Elementary office at 782-3535.

People authorized to pick up your child

You will be required to provide a listing of the people you authorize to school to release your child to. Your child will never be released to someone not on the list unless we receive a note or phone call from you with permission.

If the staff does not know the person, he or she will be asked to show identification.

Please let your child’s teacher know if there will be any changes made to your child’s daily drop-off or pick-up routine.

Bus Transportation

The district provides limited bus services between the morning and afternoon preschool sessions. The bus service will drop off morning students at daycares while at the same time picking up afternoon students from these daycares. These daycare locations are pre-arranged.

When the bus leaves the daycare locations, it will proceed to the Palmyra High School to drop off and pick up students. It will be the parents' responsibility to wait with their child to be picked up. It is also the parents responsibility to be there when the bus arrives to drop off their child.

There will be two adults on the preschool bus at all times-the driver and a supervisor. The bus will have a detailed list of all the students riding, locations of drop off and pick up and parent or babysitter contact information.

The students riding the bus will be using specialized built in booster seats at all times. In compliance with the district policy regarding bus riding and bus behavior, it is important that the students riding the bus are safe. Therefore, if a student is not able to adhere to the safety standards and rules and if that student becomes a distraction for the driver, or is a danger to the other students, parents will be notified and they will need to make other arrangements for their preschool student's transportation.

**There will be no bus transportation before the morning session.
There will be no bus transportation after the afternoon session.**

Personal Items brought from Home

Preschool students need to leave all personal toys/items at home. These items could be lost or misused at school. Personal items from home will be a distraction to learning.

However, during school there will be requests from time to time for your child to bring an item that relates to the unit of study.

Field Trips

We will try to take the preschool students on field trips during the school year. If so, a slip with trip information will be sent home in advance. The purpose of these field trips is to broaden the students' educational experiences.

Occasionally students may be asked to bring money or pay admission to an attraction. Parents will be invited to help with supervision on these trips as needed. It is the policy of Little Panthers Preschool that no younger siblings accompany the parent on a field trip. Your help with the preschool students is needed. If a younger child is present, you are not free to help supervise.

Clothing

Your child will spend a great deal of each day on the floor inside, playing outside, and just being very active. Please dress your child for this type of activity each day.

Please label all your child's clothing that can be removed such as: hats, mittens, boots, sweatshirts, coats, etc.

We will play outside each day unless there is precipitation falling, or the temperature is dangerously cold. Your child will need snow boots, shoes to change back into, warm clothing, hats, and mittens when winter arrives. We ask that you send some type of jacket each day in the fall and spring so your child is prepared for outside time.

Bathroom Issues

Your child must be toilet trained when they begin class. Pull-up pants are not appropriate. The only exception is if a child is receiving district services with an IEP/504.

We know accidents happen. Your child will NOT be made to feel bad if he/she has an accident; a staff member will handle it in a matter of fact fashion.

With this in mind, we ask that you include an extra pair of underwear, pants/shorts, and a shirt in your child's backpack at all times. Your child may also need to change clothing if a beverage is spilled during mealtime. Wet clothing will be sent home.

Birthday Treats and Special Snacks

We will celebrate student birthdays during snack time at preschool. If you would like to send birthday treats to school to celebrate your child's birthday, please let the teacher know in advance. Birthday treats need to be store bought with the ingredients clearly labeled.

Families may volunteer to bring a snack for the class during a special party such as Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. These special snacks also need to be store bought with the ingredients clearly labeled.

Weather Related Information and Cancellations

The Superintendent of schools is authorized by the Board of Education to close public schools in case of severe weather. Representatives of the Superintendent's staff will notify local news media when inclement weather warrants such action. The information is broadcast regularly by radio and television stations. **Parents and Patrons will also be alerted via phone call by our automated calling system. Please make sure that you are a part of the calling database in order to receive calls via this system. Contact school if you are not sure or have changed your phone numbers since last year.**

Decision to Close Schools

A decision to close school is made when forecasts by the weather service and civil defense officials indicate that it would be unwise for students to go to school. If possible, a decision about the next school day will be made by 9 p.m. for announcement during the 10 p.m. news. An early decision is not always possible because of uncertain weather conditions. School officials will make periodic assessments of conditions during the night and will decide early in the morning (by 6 a.m. if possible). In any case, an announcement will be made to the news media when schools will be closed. In some instances, schools will be open, but certain services may be cancelled (bus transportation, kindergarten, student activities). Announcements about other Nebraska school closings are included in Lincoln radio and television broadcasts. Students and parents will want to pay special attention to which public school district is being closed.

After School Starts

Every attempt will be made to avoid closing school once classes are in session. In some instances closing school during the day is inevitable if children are to safely return home before the brunt of a major storm hits. In these cases as much advance notice as possible will be given to parents. If school is closed during the day the notice will be broadcast by the media and parents should have a plan in place to accommodate these circumstances. **If inclement weather forces an early dismissal, afternoon preschool will not take place.**

Parental Decisions

Parents may decide to keep their children at home in inclement weather because of personal circumstances. Students absent because of severe weather when school is in session will be marked absent. The absence will be treated like any other absence for legitimate causes provided parents properly notify the school of their decision. Parents may pick up their children in inclement weather at any time during the school day. Students will not normally be dismissed from school during severe weather on the basis of a telephone request.

Immunizations

State laws requires that students ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as child care provider have the following immunizations prior to attending:

- 4 does of Dtap, DTP, or DT vaccine,
- 3 does of Polio vaccine,
- 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age,
- 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine,
- 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age,
- 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age.
- 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age.

You must show proof of immunizations upon enrollment in school. Any student who does not comply with the immunization requirements will not be allowed to continue in school. Students will medical conditions or personal beliefs that do not allow immunizations may complete a waiver statement which is held in the elementary school office.

Asthma/Anaphylaxis Protocol

Information on this topic is available if your child has been diagnosed with one or both of these conditions. Please inquire if this applies to your child.

When Should You Keep Your Child Home?

PLEASE do not send your child to school if they appear to be sick. Also we request that you do not send your child to school for 24 hours after he/she has had a fever. If they return to school too soon, they may still be contagious and their defenses will be down.

Keep students home if they have any of the following:

- Temperature greater than 100 degrees F
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Unexplained rashes
- Discharge from eyes and/or ears, or severe nasal drainage
- Sore throat and/or severe cough
- Head lice

In the case of a contagious disease, please contact your child's teacher immediately. If your child contracts any of the following notification is necessary: strep throat, influenza, or any easily transmitted childhood sickness.

If your child is injured, all we can do at school is to clean and bandage scrapes or apply ice packs to bruises and sprains. If the injury requires further medical attention, you will be called.

If your child is well enough to return to school, he or she is well enough to participate in all activities-indoors and outdoors.

Outdoor Learning and Play

With our wonderful outdoor classroom, your child will get dirty. You may want to keep that in mind when dressing for preschool. Appropriate clothing for hot and cold weather is very important. We will be outside each day unless active precipitation or an uncomfortable wind chill factor.

We encourage you to apply sunscreen in the warmer months. Please do this before your child comes to school. Students will be encouraged to drink plenty of water during warm weather.

Mealtime

Preschoolers receive breakfast and a snack in the morning session or lunch and a snack during the afternoon session. We will be serving our meals "Family Style." This means preschoolers will be able to set the table, use child-sized serving utensils to serve themselves food, pass the dish to the classmate sitting next to them and pour their own beverage from a child-sized pitcher. During meal and snack time, preschoolers will have the opportunity to visit with their friends and teachers while also practicing table manners and language skills.

Do not send a meal from home with your child. A meal from home would keep your child from participating in the meal experience. Special accommodations can be made only for students who are on a special diet. If this is the case, you will need to discuss this with your child's teacher.

Inform your child's teacher of any food allergies.

Pictures and Video

Pictures and video of our students, activities, and classroom will be taken and used for various learning opportunities. These same pictures are positive additions to articles posted on the district website, in the classroom newsletter, or submitted to the local paper.

There is a permission form allowing your child's picture to be taken and to be used as a part of an article either online, in the local paper, or within the classroom for class books and other activities. Please return this form to your child's teacher with the rest of the enrollment paperwork.

Bennet Elementary School Handbook for Students, Parents & Guardians 2020-2021

We are pleased to welcome all of you, both new and returning students, to Bennet Elementary School. As a student, you will have the responsibility to maintain and help build a fine tradition of scholarship, citizenship, and that particular kind of spirit and pride that we want to become a trademark of our school.

As a citizen of this school, you are expected to follow the rules that have been established for the welfare of all. Sometimes you may feel that the rules are too strict, but they are made in the best interest of each student. Following the rules will help all students to become better school citizens.

Be proud of your school! We have a wonderful facility! It is evident that it has been treated with excellent care in the past. This property belongs to District OR-1. You, as a citizen of this community are part owners of this property. It is up to you to help protect and preserve it! Let's have a great school year!

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about District OR 1, Bennet Elementary School. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained in it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although the information found in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, the handbook is not intended to be all encompassing so as to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a "contract." The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.

Ms. Linde Walter
Elementary Principal

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Bennet Elementary Faculty & Staff

Ms. Walter	Principal
Mr. Chaffee	Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Dawson	Elementary Principal's Secretary
Mrs. Linke	School Psychologist
Mrs. Hohensee	Pre-School
Ms. Lamb	Pre-School
Ms. Bennett	Pre-School Para-educator
Mrs. Hartwick	Pre-School Para-educator
Mrs. King	Pre School Para-educator
Ms. Vorderstrasse	Pre School Para-educator
Mrs. Dvorak	Kindergarten
Mrs. Nitzsche	Kindergarten
Mrs. Wusk	Kindergarten
Mrs. Dowding	First Grade
Mrs. Hall	First Grade
Mrs. Petska	First Grade
Mrs. Anderjaska	Second Grade
Mrs. Christensen	Second Grade
Ms. Peterson	Second Grade
Mrs. Conn	Third Grade
Ms. Kepler	Third Grade
Mrs. Ourada	Fourth Grade
Mrs. Sullivan	Fourth Grade
Mrs. Malone	Fifth Grade
Mr. McChristian	Fifth Grade
Mrs. Batman	Sixth Grade
Mr. Maibaum	Sixth Grade
Ms. A. Swartzendruber	Title I
Mr. Smidt	Media Coordinator
Mrs. McCriecht	Vocal Music
Mrs. Murphy-Robb	Inst. Music
Mr. Wemhoff	Physical Education
Ms. S. Swartzendruber	Art
Mrs. Eastep	Resource
Mrs. Hinrichsen	Resource
Ms. Redd	Resource
Mrs. Whyman	Resource
Mr. Brown	Technology Coordinator
Mrs. Hanger	Tech. Teacher/Second Step Instructor
Mrs. Wilson	Speech/Language Pathologist
Mrs. Buchanan	Speech/Language Pathologist
Mrs. Buddenberg	Preschool Speech/Language Pathologist
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Mr. Hart	Superintendent
Mrs. Hatcher	Superintendent's Secretary
Mrs. Phillipps	Clerical
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Ms. Calfee	Para-educator
Mrs. Jones	Para-educator
Mrs. Hiatt	Para-educator
Mrs. Krumm	Para-educator
Mrs. Stedman	Para-educator
Mrs. Tyndall	Para-educator
Ms. Wood	Para-educator
Mrs. Purvis	Sign Language Interpreter
Mr. Willeford	Head Custodian
Mr. Pearson	Custodian
Mrs. Skinner	Food Manager
Mrs. Dush	Elementary Food Manager
Mrs. Lundquist	School Nurse

General Information

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Mission Statement

Our mission statement is one of ideals, which focuses on the role District OR1 Schools will play in the shaping of the future of our students. This is the reason our school exists and the function we perform. District OR1 has adopted the following mission statement:

“Together, we prepare our students to successfully meet the challenges of the future.”

Governing Principles

Governing principles are fundamental guidelines and desirable rules of conduct, integrity and ethical behavior which guide us to do the right thing for the right reason. They direct our personal, professional and organizational behavior. The following governing principles were selected by District OR1 Schools based upon the mission statement above:

District OR1 will:

- model and reinforce a sense of self-respect for others;
- provide equal opportunity for each student to develop to his/her potential;
- seek and integrate educationally sound innovations into the curriculum;
- seek to develop a sense of individual responsibility and integrity; and,
- provide a safe, positive learning environment

Activities Attendance:

When your child attends athletic contests or other school events, we request that they sit with their parents or another responsible adult. We also ask that they remain seated during the contests or events. This is for their safety and for the enjoyment of the other spectators. Trips across a gym floor can be distracting and dangerous.

After School Visits:

Arrangements for one student to go home with another after school should be made by the parents prior to the visit. The school and bus drivers, if applicable, should be notified of the plans in writing or by phone before 2:00 PM. **Students will not be allowed to use the phone during the school day to make these arrangements.**

Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco:

Drug-Free Schools

This District implements regulations and practices which will ensure compliance with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and all regulations and rules promulgated pursuant thereto. The District's safe and drug-free schools program is established in accordance with principles of effectiveness as required by law to respond to such harmful effects.

Education and Prevention:

This District promotes comprehensive, age appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs, which will include in the curriculum the teaching of both proper and incorrect use of drugs and alcohol for all students in all grades of this School District. Further, this District will have proper in-service orientation and training for all employed staff.

Drug and Alcohol Use and Prevention:

By this handbook, each student of the District is hereby provided a copy of the standards of conduct for student behavior in the District which prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities.

Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention Program of the District Pursuant to The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Laws and Regulations.

All students are provided age appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention program for all students of the schools. It shall be the policy of the District to require instruction at such grade level concerning the adverse effects resulting from the use of illicit drugs and alcohol. Such instruction shall be designed by affected classroom teachers or as otherwise directed by the Board to be appropriate to the age of the student exposed to such instruction. One of the primary objectives shall be the prevention of illicit drug and alcohol use by students. It shall further be the policy of the District to encourage the use of outside resource personnel such as law enforcement officers, medical personnel, and experts on the subject of drug and alcohol abuse, so that its economic, social, educational, and physiological consequences may be made known to the students of the District.

It shall further be the policy of the District, through the instruction earlier herein referred to, as well as by information and consistent enforcement of the Board's policy pertaining to student conduct as it relates to the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol, that drug and alcohol abuse is wrong and is harmful both to the student and the District, and its educational programs.

Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Rehabilitation and Re-entry Programs.

All students shall be provided information concerning available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and re-entry programs within sixty miles of the administrative offices of the District or, where no such services are found, within the State of Nebraska. Information concerning such resources shall be presented to all of the students of the District upon request by the Guidance Counselor.

In the event of disciplinary proceedings against any student for any District policy pertaining to the prohibition against the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol, appropriate school personnel shall confer with any such student and his or her parents or guardian concerning available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and re-entry programs that appropriate school personnel shall consider to be of benefit to any such student and his or her parent or parents or guardian.

Standards of Student Conduct Pertaining to the Unlawful Possession, Use, or Distribution of Illicit Drugs or Alcohol on School Premises or as a Part of Any of the School's Activities.

(In addition to standards of student conduct elsewhere adopted by board policy or administrative regulation to absolutely prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities.) This shall include such unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by any student of the District during regular school hours or after school hours at school sponsored activities on school premises, at school-sponsored activities off school premises.

Conduct prohibited at places and activities as hereinabove described shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Possession of any controlled substance, possession of which is prohibited by law.
2. Possession of any prescription drug in an unlawful fashion.
3. Possession of tobacco on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities.
4. Tobacco means any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect.
5. Use of any illicit drug.
6. Distribution of any illicit drug.
7. Use of any drug in an unlawful fashion.
8. Distribution of any drug or controlled substance when such distribution is unlawful.
9. The possession, use, or distribution of alcohol.

It shall further be the policy of the district that violation of any of the above prohibited acts will result in disciplinary sanction being taken within the bounds of applicable law, up to and including short term suspension, long term suspension, expulsion, and referral to appropriate authorities for criminal prosecution.

Drugs and Alcohol Prohibited – Standards of Conduct for Students and Employed Staff:

The manufacture, possession, selling, dispensing, use or being under the influence of alcohol or any alcoholic beverage or alcoholic liquor on school grounds, or during an educational function, or event off school grounds, or off school grounds if there is a substantial interference with school purposes, is prohibited.

The possession, selling, dispensing, use or being under the influence of any controlled substance or drug, including but not limited to marijuana, any narcotic drug, any hallucinogen, any stimulant, or any depressant on school grounds, or during the educational function or event off school grounds, or off school grounds if there is a substantial interference with school purposes, is prohibited.

The possession, selling, dispensing, use or being under the influence of any glue or aerosol paint or any other chemical substance for inhalation, including but not limited to lighter fluid, whiteout, and reproduction fluid, when such activity constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes on school grounds or during an educational function, or event off school grounds, is prohibited.

The possession, selling, dispensing or use of any look-alike drug or look-alike controlled substance when such activity constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes on school grounds or during an educational function, or event off school grounds, is prohibited.

Any prescription or non-prescription drug, medicine, vitamin or other chemical may not be taken unless authorized as stated in the next section on AUTHORIZED USE.

Authorized Use:

Any student whose parent or guardian requests that he or she be given any prescription or non-prescription medicine, drug, or vitamin shall provide a signed permission by parent and/or physician. **A copy of this form is attached to the back of this handbook.**

Disciplinary Sanctions:

1. Violation of this policy may result in suspension or expulsion. Prohibited substances will be confiscated and could be turned over to law enforcement authorities. The student may be referred for counseling or treatment. Parents or legal guardian will be notified.
2. If the student is observed to be violating this policy, the student will be escorted to the Principal/Superintendent's office immediately, or if not feasible, the Principal/ Superintendent will be notified. The student's parents or legal guardian will be requested to pick up the student. If it appears there is imminent danger to other students, school personnel, or students involved, the Principal/Superintendent, or such other personnel as authorized by the Principal/Superintendent, may have the student removed by authorized medical or law enforcement personnel.
3. Parents and students shall be given a copy of the standards of conduct and disciplinary sanctions required and shall be notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory.

Intervention:

The OR-1 School District does not have the authority or responsibility to make medical or health determinations regarding chemical dependency. However, when observed behavior indicates that a problem exists which may affect the student's ability to learn or function in the educational climate or activity, the school then has the right and responsibility to refer the student for a formal chemical dependency diagnosis based on behavior observed by school staff. The school will issue a statement to all students and employed staff that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful. The school shall make available to students and employed staff information about any drug and alcohol counseling, and rehabilitation and re-entry programs, which are available to students.

Administration:

The administration is authorized to adopt such administrative rules, regulations or practices necessary to properly implement this policy. Such regulations, rules or practices may vary the procedures set forth herein to the extent necessary to fit the circumstances of an individual situation. Such rules, regulations and practices may include administrative forms, such as checklists to be used by staff to record observed behavior and to determine the proper plan of action.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools—Parental Notice

NOTICE TO PARENTS: Pursuant to the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act, if upon receipt of information regarding the content of safe and drug free school programs and activities other than classroom instruction a parent objects to the participation of their child in such programs and activities, the parent may notify the School District of such objection in writing. Upon the receipt of such notice the student will be withdrawn from the program or activity to which parental objection has been made.

Announcements/Posters:

Announcements and posters advertising school sponsored activities or other activities within the communities must first be submitted to the principal's office. It will be the responsibility of the principal to determine if it is appropriate to display these items.

Asbestos Notice:

The District OR1 Schools have been inspected by a qualified inspector concerning asbestos abatement. It has been determined by this inspector that the school buildings in Palmyra and Bennet contain asbestos. The Environmental Protection Agency requires schools to notify parents regarding asbestos in the schools. This notice is included as a part of our compliance with EPA regulations. Please direct questions or concerns you may have about the contents of this notice to Superintendent (780-5327).

Arson:

The intentional burning of property at school is forbidden. Violation of this rule will result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken, which could include suspension, expulsion, referral to authorities and/or required counseling to take place if need is determined.

Regular Attendance

Attendance Policy:

Regular and punctual student attendance is required. The administration is responsible for developing further attendance rules and regulations, and all staff are expected to implement this policy and administrative rules and regulations to encourage regular and punctual student attendance. The Principals and teachers are required to maintain an accurate record of student attendance.

A. Attendance and Absences.

1. Absences – Definitions. The circumstances for all absences from school will be identified as School Excused or Not School Excused. Absences should be cleared through the Principal's office in advance whenever possible. All absences, except for illness and/or death in the family, require advance approval.
 - a. School Excused. Any of the following circumstances that lead to an absence will be identified as a *School Excused* absence, provided the required attendance procedures have been followed:
 - (1) Impossible or impracticable barriers outside the control of the parent or child prevent a student from attending school. The parent must provide the school with documentation to demonstrate the absence was beyond the control of the parent or child. This could include, but is not limited to documented illness, court, death of a family member, or suspension.
 - (2) Other absences as determined by the principal or the principal's designee.
 - b. Not School Excused. Absences that are not school excused may result in a report to the county attorney and may be classified as follows:

- (1) Parent acknowledged absences are those in which the parent communicated with the school in the prescribed manner that the child is absent and is the parent's responsibility for the extent of the school day. This includes, but is not limited to, illness, vacations, and medical appointments.
 - (2) Other absences are those in which the parent has not communicated a reason for the student's absence.
2. Absence Procedure. In its Student Information System, the District may identify many different codes that provide greater definition to the circumstances of a child's absence, but all of the codes need to be identified to parents and students as fitting into one of the above defined absence circumstances.

A student will not be allowed to enter class after an absence until an admit slip, based upon a written or verbal parental excuse, is issued by the Principal's office.

Two school days will be allowed to make up work for each day missed, with a maximum of 10 days allowed to make up work.

2. Mandatory Ages of Attendance. A child is of mandatory age if the child will reach age 6 prior to January 1 of the then-current school year and has not reached 18 years of age.

Exceptions for Younger Students. Attendance is not mandatory for a child who has reached 6 years of age prior to January 1 of the then-current school year, but will not reach age 7 prior to January 1 of such school year, if the child's parent or guardian has signed and filed with the school district in which the child resides an affidavit stating either: (1) that the child is participating in an education program that the parent or guardian believes will prepare the child to enter grade one for the following school year; or (2) that the parent or guardian intends for the child to participate in a school which has elected or will elect pursuant to law not to meet accreditation or approval requirements and the parent or guardian intends to provide the Commissioner of Education with a statement pursuant to section 79-1601(3) on or before the child's seventh birthday.

Exceptions for Older Students. Attendance is also not mandatory for a child who: (1) has obtained a high school diploma by meeting statutory graduation requirements; (2) has completed the program of instruction offered by a school which elects pursuant to law not to meet accreditation or approval requirements; or (3) has reached the age of 16 years and has been withdrawn from school in the manner prescribed by law.

Early Withdrawal for Students Enrolled in Accredited or Approved Schools. A person who has legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least 16 but less than 18 years of age may withdraw such child from school before graduation and be exempt from the mandatory attendance requirements if an exit interview is conducted and a withdrawal form is signed.

Exit Interview. The process is initiated by a person who has legal or actual charge or control of the child submitting a withdrawal form. The form is to be as prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. Upon submission of the form, the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall set a time and place for an exit interview if the child is

enrolled in District OR-1 Public Schools or resides in the District OR-1 Public School's district and is enrolled in a private, denominational, or parochial school.

The exit interview shall be personally attended by:

- The child, unless the withdrawal is being requested due to an illness of the child making attendance at the exit interview impossible or impracticable;
- the person who has legal or actual charge or control of the child who requested the exit interview;
- the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee;
- the child's principal or the principal's designee if the child at the time of the exit interview is enrolled in a school operated by the school district; and
- any other person requested by any of the required parties who agrees to attend the exit interview and is available at the time designated for the exit interview which may include, for example, other school personnel or the child's principal if the child is enrolled in a private school.

At the exit interview, the person making the written request must present evidence that (a) the person has legal or actual charge or control of the child and (b) the child would be withdrawing due to either:

- financial hardships requiring the child to be employed to support the child's family or one or more dependents of the child, or
- an illness of the child making attendance impossible or impracticable.

The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall identify all known alternative educational opportunities, including vocational courses of study, that are available to the child in the school district and how withdrawing from school is likely to reduce potential future earnings for the child and increase the likelihood of the child being unemployed in the future. Any other relevant information may be presented and discussed by any of the parties in attendance.

At the conclusion of the exit interview, the person making the written request may sign a withdrawal form provided by the school district agreeing to the withdrawal of the child OR may rescind the written request for the withdrawal.

Withdrawal Form. Any withdrawal form signed by the person making the written request shall be valid only if:

- the child also signs the form, unless the withdrawal is being requested due to an illness of the child making attendance at the exit interview impossible or impracticable, and
- the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee signs the form acknowledging that the interview was held, the required information was provided and discussed at the interview, and, in the opinion of the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee, the person making the written request does in fact have legal or actual charge or control of the child and the child is experiencing either (i) financial hardship, or (ii) an illness making attendance impossible or impracticable.

Early Withdrawal for Students Enrolled in an Exempt School (Home Schools). A person who has legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least 16 but less than 18 years of age may withdraw such child from school before graduation and be exempt from

the mandatory attendance requirements if such child has been enrolled in a school that elects not to meet the accreditation or approval requirements by filing with the State Department of Education a signed notarized release on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.

4. Reporting and Responding to Excessive Absenteeism. Any administrator, teacher, or member of the board of education who knows of any failure on the part of any child of mandatory school attendance age to attend school regularly without lawful reason, shall within three days report such violation to the superintendent or such person(s) who the superintendent designates to be the attendance officer (hereafter, "attendance officer"). The attendance officer shall immediately cause an investigation into any such report to be made. The attendance officer shall also investigate any case when of his or her personal knowledge, or by report or complaint from any resident of the district, the attendance officer believes there is a violation of the compulsory attendance laws. The school shall render all services in its power to compel such child to attend some public, private, denominational, or parochial school, which the person having control of the child shall designate, in an attempt to address the problem of excessive absenteeism. Such services shall include, as appropriate, the services listed below under "Excessive Absenteeism" and "Reporting Excessive Absenteeism."

5. Excessive Absenteeism. Students who accumulate one (1) unexcused absence in a quarter shall be deemed to have "excessive absences." Such absences shall be determined on a per day basis for elementary students and on a per class basis for secondary students. When a student has excessive absences, the following procedures shall be implemented:

- a. Verbal or written communication by school officials with the person or persons who have legal or actual charge or control of any child; and
- b. One or more meetings between the school (a school attendance officer, a school administrator or his or her designee, and/or a social worker), the child's parent or guardian, and the child, when appropriate, to address the barriers to attendance. The result of the meeting or meetings shall be to develop a collaborative plan to reduce barriers identified to improve regular attendance. The plan shall consider, but not be limited to:
 - (i) Illness related to physical or behavioral health of the child.
 - (ii) Educational counseling;
 - (iii) Educational evaluation;
 - (iv) Referral to community agencies for economic services;
 - (v) Family or individual counseling; and
 - (vi) Assisting the family in working with other community services.

If the parent/guardian refuses to participate in such meeting, the principal shall place documentation of such refusal in the child's attendance records.

6. Reporting Excessive Absenteeism to the County Attorney.

The school may report to the county attorney of the county in which the person resides when the school has documented the efforts to address excessive absences, the

collaborative plan to reduce barriers identified to improve regular attendance has not been successful, and the student has accumulated more than five (5) absences per quarter, ten (10) absences per semester, or twenty (20) absences per year. This process can be initiated at any time during the school year if any absences is determined to be school unexcused. The school shall notify the child's family in writing prior to referring the child to the county attorney. Illness that makes attendance impossible or impracticable shall not be the basis for referral to the county attorney. A report to the county attorney may also be made when a student otherwise accrues excessive absences as herein defined.

Before and After School Recreation Program:

Bennet Elementary offers a before and after school recreation program for students attending Bennet Elementary School. The times for the before and after school recreation program will be from 7:00 – 8:15 a.m. and 3:20 – 5:30 p.m. There will be NO drop in afterschool services for students. **The cost of the program will be \$2.95/hr per each child.** A registration and enrollment fee of \$25.00 per family will be assessed at the beginning of the school year. Trained adult supervisors will supervise students. Students will take part in a number of activities during the before and after school activities program and will also receive a snack during the afternoon session. If you are interested in taking part in this program, please contact the school office.

Birth Certificate Requirements:

State law requires that a certified copy of a student's birth certificate be used when enrolling a new student in school. If your child is registering with Bennet Elementary School for the first time, you may obtain this document from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the state in which your child was born. Assistance in obtaining birth certificates may be obtained from Health Records Management, P.O. Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065. There is a fee for certificate application.

Please note: The document parents receive from the hospital looks like a birth certificate, but it is not a certified copy. A certified copy has the raised seal of the state of Nebraska on it and is signed by the director of vital statistics.

If a birth certificate is unavailable, other reliable proof of a student's identity may be used. These documents could include naturalization or immigration documents showing date of birth or official hospital birth records, a passport, or a translation of a birth certificate from another country. The documents must be accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate.

Bullying Prevention:

Bennet Elementary recognizes the negative impact that bullying has on student health, welfare, safety, and the school's learning environment and prohibits such behavior. Bullying is defined as any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal or electronic abuse on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased or contracted by the school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or his or her designee, or at school sponsored activities or school sponsored athletic events.

Bullying may constitute grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment, subject to state and federal statutes and our student discipline and due process procedures.

Suspected incidences of bullying should be reported to a staff member or the school principal. See Appendix A at the end of the handbook for the policy.

Bus/Transportation Code of Conduct:

Bus Transportation

Students are assigned to buses and bus stops. No change in either bus or stop is permitted without the Transportation Director's approval. Failure to ride the assigned bus to/from the assigned bus stop may jeopardize the safety of students and may result in disciplinary action.

- Bus transportation schedules will be drafted and provided by the Transportation Director for parents prior to the opening of school.
- All transportation schedules and bus stops are determined by the Transportation Director and school Administration.
- Students will not be dropped off at other than approved bus stops.

Requests to Ride a Different Bus

- A written request from a parent/guardian is required in order for a student to ride a different bus or get off at a different stop or deviate from riding the assigned bus.
- The request must include student name, parent/guardian, and telephone number of parent/guardian.
- Any request that cannot be verified will be denied.
- All requests must be signed by a school administrator or transportation official.
- If a student does not have a Bus Pass/Request; he/she cannot ride home on a different bus or get off at a different stop.

Transporting of school related/non-school related items on the bus.

- no materials, including guns, loaded or unloaded; flammable materials, empty or full; animals or any other objects of dangerous or objectionable nature are transported in the school bus when children are being transported.
- Balloons, helium balloons, and glass vases are prohibited.
- Bottles with water will be allowed due to health considerations.
- Cell phone use on the bus is discouraged. Use of personal electronic devices (P.E.D.'s) such as ipods, ipads, etc is acceptable. This privilege will be revoked if it becomes a nuisance or safety concern.
- Skate shoes, skate boards, or roller blades will not be allowed in the bus unless enclosed in an athletic-type canvas bag or are otherwise inaccessible.
- Band instruments will be allowed on the bus. Students are asked to work with the driver in order to board with large instruments.

PreK/Kindergarten

- A parent, guardian or person authorized by the parent of an Early Childhood Student provide safe supervision to and from the bus stop. No Early Childhood student will be left unattended at the point of delivery (Bus Stop). If no responsible party is in view, the student will not be allowed to disembark. The student will be returned to the school site where an attempt will be made to contact a responsible party.

School Bus Behavior Policy

Students who ride the bus should:

- Be on time.
- Arrive at their bus stop at least 5-10 minutes before the regular pickup time.
- Stand away from the road, not stand on the traveled portion of the roadway while waiting for the bus.
- Observe proper conduct.
- Respect the property of others.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and then walk up to the front door. Students should not run near a moving bus.
- Board the bus in an orderly fashion.
- Use the bus stop closest to their home. Walking to a friend's house to catch a bus often causes overcrowding at a given stop.

While riding the bus students should:

- Obey instructions of bus driver and/or bus attendant.
- Be seated immediately.
- Remain seated.
- Share seats equally.
- Be courteous.
- Respect property.
- Keep hands and head inside bus.
- Keep aisles clear.
- Observe good conduct
- Remain seated until bus comes to a full stop.
- Leave the bus in an orderly manner, students in the front seats first.
- Avoid loitering around the bus.

Bus Discipline

District OR-1 follows a policy of progressive discipline such as the one illustrated below. This policy is not intended to be a complete list of infractions and consequences but rather a guide for students, parents and staff.

1. Parents will be involved with first situation that results in a written report. A record of the violation and report will be retained by the building administrator, driver and provided to parents.
2. If a second problem resulting in a written report (of any type/level) develops, the student will be suspended from riding the bus for a minimum of three (3) days.
3. If another problem develops resulting in a written report, a suspension of one (1) week will be put in effect.
4. Further, more permanent action will be determined by the district administrations if problems persist and will result in a (3) week suspension of transportation for the student. Any future problems may result in permanent removal from transportation for the remainder of the school term.

Parents and students will be notified in written form of all bus expectations at the time bus route information for the new school year is provided.

- All bus discipline is the responsibility of the individual bus driver. Any problems or questions should be referred to the driver and then, if needed, to the Director of Transportation. Drivers will also report discipline problems to the appropriate school administrator. For all behavior infractions resulting in a written report the building administrator will report the determined consequences to the driver and parents.

Examples of Level I Offenses

- Spitting
- Excessive noise
- Horseplay/mischief
- Eating/drinking/littering on the bus
- Leaving seat/standing without permission from driver
- Use of non-water containers in any form
- Profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, obscene gestures or possession of unacceptable material
- Disobedient to driver/aide
- Riding unassigned bus or using unassigned bus stop
- Prohibited P.E.D. use
- Other offenses as reported by the driver

Examples of Level II/III Offenses

- Hanging out of window
- Throwing/shooting of any object
- Bullying and/or physical aggression against any person
- Profanity/threats directed toward driver/aide
- Possession/use of tobacco or any controlled substance
- Vandalism to bus (restitution will be required)
- Holding onto/or attempting to hold onto any portion of the exterior of the bus
- Lighting of matches, lighters, or any flammable object or substance
- Unauthorized entering or leaving bus through emergency door/tampering with bus equipment
- Possession of threat of

weapons/explosives/flammables

- Possession/use of laser pens or pointers
- Other offenses as reported by driver

Severity Clause: If any incident of misconduct is deemed to be very serious and/or hazardous to the safety of any or all passengers, a Bus Rider Incident Report will be completed and submitted to the appropriate building level administrator as soon as possible. In emergency situations which threaten the health or safety of students, or when immediate removal from the bus is necessary to maintain the safety of students and proper bus conduct, the building administrator has the authority to suspend the student from the bus riding privileges for twenty-four (24) hours pending investigation of the reported incident. All attempts will be made to contact the parents as soon as possible.

Level I Incidents. The driver will inform the student that a Bus Rider Incident Report is being issued and tell the student the specific reasons for the report. The Transportation Director will meet with the student and building administrator to validate the information collected, administer the appropriate discipline and to inform parents/guardians about the situation. **Level I Incidents will be a warning and may include three (3) days suspension from the bus.**

Level II Incidents. The driver will inform the student that a Bus Rider Incident Report is being issued and tell the student the specific reasons for the report. The Transportation Director will meet with the student and building administrator to validate the information collected, administer the appropriate discipline and to inform parents/guardians about the situation. **Level II Incidents will be a final warning and may include three (3) to five (5) days suspension from the bus.**

Level III Incidents. The driver will inform the student that a Bus Rider Incident Report is being issued and tell the student the specific reasons for the report. The Transportation Director will meet with the student and building administrator to validate the information collected, administer the appropriate discipline and to inform parents/guardians about the situation. **Level III Incidents will include five (5) to ten (10) days suspension or even permanent removal from the bus.**

Student Conduct and Discipline: In addition to the School Code of Conduct, District OR-1 requires Parents/Guardians to acknowledge and sign the **Bus Rider Behavior Contract**. The Transportation Department developed the Bus Rider Contract with the following philosophy in mind: **“We believe all students can behave appropriately and safely while riding on a school bus. We will not tolerate any students stopping drivers from doing their job or preventing other students from having a safe and peaceful transportation experience”**. Talk to your children about safe, appropriate behavior when on board the school bus. Stress the importance of accountability for his/her actions and behavior when riding the bus. This contract applies only to transportation behavior and does not supersede the student handbook procedure for suspension or expulsion.

Parent (or guardians) and students are required to acknowledge the receipt of this form by acknowledging receipt of the student handbook. Failure to return the receipt may result in immediate suspension of riding privileges.
VIOLATIONS OF DISTRICT OR1 BUS RULES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Cell Phones, Pagers and Other Electronic Devices

Students may not use electronic devices while at school, except as permitted in this handbook. Students may use electronic devices on the school sidewalks and in the common areas of the school before and after school, so long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. Students may not have electronic devices while they are in locker rooms, classrooms or restrooms or anywhere there is an expectation of privacy. During school hours students must keep their electronic devices in lockers, backpacks or a personal vehicle. Students may not use electronic devices while riding in a school vehicle unless they have permission to do so from the vehicle's driver.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their electronic devices. The school district is not responsible for theft, loss or damage of any device or any calls made on a cell phone. By bringing personal electronic devices to school, students consent to having that phone searched by school officials when they have reasonable suspicion that such a search will reveal a violation of school rules.

Students who violate this policy will have their electronic devices confiscated immediately. The administration will return confiscated devices to the offending student's parent or guardian after meeting with the parent or guardian to discuss the violation. Students who violate this policy may, at the discretion of the school's administration, be subject to additional discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Ceremonies and Holiday Observances:

The school district will continue school ceremonies and observances which have become a tradition and a custom of the education program. These include, but are not limited to, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and observance of holidays, such as Christmas, Halloween and Easter, by programs and performances. Such ceremonies or observances shall have a secular purpose and shall not advocate or sponsor a particular religion.

Students who do not wish to participate in these activities may be silent during the ceremony or observance or receive permission from the principal to be excused from the ceremony for religious reasons in compliance with board policy.

September 17 shall be designated as Constitution Day. The district shall hold an educational program(s) for all students on the United States Constitution each September 17th. When September 17th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week.

Character Counts Program and the Six Pillars of Character:

Bennet Elementary School was selected as one of three schools in Lancaster County to receive and implement the Character Counts Program through a grant from the County Extension Office and the Lancaster County School to Work Agency in 1997. We continue to use the program as an integral component of our student expectations and behaviors.

What is Character Counts? Character Counts is a nonpartisan alliance of over 100 nonprofit organizations dedicated to fortifying the character of America's youth with Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Character Counts is a curriculum designed to: emphasize the need for character, teacher the six pillars of character, encourage accountability, enhance ethical decision-making, create an atmosphere that encourages good character, and support character development activities. The mission of Character Counts is to increase public awareness of the need for character education, and prepare our youth to be positive contributors to society.

Our goal is to have the six pillars of character become an integral part of our school climate and an expected standard for student behaviors.

The Six Pillars of Character:

Trustworthiness

- Be Honest
- Don't deceive, cheat or steal
- Be reliable-do what you say you'll do
- Have the courage to do the right thing
- Build a good reputation
- Be loyal-Stand by your family, friends and country

Respect

- Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule
- Be tolerant of differences
- Use good manners, not bad language
- Be considerate of the feelings of others
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

Responsibility

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Persevere; keep on trying
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act-consider the consequences

Fairness

- Play by the rules
- Take turns and share
- Be open-minded; listen to others
- Don't take advantage of others
- Don't blame others carelessly

Caring

- Be kind
- Be compassionate and show you care
- Express gratitude
- Forgive others
- Help people in need

Citizenship

- Do your share to make your school and community better

Cooperate
Stay informed
Be a good neighbor
Obey the laws and rules
Respect authority
Protect the environment

Child Abuse/Neglect:

Staff members of District OR1 Schools are required by law to report any suspected or known cases of child abuse or neglect to the proper authorities.

Closed Campus:

Once students have arrived at school, they are to remain on the school grounds until the close of the school day or be considered truant and dealt with accordingly. Students may only be excused through the office to a parent/guardian or someone else designated by the parent/guardian.

Clothing & Supplies:

Make sure that clothing articles are clearly marked with student's names. To maintain the gym floor we ask that each student have a pair of tennis shoes for indoor use. Indoor shoes are stored in the rooms/cubbies. These should be marked in some manner so the shoes can be returned to the student in the event they are lost.

Most teachers provide a list of items which would be helpful for students to have. In general, it would be helpful for students to have some type of notebook to maintain papers. In the upper grades, pens, pencils and colored markers are also appropriate. Book bags have seemed to become a popular item among students. These are not required, however, they do make transporting of papers, books, etc. to and from school much easier. Again, any item which the child brings to school should be permanently marked to identify the owner.

Computer Network, Internet and Other Computer Use Rules:

Network, E-Mail, Internet and Other Computer Use Rules:

Unacceptable Uses.

The following are unacceptable uses of the technology resources:

- a. Personal Gain: Technology resources shall not be used, and no person shall authorize its use, for personal financial gain other than in accordance with prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures, other than compensation provided by law.
- b. Personal Matters: Technology resources shall not be used, and no person shall authorize its use, for personal matters unless the User has entered into a lease agreement or other similar agreement with the School District that makes such use permissible under law.
- c. Occasional use that the Superintendent or designee determines to ultimately facilitate the mission of the District is not prohibited by this provision. Examples of occasional use that may be determined to ultimately facilitate the mission of the District: sending an e-mail to a minor child or spouse; sending an e-mail related to a community group in which an employee is a member where the membership in the community group facilitates the District's mission.

- d. This occasional use exception does not permit use by employees contrary to the expectations of their position. For example, employees may not play games or surf the net for purposes not directly related to their job during duty time; nor may students do so during instructional time.

The occasional use exception also does not permit use of the technology resources for private business, such as searching for or ordering items on the internet for non-school use; or sending an e-mail related to one's own private consulting business.

- a. Campaigning: Technology resources shall not be used, and no person shall authorize its use, for the purpose of campaigning for or against the nomination or election of a candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question.
- b. Technology-Related Limitations: Technology resources shall not be used in any manner which impairs its effective operations or the rights of other technology users. Without limitation:
 1. Users shall not use another person's name, log-on, password, or files for any reason, or allow another to use their password (except for authorized staff members).
 2. Users shall not erase, remake, or make unusable another person's computer, information, files, programs or disks.
 3. Users shall not access resources not specifically granted to the user or engage in electronic trespassing.
 4. Users shall not engage in "hacking" to gain unauthorized access to the operating system software or unauthorized access to the system of other users.
 5. Users shall not copy, change, or transfer any software without permission from the network administrators.
 6. Users shall not write, produce, generate, copy, propagate, or attempt to introduce any computer code designed to self-replicate, damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of any computer's memory, file system, or software. Such software is often called a bug, virus, worm, Trojan horse, or similar name.
 7. Users shall not engage in any form of vandalism of the technology resources.
 8. Users shall follow the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. The Superintendent or designees may further define such rules.
- c. Other Policies and Laws: Technology resources shall not be used for any purpose contrary to any District policy, any school rules to which a student user is subject, or any applicable law. Without limitation, this means that technology resources may not be used:
 1. to access any material contrary to the Internet Safety Policy; or to create or generate any such material.
 2. to engage in unlawful harassment or discrimination, such as sending e-mails that contain sexual jokes or images.
 3. to engage in violations of employee ethical standards and employee standards of performance, such as sending e-mails that are threatening or offensive or which contain abusive language; use of end messages on e-mails that may imply that the District is supportive of a particular religion

or religious belief system, a political candidate or issue, or a controversial issue; or sending e-mails that divulge protected confidential student information to unauthorized persons.

4. to engage in or promote violations of student conduct rules.
5. to engage in illegal activity, such as gambling.
6. in a manner contrary to copyright laws.
7. in a manner contrary to software licenses.

General Rules:

The network is provided to staff and students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to staff and students who have agreed to act in a responsible manner. Access for all staff and students is a privilege and not a right.

- (i) Individual users of the district network are responsible for their behavior, actions, problems, and communications involving and over the network. Users will comply with district rules and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond clarification of such rules, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, editing, or controlling the information, equipment or communications of individuals utilizing the network or the end product or result of such utilization.
- (ii) Network storage areas shall be treated like school lockers for students. Network administrators may review files, information, equipment, messages and communications of staff and students to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the network system responsibly. Users should not expect that files or any information stored or otherwise used or retained on the network, district servers, or in computers, will be private. No reasonable expectation of privacy shall exist in relation to network use.
- (iii) Users should not expect, and the district does not warrant, any information or products obtained from the network, that files or information stored, obtained or used on the network will be private, and use of the network waives and relinquishes all such privacy rights, interests or claims to confidentiality the user may have under state or federal law.
- (iv) The district will not be liable for, and does not warrant in any way, purchases made by any user over the network. Users shall not make purchases of goods and/or services via the district's network.

Policy and Rules for Acceptable Use of Computers and the Network: The following policy and rules for acceptable use of computers and the network, including Internet, shall apply to all district administrators, faculty, staff and students. The term "Users", as contained herein, shall apply to all such individuals. The Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, is hereby delegated all authority and is the ultimate person in charge of the district network and technology resources or equipment, and the same shall also be under the direct supervision of the site or building administrator where located, sometimes herein called "network administrators."

- (v) Users shall not erase, remake, or make unusable anyone else's computer, information, files, programs or disks. In addition to any other disciplinary action or legal action that may occur, any user violating this rule shall be liable for any and all damages to the computer, information, files, programs or disks.
- (vi) Users shall not let other persons use their name, account, log-on password, or files for any reason (except for authorized staff members).
- (vii) Users shall not use or try to discover another user's account or password.

- (viii) Users shall not use the computers or network for non-instructional or non-administrative purposes (e.g., games or activities for personal profit).
- (ix) Users shall not use the computer for unlawful purposes, such as illegal copying or installation of unauthorized software.
- (x) Users shall not copy, change, or transfer any software or documentation provided by teachers, or other students without permission from the network administrators.
- (xi) Users shall not write, produce, generate, copy, propagate, or attempt to introduce any computer code, software or information designed to self-replicate, damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of the network or any computer's memory, file system, or software. Such software is often called a bug, virus, worm, Trojan horse, or similar name.
- (xii) Users shall not use the computer to annoy, harass, or bully others with language, images, or threats. Users shall not access, accept, create or send any obscene, vulgar, lewd, tasteless, or objectionable messages, information, language, or images.
- (xiii) Users shall not damage the network or equipment, damage information belonging to others, misuse network resources, or allow others to misuse network resources. In addition to any other disciplinary action or legal action that may occur, any user violating this or any other rule shall be liable for any and all damages to the computer, network, information, files, programs or disks.
- (xiv) Users shall not tamper with computers, networks, printers, or other associated equipment except as directed by the teacher or network administrator.
- (xv) Users shall not take technology equipment (hardware or software) from the school grounds or remove such from computer work areas without permission of the network or building administrator.

Etiquette and Rules for Use of Computers and the Network: All users of computers and the network are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Informal rules of behavior have evolved for the use of and communication on the network, Internet and other on-line services. Breaches can result in harsh criticism by others. These rules of behavior include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Be polite. Do not become abusive in your messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language, message, information or images.
- Do not reveal your personal account, address or phone numbers, or that of other students or colleagues.
- Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is specifically not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. Messages which violate the rules will result in disciplinary action.
- All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property of others.
- Do not place unlawful information on any network system.
- Keep paragraphs and messages short and to the point. Focus on one subject per message.

- Include your signature at the bottom of e-mail messages. Your signature footer should include your name, position, affiliation, and network or Internet address.
- Other rules may be established by the network administrators or teachers from time to time

Penalties for Violation of Rules: All of the policies, rules, and procedures for acceptable use of computers and the network are intended to make the computers and the network more reliable for users. They are also intended to minimize the burden of administering the networks so that more time can be spent on education and enhancing services. Use of the computer and access to telecommunications resources is a privilege and not a right. Violation of the policies, rules, and procedures concerning the use of computers and the network may result in disciplinary action up to, and including, loss of access, suspension and/or expulsion of students from school and loss of access, suspension, termination, non-renewal or cancellation of the contract of administrators, teachers, or other school employees.

Staff, Student and Parent Agreements: Students and parents may be required to sign a computer and network use agreement as a condition of the student being permitted to use such equipment.

Damage and Loss of School Property:

Students are responsible for the proper care of all books, equipment, supplies and furniture supplied by the school.

Students who disfigure property, break windows or do other damage to school property or equipment will be required to pay for the damage done, replace the item or make some other appropriate form of restitution.

School-issued items that are stolen or damaged are the responsibility of the student to whom they were issued. Students may be charged replacement or repair costs for lost or damaged books. Students must pay all fines before they can receive school publications and final grades.

Dating Violence Prevention:

The board prohibits behavior that has a negative impact on student health, welfare, safety, and the school's learning environment. Incidents of dating violence will not be tolerated on school grounds, in district vehicles, or at school sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events.

Dating violence is defined as a pattern of behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to control his or her dating partner. Dating partner means any person, regardless of gender, involved in an intimate relationship with another person primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement whether casual, serious or long-term.

The district will provide appropriate training to staff and incorporate within its educational program age-appropriate dating violence education that shall include, but not be limited to, defining dating violence, recognizing dating violence warning signs, and identifying characteristics of healthy dating relationships.

See Appendix A for policy.

Discipline Policy & School Rules:

Corporal punishment of students is prohibited by the Board of Education. However, this policy does not prohibit protective activities whereby District OR1 School personnel act to protect self, others or property of or on District OR1 School premises.

District OR 1 Bennet Elementary School students are protected against arbitrary punishment under the Constitution of the United States and Nebraska State law. All disciplinary actions at District OR 1 will be in accordance with Nebraska Law. In no case will a student be denied the procedural due process guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

While individual teachers maintain specific rules pertaining to their classrooms, these rules fall under **four** general school-wide rules for providing a learning environment. Those rules are as follows:

- 1. Be Respectful.**
- 2. Be Responsible.**
- 3. Be Safe.**
- 4. Be an Active Learner.**

District OR 1 Bennet Elementary has created a Behavior Matrix that lists specific expectations for behaviors throughout the school day. We believe that children need to learn in a caring and safe environment that is free from distraction and disruption. This environment is the right of every child and maintaining this environment is the responsibility of every child and staff member. We also believe that children are accountable for the results of their decisions and actions. One of our jobs as parents and school staff members is to help children to make good decisions and to respect the rights of others. These beliefs are the basis of our school-wide discipline plan – a plan which will help to enhance Bennet Elementary’s positive learning environment.

Consistency is a key element in this discipline plan. Children must know the rules, expectations and consequences and know they are consistent school-wide.

When one of the school or classroom rules is broken, the child’s name will be recorded/moved. At a time when the learning atmosphere is not interrupted, the teacher and the child will discuss privately the incident. During this time, teachers may use their discretion about loss of privileges in the classroom. Upon receiving the third teacher interaction/consequence, the child will go to the principal’s office with a form from the teacher in order to conference with the principal. The principal will have the child tell about the incidents leading to the visit, record the date of the visit for future reference and a phone call or note home.

Subsequent visits to the principal will yield the same steps as the third visit with additional visits including additional in-school suspension time. After this point in the plan, extenuating circumstances may require additional measures and each case will be considered on an individual basis. It should be noted that fighting, use of inappropriate language, insubordination and willfully endangering another person will result in an immediate visit to the principal and a phone call to the parents.

This plan is in compliance with District OR1 Board of Education policy and Nebraska State Statutes.

Other possible consequences for violation of our school rules and bus rules may also include but not be limited to:

Detention – A period of time before or after school for which a student must report as a result of infractions of the Bennet Elementary School rules. Detention may be assigned by any teacher within Bennet Elementary School and will be served with the assigning teacher at a time determined by the

teacher or with the principal at a time determined by the principal. Before assigning a time for detention, parents will be notified by phone, a note, or in person, of the pending detention. Detention after school will last until 4:00 p.m. but, may be longer, at the discretion of the principal, if deemed appropriate.

Loss of Recess – Students may lose recess privileges for a period of time. They may report to their teacher or the principal’s office.

Conference – A formal conference is held between the student and one or more school officials. The conference will be recorded in the administrative log.

Parental involvement – Parent(s) or guardian(s) are notified by telephone, personal contact, letter or certified letter. A conference may be conducted between the student, parent(s), or legal guardian(s), appropriate school personnel, and any other individuals concerned. This conference will be recorded in the administrative log.

Emergency Exclusion – Exclusion of a student from attendance, if the student has a dangerous disease or the student’s conduct presents a threat to the physical safety of the school community, until the circumstances justifying the exclusion have been resolved.

School/Community Service – Work required of the student at the school or within the community. This work is for the benefit of the school/community and a service provided by the students as a result of disciplinary action. School/Community Service may be assigned in conjunction with detention or In-School Suspension.

In-School Suspension – Assigned for infractions of the Bennet Elementary School rules, students will be isolated in a designated school area for a time not to exceed five (5) school days. While on In-School Suspension, students will not be counted absent and will be required to complete all classroom assignments. Students will be ineligible for all school activities during this time.

Short-Term Suspension – The exclusion of a student from Bennet Elementary School attendance and participation in all school activities for a period not to exceed (5) school days. During an out-of-school suspension, the student may receive zeros for all classes missed.

See Appendix A.

Procedures for Short Term Suspension and Long Term Suspension or Expulsion:

See page 66 in Appendix.

Alternative Programs for Expelled Students:

An alternative school, class, or educational program (herein after referred to as an alternative program) shall be made available to all expelled students as and to the extent required by law. The Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee shall make known to expelled students what alternative programs are available during the expulsion period. Such information shall be made known to the expelled student on or before the date the expulsion becomes effective. An expulsion becomes effective, as to a student who has been given a written notice of a recommendation to expel, on the earliest of the following dates: (1) If the student, parent, or guardian has not requested a hearing, the sixth school day following receipt of the notice with recommendation to expel, (2) If the student has requested a hearing, the date the student, parent, or guardian, receives notice of the determination of the Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee to expel the student, or (3) Such other date as shall be mutually agreed by the student, parent, or guardian and the administration.

The approved alternative programs are: (1) community based programs, (2) home based

programs, (3) specialized tutorial experiences, and (4) distance learning. The Board of Education may, from time to time, approve other alternative programs and may approve specific programs and enter into contracts for the provision of such specific alternative programs. To the extent that the alternative programs are to be provided on-site, the individuals responsible for providing such on-site alternative programs shall hold a valid Nebraska Teaching or Administrative Certificate. The extent that the alternative program is to be community based or off-site, such alternative programs shall be planned in cooperation with and monitored or supervised by a school district staff member who holds a Nebraska Teacher or Administrative Certificate. Alternative programs may be conducted at times other than the regular school day.

The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall determine which alternative programs shall be made available to each specific expelled student, based on a consideration of the interests of the school district and the student's educational and behavioral objectives and needs as determined in the discretion of the Superintendents or the Superintendent's designee. If a parent or guardian refuses to participate or have their expelled child participate in the alternative programs made available, the district shall have no further obligation with regard to the provision of an alternative program. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall have establish a specific date or time within which the parent or guardian shall be required to state in writing an agreement to participate in the alternative program. As a condition of participation in alternative programs which involve the payment of tuition or other similar expenses, the student, parent, or guardian may be required as a condition of such alternative programs being available, to agree in writing to pay the tuition or other similar costs for such program.

The standards of student behavior or cooperation required of students in the regular programs of this district shall also be required of expelled students, throughout the entire time period of the alternative program. Additional standards may be established in each specific program and for each specific expelled student. If the expelled student fails to meet the required standards of student behavior or cooperation, the student may be further disciplined by the disciplinary punishment up to and including expulsion for an additional period of time beyond that being served by the expelled student. Further, if the expelled student fails to meet any of the conditions of the learning program, the district may by action of the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee, terminate the alternative program for the expelled student. A due process hearing substantially in compliance with the statutory provisions for suspension and expulsion of students shall be made available unless waived by the parent or legal guardian.

Upon pre-approval by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee, academic credit towards graduation or advancement in grade level shall be available to students participating in alternative programs for expelled students. The academic credits to be awarded may be equal to one-half of the academic credits a student would earn for completion of a similar educational program as determined in the discretion of the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. Such academic credits shall not be earned unless the expelled student has successfully completed the conditions of the alternative program as determined by the teacher and the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. The superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall determine whether or to what extent such academic credits should be assigned to subject area or other specific graduation or advancement requirements. The achievement (i.e. grades) assigned for such academic credits shall not be available to the advantage of the expelled student for honor roll, class rank, or other academic honors or recognition.

Hearing Procedures:

See appendix A page 77.

Procedures For Emergency Exclusion:

A student may be excluded from the District OR1 Schools in the following circumstances by the principal, superintendent of schools or other persons as may be from time-to-time authorized by the superintendent of schools:

1. If the student has a dangerous communicable disease transmittable through normal school contacts that poses an imminent threat to the health or safety of the school community.
2. If the student's conduct presents a clear threat to the physical safety of himself, herself or others or is so extremely disruptive as to make the student's temporary removal necessary to preserve the rights of other students to pursue an education.

Such exclusion will be subject to the procedural provisions of short-term suspension, provided that, if the superintendent of schools or his designee determines that such exclusion will extend beyond five school days, the procedures set forth for long-term suspension or expulsion will be followed, and a final determination will be made by the hearing officer within ten school days after the initial date of exclusion.

An emergency exclusion will be based upon a clear factual situation warranting it, and will last no longer than necessary to avoid the dangers described in (1) and (2) above.

Notices Required:

All notices and recommendations required to be sent to a student or the student's parents or guardians under the Bennet Elementary School guidelines will be considered effectively given if personally delivered to or sent by certified or registered mail to the student or the student's parents or guardian; or when the student or his or her parent or guardian have actual knowledge of the information contained in the notice

If the situation warrants, these consequences may be invoked immediately, regardless of previous steps in the discipline policy.

Dress Code:

No article of dress will be worn which depicts profanity or suggestive inscriptions. Clothing may not advertise any form of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or anything pertaining to them. Also, any attire which has wording or pictures which are vulgar or sexual in interpretation will not be permitted in school or at school activities. See through clothing is unacceptable. Hats, caps, other headgear or sunglasses will not be worn in the building during the school day unless a special dress-up day is proclaimed. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times. Basically, any article of dress which causes a distraction in the school environment will not be allowed.

During warm weather, students are allowed to wear shorts of a reasonable length. Please make sure, however, that students are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. We do have recess outside whenever possible. If a student is not dressed appropriately for the weather, they may be required to spend recess in the office. This is not a punishment. We are simply concerned with your child's well-being.

Generally, attire and grooming are left to the good judgment of students and parents/guardians. However, in the event that a student's attire is deemed unacceptable due to inappropriate or suggestive depictions:

1. The student may be asked to turn the garment inside out and not to wear it again, or be requested to

wear clothing provided by the school office.

2.If the garment is worn for a second time, the parents will be notified and asked to bring other clothing to school for the child to change into.

3.Any other action deemed appropriate by the principal may be taken.

The principal reserves the right and has the responsibility to decide if a person's style of dress or appearance is in violation of these guidelines or if it is causing a distraction.

Drills – Fire & Tornado:

We are required by law to have at least ten fire drills each year. Teachers visit with students about the importance of these drills and proper procedures. In the event of a fire or fire drill, signal horns will sound. Students will use the following exits:

- Preschool/Music/Art: Use classroom exit or east exit
- KDG Classrooms: Use west exit.
- Mrs. Hall: Use south exit from the room.
- Mrs. Dowding: Use south exit from first grade or main front exit.
- Second Grade Rooms: Use west exit in south hall.
- Third Grade Rooms: Use west exit in north hall.
- Computer Lab: Use main east exit or exit off of classroom.
- Speech Room and Media Center: Use main east exit.
- Fourth Grade Rooms: Use west exit in north hall or exit in 5Ma.
- Fifth Grade Rooms: 5Ma-Use north exit in classroom.
5M-Use north exit.
- Sixth Grade and Resource Rooms: Use north exit in east hall.
- Life Skills/REC Activity Room: Use north exit in east hall.
- Office, Title I and Lunchroom: Use main front exit.
- Gymnasium: Use south gym exit.

Students and staff members exiting the south exits and southwest hallway are to go around the south side of the building and to the parking lot south of school. Students going out the north side of the building and the northwest hallway exit are to go around the north side of the building and proceed east to the tennis courts. Students and teachers in kindergarten through second grades are to assemble in the parking *lot* south of school. Students and teachers in third through sixth grades are to assemble on the tennis courts. These will be the designated areas for each grade. If a student is separated from his/her class, he/she should leave the building using the nearest exit and meet his/her class in the designated area. It is important that students walk calmly and quietly in a single file line and that the last student out of the exit closes the door behind them.

Tornado Procedures. We are also required to have at two tornado drills per year. The importance of these is also stressed to the students. In the event of a tornado drill or a tornado warning, classes will proceed to the following areas: Art and Music Room.

- KDG: Mrs. Wusk's Classroom
- 1st--3rd Grade: Art Room
- 4th--6th Grade: Music Room
- Specials Classes: Music Room

If there is a ***tornado watch*** in effect for our area, teachers and other staff members will be notified. No action needs to be taken at that time, but classes should be ready to move to the assigned areas if the watch is upgraded to a warning. In the event of a ***tornado warning*** or a ***tornado drill***, class bells will sound intermittently. All students should come in from outside and go to the assigned areas immediately. Once there, they must remain quiet and listen for further instructions from staff members. Flashlights are available in all areas in case of power failure. When in the assigned areas, the students should be seated on the floor in a crouched position and protect the backs of their necks and heads. They should remain in this position until the all clear is given.

What Not To Do. Parents should not attempt to come to school during a tornado warning. **School officials are not permitted to release students from the school building during a tornado warning.** Tornado safety procedures are practiced regularly by students and staff members. Also, parents are urged not to call radio and television stations and school buildings during severe weather. Every effort will be made to provide accurate and timely information through the media.

Emergency Conditions Bennet Elementary School has a signal which, when activated, includes the necessity to either evacuate the building or to move to safer areas of the building. All regular drills are held as required by law through the school year. There are plans for Emergency Exit system, Tornado Warning System, and Critical Incident Response.

Dual Enrollment:

The parent, guardian, or custodian of a student receiving instruction at a private, denominational or parochial school, or a school choosing not to meet accreditation or approval requirements may also enroll the student in the school district. The student shall be considered under dual enrollment. The parent, guardian, or custodian requesting dual enrollment for the student should notify the superintendent on a form provided by the school district. On the form, they shall indicate the academic courses and extracurricular activities in which the student is interested in participating.

A dual enrollment student is eligible to participate in the school district's academic and extracurricular activities in the same manner as other students enrolled in the school district to the extent allowed within NSAA regulations. The policies and administrative rules of the school district shall apply to the dual enrollment students in the same manner as the other students enrolled the school district. These policies and administrative rules shall include, but not be limited to, athletic eligibility requirements, rules governing student conduct, academic eligibility requirements, and payment of the fees required for participation.

Field/Activity Trips:

If the economy permits, field trips are taken from time-to-time. The purpose of these field trips is to broaden the student's educational experiences. Parents will be asked to sign a permission slip before a student can attend. Occasionally students may be asked to bring money to pay admission to an attraction. These are usually nominal amounts. Students who become discipline problems on a field trip may not be allowed to attend future field trips. Sometimes, field trips within the communities are planned. If you have ideas for field trips which pertain to the students learning, please contact your child's teacher.

Students involved in any activity away from District OR1 (athletic contests, field trips, music events, etc.) are required to ride to and from the activity on school-provided transportation when offered. These requirements may be waived, however, under various and extreme circumstances. This may be

accomplished by requesting and completing a form available in the principal's offices. This form must then be given to the appropriate principal at least 24 hours prior to the departure time for the event. The principal will make the final determination of the request based upon the reasons given and what is in the best interest of the individual, sponsor, group and school. Approved requests will then be forwarded to the appropriate activity sponsor.

Parents, guardians or their designee must be present when the student is released from the sponsor or when the student meets the group. If the person is unknown to the sponsor, identification must be shown and the appropriate form signed to pick up the student.

Forms:

A number of forms are required by the school. Some are required by state law, others are primarily for the purpose of updating our files. In some instances, these forms are required before registration. Please see that the following forms are returned and in your child's file by the end of the first week of school:

Registration Form – New students and kindergartners only or changes must be noted for previously registered students.

Immunization Form – New students, kindergartners and updates for previously registered students (required before your child may enter school).

Birth Certificate – Upon initial entry into our school, must have the raised state seal.

Emergency Card – One must be completed for each student and returned to school.

Physical Form – Students entering kindergarten or moving to our school from a different state.

Computer Update Form – This form is used to help us maintain accurate mailing and other pertinent information.

Grades / Reporting to Parents / Power Grade:

Report cards are sent home four times per year. Parent-Teacher Conferences are held twice per year. We believe that communication is extremely important. Conferences are a time for parents and teachers to ask questions and receive information which will help the students progress at school and at home. There is a limited amount of time for conferences. We ask that you stay within the time allotted to you. If you have not finished with your conference, please arrange another time with the teacher so the schedule can be maintained and others do not have to wait. It is a good idea to bring a list of questions you might have to the conference. Ask your child if there is anything which needs to be discussed.

If, during the course of the school year, you have questions, please do not feel you have to wait until conference time to ask. Please call your child's teacher. Many times, a problem can be rectified if everyone is aware of it at its earliest stages. Following is the grading scale used at Bennet Elementary.

94-100.....	A
86-93.....	B
78-85.....	C
70-77.....	D
0-69.....	F
Incomplete.....	I

If an incomplete is not made up within ten (10) school days after the grade has been issued, it becomes an F. The time limit may be waived or extended with the consent of the principal and the teacher involved for such circumstances as serious illness or a death in the family.

Power Grade Parent Access:

Parents and Guardians of students in grades K- 6 have online access to student grades through Power School. If you would like to sign up for access to your student's grades, please contact the school office.

Head Lice:

Head lice are considered to be a nuisance disease and are not a major public health concern. However, in order to keep infestations to a minimum, adequate screening and treatment measures must be followed. Periodic screening will take place during the school year. The purpose of screening is to identify untreated cases as soon as possible to prevent potential spread of the disease. When an individual case is identified during the course of the school year, the entire classroom or grade of students will be screened. If parents identify head lice in their children they should notify the school immediately so screening measures can be enacted.

The following procedure will be followed when a student is identified with Head lice at school.

- i. When a student is found to have head lice, he or she shall be excluded from school for treatment. The parent/guardian shall be notified to pick up the student. The student may return to class when the parent/guardian confirms that a treatment method has been utilized and the child has no visible live lice.
- ii. The parents/guardians will be given complete and appropriate information on the subject of treatment for head lice. This information will include components on use of an appropriate chemical treatment shampoo, emphasis on nit removal, and guidelines on environmental factors in the house in regards to louse control.
- iii. Upon return to the school, the student will report to the school office for a head check. The student will not be allowed to return to class until no live lice are found. During the first occasion of infestation a student will be allowed to return to class with nits. The child will be rechecked in 7-10 days for emergence of hatching or live lice, which if found will result in exclusion and treatment be repeated.
- iv. Treatment and return to school should take place within 2 days. If the student has not returned to school within 2 days, the school will make a telephone contact with the parent to inquire about the progress of treatment and encourage that the child return to school as soon as possible.

Once again, these measures and actions are followed to minimize and control the spread of lice within the school. If you have any questions about these measures or how to treat head lice please feel free to contact the school.

Immunizations:

Immunizations against the following diseases are required for every child. A summary of school immunization rules and regulations is listed in the chart below.

Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations For 2020-2021 School Year

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	<p>4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine</p> <p>3 doses of Polio vaccine</p> <p>3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age</p> <p>3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine</p> <p>1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age</p> <p>1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted.</p> <p>4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age</p>
Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1 st Grade depending on the school district's entering grade)	<p>3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday</p> <p>3 doses of Polio vaccine</p> <p>3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age</p> <p>2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month</p> <p>2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.</p>
Students entering 7 th grade	<p>Must be current with the above vaccinations AND receive 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster)</p>
Students transferring from outside the state at any grade	Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered.

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t173.htm> (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2011)

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Students must show proof of immunization upon enrollment in school. **Any student who does not comply with the immunization requirements will not be permitted to continue in school. Students with medical conditions or sincerely held religious beliefs which do not allow immunizations may complete a waiver statement which is available in school health offices.**

Students with a signed waiver statement may be excluded from school in the event of a disease outbreak.

Illness & Injury at School:

Generally, when a student becomes sick at school, they are sent to the office. Conditions requiring a student be sent home include: Temperature greater than 100°F., vomiting, diarrhea, unexplained rashes, live head lice, or on determination by the school nurse that the child’s condition prevents meaningful participation in the educational program, presents a health risk to the child or others, or that medical consultation is warranted unless the condition resolves.

Please include emergency daytime phone numbers on your child’s enrollment card so that you can be reached if your child becomes ill or injured while at school. Please also inform your school health office staff of health related information you feel is important for your student’s success in the classroom and/or safety at school.

If a student is injured, all we can do at school is to clean and bandage scrapes or apply ice packs to bruises and sprains. If the injury requires further medical attention, we will make every effort to contact you or someone on your emergency list.

Please do not send your child to school if they appear to be or are sick. Also, we request that you not send your child to school for 24 hours after they have had a fever. If they return to school too soon, they may still be contagious or could get sicker because their defenses are down.

Kindergarten Enrollment:

Beginning in the 2013-14 school year, the beginning date for enrollment into kindergarten changed from October 15 to July 31 of the school year in which the child seeks admission. Any child who attains the age of 5 on or before July 31 will be admitted to school. A child may be admitted who will reach the age of five on or after August 1 and on or before October 15 of such school year if the parent or guardian requests such entrance and provides an affidavit stating that (I) the child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year, (ii) the family anticipates relocation to another jurisdiction that would allow admission within the current school year, or (iii) the child has demonstrated through a recognized assessment procedure approved by the board that he or she is capable of carrying out the work of kindergarten. If you have a child that falls in the late enrollment window for kindergarten please contact the elementary school office.

Lost & Found:

If an item is found which does not belong to you, it can be placed on the shelves in the main entry or brought to the office. We will try to help locate items but cannot be responsible for items which students or others lose.

Lunch/Milk/Breakfast:

Lunch Milk and Breakfast prices are as follows:

Elementary Student Hot Lunch.....	\$2.70
Adult Lunch.....	\$3.85
Recess/Cold Lunch Milk.....	\$.35
Elementary Student Breakfast.....	\$2.05
Adult Breakfast.....	\$2.50

District OR1 participates in the federally funded free/reduced hot lunch/breakfast program. If you feel your income and family size qualifies you for free or reduced lunches, please contact the school so the necessary form may be completed. If your financial situation changes significantly, please notify us as

well.

Payment of Lunch/Breakfast Accounts

Our lunch accounting system is set up so that each family has a single-family account. Parents will be expected to send money to be deposited in this account similar to a bank account. Their child/children in both the elementary school and the Jr.-Sr. High School will be able to spend that money for lunches or ala carte items. Expenditures will be deducted from the balance of the family account. The accounting system records when kids eat and how much was spent. When the account gets low the school will notify parents so that they can maintain a balance in their family account. **Should the family account be exhausted, students will be expected to pay for their lunches prior to consumption.**

Meals must always be provided to pre-primary and young primary (K-3) students or for any handicapped students who may be unable to take full responsibility for a meal ticket.

Weekly-Biweekly-Monthly Prices For Lunch, Milk, and Breakfast

5 Lunches.....	\$13.50
10 Lunches.....	\$27.00
20 Lunches.....	\$54.00
5 Cartons of Milk.....	\$1.75
10 Cartons of Milk.....	\$3.50
20 Cartons of Milk.....	\$7.00
5 Breakfasts.....	\$10.25
10 Breakfasts.....	\$20.50
20 Breakfasts.....	\$41.00

Breakfast Schedule

In order to serve more students in an efficient manner, we will continue to serve students from elementary and high school at both buildings. Breakfast will start at 7:30 a.m. at Palmyra High School and 7:45 for Bennet Students. Bennet country bus students will be able to start eating breakfast at 7:30 in Bennet. High school and junior high students will be served first, so they may eat and get on the bus. Elementary students from the Bennet country buses will be served after the high school students. Bennet Elementary town students will be served from 8:00 – 8:15. Palmyra Town students and country students may start eating breakfast in Palmyra at 7:30. **Palmyra town students must eat in Palmyra and be finished in time for the shuttle bus to Bennet at 8:05.** Elementary students from Douglas and Palmyra country bus students will eat at Bennet when they get off of the shuttle at 8:25. The following schedule has been set up to accommodate students that wish to take part in the breakfast program.

Bennet School

- 7:30 – 7:50 Bennet Rural Bus Student’s Junior High and High School students will be served first
- 7:45 – 8:00 Bennet Rural Bus Students. Elementary students
- 8:00 – 8:15 Bennet Students that wish to eat breakfast.
- 8:25 – 8:35 Palmyra and Douglas Country Bus students

Palmyra School

- 7:30 – 8:00 Palmyra town Students. Elementary Shuttle Bus Students and High School Students.

Bennet town students that do not wish to eat breakfast are requested not to arrive at school until 8:20 a.m. Bennet rural bus students will report to early bus duty in the gym or on the playground following breakfast. Bennet town students will report to their classrooms at 8:20 following breakfast. Palmyra shuttle bus students that eat will report to their classrooms as soon as they are done eating breakfast. Those shuttle bus students not eating breakfast will report to their classrooms on arrival at school.

Lunch Schedule

Lunch schedules are as follows:

Kindergarten -	11:20-11:40
First Grade -	11:30-11:50
Second Grade -	11:50-12:10
Third Grade -	11:40-12:00
Fourth Grade -	12:00-12:20
Fifth Grade -	12:10-12:30
Sixth Grade -	12:25-12:45

Patrons and parents are always welcome to attend lunch. Please call before 9:00 a.m. or send a note with your child when you plan to attend lunch with your child. This helps us to prepare additional food, if necessary.

Make-Up Work:

For excused absences, two school days will be allowed to make up the work for each day missed with a maximum of ten (10) days allowed to make up work. If requested, assignment sheets will be prepared for students who are ill. If parents and/or students request assignment sheets the school should be contacted by no later than 11:00 a.m.

Written make-up work may be assigned for each day missed regardless of the type of absence. If make-up work is not completed, students **may** receive no credit for the work required. The student has the responsibility to contact teachers, initially, regarding make-up assignments.

Medications:

According to Nebraska law schools must have written permission from parents/guardians to administer any type of medication to students. Medication is defined as any over-the-counter or prescription drug to treat medical conditions. This includes, but is not limited to, aspirin, cough drops, antibiotics and the like. Medicine must be in its original container and must be accompanied by a completed medication permission form, saying how much to take, when to take it, the name of the medication, how long the student will be taking the medication and the date. Permission forms are in the back of this handbook. Additional forms are available at the school office. Prescription medications and Long-term medications that will require administration on a regular basis must also have a Physicians authorization from completed and on file at the school office. These forms are available in the school office. If the child is taking a prescription drug, ask your pharmacist for an additional empty bottle with the prescription label on it as well. Send only the amount of medicine the child will need at school. This eliminates the child carrying the medication to and from school each day.

A written record of the administration of medication procedure must be kept for each child receiving any medication including the date; student's name; prescriber or person authorizing the administration; the medication and its dosage; the name, signature and title of the person administering the medication; and

the time and method of administration and any unusual circumstances, actions or omissions. Administration of medication records shall be kept confidential.

Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol:

District OR 1 Bennet Elementary has adopted the following Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol as required by state law. The protocol is a response that trained school officials will carry out in the case of a severe asthma or allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) by a student in school. Parents wishing to have their children exempted from receiving this protocol may sign a waiver by contacting the school office (782-3535).

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO LIFE-THREATENING ASTHMA OR SYSTEMIC ALLERGIC REACTIONS (ANAPHYLAXIS) DEFINITION:

Life-threatening asthma consists of an *acute episode of worsening airflow obstruction. Immediate action and monitoring are necessary.*

A systemic allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) is a severe response resulting in cardiovascular collapse (shock) after the injection of an antigen (e.g. bee or other insect sting), ingestion of a food or medication, or exposure to other allergens, such as animal fur, chemical irritants, pollens or molds, among others. The blood pressure falls, the pulse becomes weak, **AND DEATH CAN OCCUR.** Immediate allergic reactions may require emergency treatment and medications.

LIFE-THREATENING ASTHMA SYMPTOMS: Any of these symptoms may occur:

Chest tightness

Wheezing

Severe shortness of breath

Retractions (chest or neck “sucked in”)

Cyanosis (lips and nail beds exhibit a grayish or bluish color)

Change in mental status, such as agitation, anxiety, or lethargy

A hunched-over position

Breathlessness causing speech in one-to-two word phrases or complete inability to speak

ANAPHYLACTIC SYMPTOMS OF BODY SYSTEM: Any of the symptoms may occur within seconds. The more immediate the reactions, the more severe the reaction may become. Any of the symptoms present requires several hours of monitoring.

Skin: warmth, itching, and/or tingling of underarms/groin, flushing, hives

Abdominal: pain, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea

Oral/Respiratory: sneezing, swelling of face (lips, mouth, tongue, throat), lump or tightness in the throat, hoarseness, difficulty inhaling, shortness of breath, decrease in peak flow meter reading, wheezing reaction

Cardiovascular: headache, low blood pressure (shock), lightheadedness, fainting, loss of consciousness, rapid heart rate, ventricular fibrillation (no pulse)

Mental status: apprehension, anxiety, restlessness, irritability

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL:

1. CALL 911

2. Summon designated trained, non-medical staff to implement emergency protocol

3. Check airway patency, breathing, respiratory rate, and pulse

4. Administer medications (EpiPen and albuterol) per standing order

5. Determine cause as quickly as possible
6. Monitor vital signs (pulse, respiration, etc.)
7. Contact parents immediately and physician as soon as possible
8. Any individual treated for symptoms with epinephrine at school will be transferred to medical facility

STANDING ORDERS FOR RESPONSE TO LIFE-THREATENING ASTHMA OR ANAPHYLAXIS:

Administer an IM EpiPen-Jr. for a child less than 50 pounds or an adult EpiPen for any individual over 50 pounds

Follow with nebulized albuterol (premixed) while awaiting EMS. If not better, may repeat two times back-to-back, Administer CPR, if indicated

Self-Administration of Medications.

Students may be required to take medication during the school day. The district shall establish procedures which may allow students to self-administer medications for diabetes and asthma/anaphylaxis. Other medications shall be administered by the school nurse, a registered Medication Aide, or other school staff member meeting the minimum competency standards for the Medication Aide Act.

These guidelines must be followed for self-administration of medication by a student.

Upon completion of required procedures, the district and parent or guardian, in consultation with the student's physician, will develop a diabetes or asthma/anaphylaxis medical management plan for the current school year. The plan shall:

- Identify the health care services the student may receive at the school relating to the condition;
- Evaluate the student's understanding of and ability to self-manage his/her condition;
- Permit regular monitoring of the student's self-management of his/her condition by an appropriately credentialed health care professional; and
- Be signed by the student's parent or guardian and the physician responsible for treatment of the student's condition.

For asthma/anaphylaxis the plan will also:

- Include the name, purpose, and dosage of the prescription medication prescribed for such student; and
- Include procedures for storage and access to backup supplies of such prescription medication.

The parent or guardian shall sign a statement that:

- The district and its employees and agents are not liable for any injury or death arising from a student's self-management of his/her condition; and
- Shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against a claim arising from a student's self-management of his/her condition.
- Any injury to others as a result of the student's self-medication shall be the parents' responsibility

The student shall promptly notify the person designated in the student's self-management plan when the student has self-medicated.

Money:

If money is sent to school, please make sure it is in an envelope with the student's name on it and a note with it describing what the money is for. Money for hot lunch and cold lunch milk is maintained by the office. The school secretary collects the money each morning. We ask that you send enough money to buy five, ten or twenty lunches or cartons of milk. This reduces a great deal of paperwork for our secretary and for you.

Other money, such as that for book orders, field trips, etc. is handled by the classroom teacher as well. Again, make sure that the money is in an envelope marked with the child's name and what the money is for.

Multicultural Policy:

Multicultural education is the identification, selection and infusion of specific knowledge, skills and attitudes for the purpose of:

- affirming the culture, history and contributions that shall include but not be limited to African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans;
- challenging and eliminating racism, prejudice, bigotry, discrimination and stereotyping based on race;
- valuing multiple cultural perspectives; and
- providing all students with opportunities to "see themselves" in the educational environment in positive ways and on a continuing basis.

To promote and support multicultural education within Bennet Elementary School it shall be the policy and practice of this district to create opportunities for all students to achieve academically and socially in an educational environment in which all students and staff understand and respect the racial and cultural diversity and interdependence of members of our society.

Newsletters:

Each week, an elementary newsletter will be published. These newsletters will contain helpful tips for parents, news of the elementary and announcements of upcoming events. Newsletters will be sent home via e-mail if you check this option on the enrollment form. If you choose to receive the newsletter in paper form the oldest or only child will have it in their Friday folder. Please watch for these on the last day of the school week. *The newsletter is also posted weekly on the school website.*

Parent Visitations:

Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom at Bennet Elementary. Please make sure the teacher has been contacted **in advance** of the visit and asked when you may visit. It can be distracting to bring other children into the classroom with you during a visit. We highly discourage this. *A series of short visits of less than an hour are better than one visit of a longer duration.* A student's attention and behavior is altered by visitors in the classroom. Students are not allowed to bring visiting friends or relatives to visit the classroom without previous permission from the Principal. Teachers are busy providing learning activities and will not be asked to supervise additional children. Friends may be allowed to eat lunch with students.

Before going into any classroom or visiting with any student or teacher, please report to the office. In this way, we can limit the number of interruptions to the regular school day.

Pets:

Students are allowed to bring pets to school for show and tell with permission of the teacher and principal. Arrangements must be made with the principal. Parents will be asked to bring the pet and take it home with them. Pets are, by no means, allowed on the bus and are not allowed to stay the entire day. Pets which are normally passive and friendly may become aggressive when surrounded by a number of people.

Physical Examination:

Evidence of a physical examination by a qualified physician is required within six months prior to the entrance of the child into any Early Childhood Special Education classes, kindergarten and the seventh grade, or in the case of transfer from out of state to any other grade. A parent or guardian who objects may submit a written statement of refusal for his or her child. The statement will be kept in the student's file. Waiver forms are available in the school health office.

Pre-School Program:

Bennet offers an accredited pre-school for 3-4 year old children. We offer two 3 and ½ hour class sessions on Monday – Thursday, with no classes on Friday. The morning sessions runs from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m and the afternoon session runs from 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Erin Formanek is the lead instructor for the pre-school. If you are interested in having your 3-4 year old children enrolled in the pre-school, please contact Bennet Elementary at 782-3535, so we may put you on our enrollment list.

Programs & Services:

District OR1 has many programs to help students both academically and socially.

Title I – The Title I program offers additional help to those students who are having difficulty in math or reading and who meet certain qualifications. This program, at this time, is only available to first through sixth grades.

Art – Students meet once a week with the art teacher from our high school. Basic art skills knowledge and projects are taught in these classes.

Computer – Students meet weekly with our computer teacher. Starting in third grade students receive instruction in keyboarding, which continues through the sixth grade.

Resource/Special Education – We have a resource/special education program available for those students who have learning difficulties. In order for students to receive help, they must qualify under state guidelines. Any one interested may obtain a copy of the District OR-1 Special Education Program by contacting a building administrator. We have three full-time teachers in this program and one part time.

Physical Education – Students attend P.E. classes two times per week. Basic physical skills, sportsmanship and fundamentals of games are emphasized in these classes.

Music – Students meet once a week for vocal music instruction. Students in fourth grade spend one quarter per year learning the fundamentals of playing the recorder. Fifth and sixth grade students have the opportunity to participate in band. Individuals, small and large groups meet to learn to play instruments and to practice their musical skills. The instrumental program is a voluntary program.

Library – A half time library/media specialist is in charge of the media center and teaches library skills. Skills such as internet research, reference work, understanding the Dewey Decimal System and the like are taught to the students in the upper grades. Students are able to hear stories and check out books each

week, as well.

Counselor - Students may be referred to the counselor by themselves, teachers and/or parents. If you wish to see a counselor, stop by the office and make arrangements for an appointment.

School Psychologist – Our school psychologist does psychological testing and assists us in special education identification with students who have academic or social concerns.

Health Services – We are fortunate to have the services of the E.S.U. Health Van available to us each year. During the first and second semester, the nurses conduct a health screening for vision, hearing, dental defects, height and weight. The screening program also incorporates scoliosis and blood pressure checks.

Parents who do not wish their child to participate in the school-screening program must communicate this in writing to the school health office where their child attends at the start of the school year. Because Nebraska statutes require school-age screening, parents who remove their child from the screening program must submit findings from an alternate medical provider to the school by December 1.

We also have the resources of the Lancaster County Health Department at our disposal. They are available as resources to us throughout the year.

Speech/Language – Our Speech/Language Pathologist works with students who have difficulty with speech articulation and language. In order for students to receive help, they must qualify under state guidelines.

Promotion & Retention:

The professional staff at Bennet Elementary will place students at the grade level and in the courses best suited to them academically, socially and emotionally.

Students will typically progress annually from grade to grade. A student may be retained at a grade level or be required to repeat a course or program when such is determined in the judgment of the professional staff and the parents to be appropriate for the educational interests of the student and the educational program.

Recess/Playground Rules:

Recesses are provided for students. It is our philosophy that recess gives students a chance to have a break from classroom work. However, we believe it is still a learning experience for students. This is a time when students learn appropriate social behavior. They learn to share, be considerate of others, play fairly and develop friendships. There are times when students may not participate in recess activities. Examples would be to finish classroom work or to meet with faculty to discuss behavior. It should be noted that students are always supervised.

Following are rules developed to maintain safe conditions for students while playing on the playground or in the gym:

1. Teachers should send a note giving permission for students to be gone from the duty area before and after school. (Finish work, band lesson, discipline, etc.)
2. Only basic use of equipment is allowed (only go up ladders, go feet first down the slides, do not jump off the slide or slide down the support poles, etc.).
3. All students are not to be on top of the tubes and jungle gyms.
4. Do not swing around the bottom of the support poles on the slides and swing sets.
5. No ball tag.

6. Students need permission to leave the playground area. (go to restroom, get drink, get equipment, from cage or retrieve balls that go off of the playground.)
7. Sit on swings and swing straight. Do not jump out of the swings. Do not play Chicken or Double swing.
8. Do not throw or kick gravel dirt or rubber mulch.
9. Do not play on the steps or slide down the rails.
10. The neighbor's properties are off limits. This includes their fences and lawns.
11. Touch football only (no tackling.)
12. Do not climb on the fence.
13. There should be no running on the bleachers.
14. Balls are not to be kicked in the gym.
15. No football games are allowed in the gym.
16. Balls, electronic games etc. brought from home, may not be used during recess or bus duty. The school will not be responsible if they are lost or damaged. No cell phones are allowed on the playground, at bus duty or in the gym.

We have to consider the safety and well being of all students on the playground and in the gym. Various disciplinary actions may take place if the above rules are not observed and followed.

Generally, by using good judgment while on the playground, student can have fun and still be safe. By following these rules, you will be helping to keep the playground and gym safe places to play.

Return to Learn:

District OR1 school staff and coaches will follow all applicable state laws and LCC School Board policies on concussions.

School Day Schedule:

Although the individual classroom teachers will develop a schedule specific to their classroom and reflecting the special programs in which their students are involved, the school-wide schedule is printed here for your benefit. If you wish to contact a staff member, the best times to do so are between 8:00-8:25 a.m. or 3:25-4:00 p.m. Please refer to the following schedule if you have questions concerning the school day:

7:00 AM	Custodian on duty
7:00 AM	Before and After School Program Opens
7:40 AM	Bennet country students arrive
	Bennet country students eat breakfast
7:45 AM	Faculty supervision begins
8:00 AM	Faculty arrives
8:00 AM	Bennet town students eat breakfast
8:20 AM	Palmyra shuttles arrive
	Palmyra country students eat breakfast

8:20 AM	Bennet town students arrive
8:30 AM	Tardy Bell Rings and Classes begin

11:00 AM-1:00 PM Lunch (times vary from class to class)

3:20 PM	Dismissal
3:20 PM	Before and After School Program Begins
3:20 PM	Shuttles depart for Palmyra
4:00 PM	Bennet country students depart
4:00 PM	Faculty departs
5:30 PM	Before and After School Program Closes

Bennet country students will play in the gym or outside if weather permits. When students arrive in the gym, the following procedures should be observed:

1. Students go from the buses directly to the cafeteria and wait for directions on where bus duty will be held. Once the decision for bus duty has been made and bus duty supervisors are present, the students will proceed to bus duty.
2. Students will be allowed to enter the building to get equipment or help from other teachers after they have secured permission from the teacher on duty.
3. Instruments and lunch containers should stay in the gym or on the playground until students are dismissed to their classes.

Bennet country students will play in the gym or outside after school from 3:20-3:55 before being picked up by the buses.

Bennet town students should not arrive at school before 8:20 a.m. unless they are involved in music lessons, meeting with teachers, or have other school business. **Students who walk to school and arrive before 8:20 will be required to sit in the cafeteria until students are dismissed to their classes. These same students are also to leave the school grounds immediately upon afternoon dismissal.**

End of School Day: Our regular school day ends at 3:20 p.m. Make-up work, special help, assignments after school, meetings, bus duty supervision, and other school activities begin at 3:20 p.m. It is important that students who are involved in any of these activities report to the designated area on time. All other students must clear the building as soon as possible.

SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY:

A mission of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools is to provide curriculum, instruction, and experiences in a health-promoting school environment to instill habits of lifelong learning and health. Therefore, the Board adopts the following School Wellness Policy.

Annual Notification of Policy

The District will actively inform families and the public each year of basic information about this policy, including its content, any updates to the policy and implementation status. The District will make this information available via the District website and/or district-wide communications. The District will provide as much information as possible about the school nutrition environment. This will include a summary of the District's events or activities related to wellness policy implementation. Annually, the

District will also publicize the name and contact information of the District officials leading and coordinating the committee, as well as information on how the public can get involved with the school wellness committee.

Community Involvement, Outreach and Communications

The District is committed to being responsive to community input, which begins with awareness of the wellness policy. The District will actively communicate ways in which representatives of DWC and others can participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of the wellness policy through a variety of means appropriate for that district. The District will also inform parents of the improvements that have been made to school meals and compliance with school meal standards, availability of child nutrition programs and how to apply, and a description of and compliance with Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. The District will use electronic mechanisms, such as email or displaying notices on the district's website, as well as non-electronic mechanisms, such as newsletters, presentations to parents, or sending information home to parents, to ensure that all families are actively notified of the content of, implementation of, and updates to the wellness policy, as well as how to get involved and support the policy. The District will ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community, and accomplished through means similar to other ways that the district and individual schools are communicating important school information with parents. The District will actively notify the public about the content of or any updates to the wellness policy annually, at a minimum. The District will also use these mechanisms to inform the community about the availability of the annual and triennial reports.

School Meals

The District is committed to serving healthy meals to children, with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat milk; that are moderate in sodium, low in saturated fat, and have zero grams *trans* fat per serving (nutrition label or manufacturer's specification); and to meeting the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements. The school meal programs aim to improve the diet and health of school children, help mitigate childhood obesity, model healthy eating to support the development of lifelong healthy eating patterns and support healthy choices while accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs.

Water

To promote hydration, free, safe, unflavored drinking water will be available to all students throughout the school day and throughout every school campus ("school campus" and "school day" are defined in the glossary). The District will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes.

Smoke-Free Environment:

The use of tobacco (including electronic nicotine delivery systems) products is prohibited in all school buildings and all school vehicles. Smoking shall also be prohibited in any area where school staff, students or members of the public may be present or may be affected by smoke, including without limitation the stands and bleachers of outdoor athletic fields and near the entry of school buildings. For purposes of this policy, tobacco means any tobacco product (including electronic nicotine delivery systems, cigars, and chewing tobacco), alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect.

Student Activity Fees:

The board realizes some activities may require additional expenditures which are properly to be borne by students as a separate charge. Such charges may be waived as specified below depending upon the student's eligibility for the free and reduced-price lunch program. No fees, specialized or no specialized

attire or equipment shall be required of students outside this policy. This policy does not apply to tuition payments by nonresident students.

Student Fee Fund:

The School Board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund not funded by tax revenue, into which all money collected from students and subject to the Student Fee Fund shall be deposited and from which money shall be expended for the purposes for which it was collected from students. Funds subject to the Student Fee Fund consist of money collected from students for: (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) postsecondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school.

Schedule of Student Fees:

ACTIVITY	MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF FEE
Activity Fee (Includes admission to athletic events)	\$30.00
Band uniform cleaning	\$10.00
Game admission fees:	
Varsity	\$4.00
Junior Varsity	\$4.00
Jr. High	\$3.00
School Dances	\$5.00
Play	\$5.00
Summer Band Lessons	\$20.00
Junior-Senior Prom	\$75.00
FFA	\$16.00
District Cheerleading Clinic	\$25.00
District Athletic Clinic	\$20.00
Cap and Gown	\$20.00
Field trips	\$5.00
Drivers Education	\$225.00
Honor Society Dues	\$5.00
Before/After School Rec. per Hour	\$2.95
i-pad Insurance	\$35.00
Band Instrument Rental	\$40.00
Per Semester	\$20.00
Summer	\$15.00

Extracurricular Activities Fee: Fees for participation. The District has determined to charge a \$30.00 activity fee for participation in extra-curricular activities for the 2020-2021 school year. The fee is due prior to the first contest/performance of any given season/activity in which a student plans to participate. This fee will also provide for admission to **HOME** activity events, with the exception of conference or state events hosted at Palmyra Jr/Sr High School. (The family pass does not cover this fee)

Student Fee Waiver:

Students whose families meet the income guidelines for free and reduced price lunches are eligible to have expenses of certain fees, specialized equipment, specialized attire and project materials waived as provided by district policy. All information provided in connection with this application will be kept confidential. This waiver does not carry over from year-to-year and must be completed annually. Student Fee Waiver Applications are available in the Principal's Office at both schools.

Additional Specification of Fees Which May Be Charged and Materials Which May be Required Pursuant to the Student Fee Policy:

Student Questioning/Apprehension by Legal Authorities:

Students may be questioned in private and with full confidentiality by a police officer or sheriff's department personnel at school only in the presence of the principal or a designated staff member. This opportunity applies to all peace officers in pursuit of their duties as members of a recognized enforcement office. The parents or guardian of the student questioned will be informed of the substance of the interview as soon as possible by Bennet Elementary personnel or Legal Authorities.

If a principal or his designee releases a minor student to a police officer, the principal or the principals designee will take immediate steps to notify the parent, guardian or responsible relative of the minor, except when the minor has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse, in which case the principal or the principal's designee will provide the police officer with the address and telephone number of the minor's parent or guardian.

The principal of a school or the principal's designee shall notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities as soon as possible after learning of a known or suspected violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code.

Student Searches:

Student lockers, desks, computer equipment, and other such property are owned by the school. The school exercises exclusive control over school property. Students should not expect privacy regarding usage of or items placed in or on school property, including student vehicles parked on school property, because school property is subject to search at any time by school officials. Periodic, random searches of lockers, desks, computers and other such property may be conducted at the discretion of the administration.

The following rules shall apply to searches of students and of a student's personal property and to the seizure of items in a student's possession or control:

- School officials may conduct a search if there is a reasonable basis to believe that the search will uncover evidence of a crime or a rule violation. The search must be conducted in a reasonable manner under the circumstances.
- Random searches of student lockers, desks, and other similar school property provided for use by students may be conducted in the discretion of the administration.
- Drug or alcohol tests may be conducted on students based on reasonable suspicion.
- Drug or alcohol tests may be conducted on a random basis for students participating in extracurricular activities, provided that: a) the student gave consent for testing in advance

(attendance at or participation in the extracurricular activity may be withheld in the absence of consent), b) the testing actually be random, c) that the testing procedures limit any intrusion on student privacy, and provide for an appropriate level of confidentiality and accuracy, and d) that the response to positive tests take into consideration student safety and compliance with laws related to reporting and releasing students to law enforcement.

- School officials may search offices and storage devices provided to or used by employees where permitted by law, such as where reasonable grounds exist for suspecting that a search will turn up evidence that the employee has committed work-related misconduct, or that a search is necessary for a non-investigatory work-related purpose, such as to retrieve a file.

Searches of the District's computer system may be conducted in the discretion of the administration at any time.

Telephone Use:

Office phones are for school business only. School business includes calling parents when sick, procuring speakers for classes or organizations, obtaining information at the direction of an instructor, calling home for items the student has forgotten if the item is deemed absolutely necessary by school personnel, or in the case of an emergency.

School officials shall have the authority to deviate from the above guidelines should situations arise that are not covered in the regulations.

Students will not be allowed to use the phone to make after school plans to go home with another student or to have another student come home with them.

If you call for a student, we will ask to take a message. We prefer not calling students from class for telephone calls, but will give them a message and allow them to return your call during recess or lunch. If it is an emergency, please let us know and we will get the message to the student immediately or call the student to the office to speak to you.

Testing:

We administer Measurements of Academic Progress (MAPS) to students in kindergarten through sixth grades. These are achievement tests which measure what knowledge the students have gained. These tests are used to plan educational programs for individual students and for entire classes. Parents/Guardians will receive a sheet describing the results of their student's test. If you have questions about the test, contact your child's teacher, or principal.

Students in grades 3-6 will also take part in State Mandated NSCAS Assessments during the spring.

Video Surveillance :

The Board of Education has authorized the use of video cameras on School District property to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all staff, students and visitors to District property, and to safeguard District facilities and equipment. Video cameras may be used in locations as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

Notice is hereby given that video surveillance may occur on District property. In the event a video surveillance recording captures a student or other building user violating school policies or rules or local, state or federal laws, the video surveillance recording may be used in appropriate disciplinary

proceedings against the student or other building user and may also be provided to law enforcement agencies.

Recording of Others

To ensure the privacy and confidentiality of student information, no person is authorized to record or transmit any sound or image of any person (including themselves) without the prior consent or authorization of either (1) the person or persons being recorded or whose image or sound is being transmitted or (2) the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. This prohibition applies to all persons, including staff, students and community members, regardless of the content or context of the image or sound; however, this provision shall not apply to District-sponsored athletic or activity events where the focus of the recording or transmission is on the student performances or activity. Nothing in this provision shall prohibit the recording of an Individualized Education Program meeting if the recording is necessary to ensure that the parent understands the IEP or the IEP process or to implement other parental rights guaranteed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Vandalism:

Any person found willfully damaging or defacing property belonging to the school district shall be held responsible for the replacement or repair of that property and all costs shall be paid by the offender. Bennet Elementary will also refer the student to the principal or his designee for disciplinary action. If the principal or his designee determines that the student willfully or maliciously destroyed school property, the student may be referred to juvenile authorities.

Visitors:

All visitors must report to the office, upon entering the east entrance, to sign in, in order to receive a visitor's pass. Parents are welcome at all times. Please sign in/out at the office upon entering/exiting the school. Visitations during the first week of school and the last week of school will require extraordinary reasons or permission from administrators.

Student visitors from other schools are discouraged. Although we would welcome them at lunchtime, visitors in the classroom tend to cause undue distractions and disruptions. If you would like to discuss a special student visitor with the principal, please feel free to call.

Weapons:

The possession of a dangerous weapon or the use of an object to inflict bodily injury to another is strictly prohibited. Offenses involving weapons are punishable by an automatic expulsion from school for up to a full school year.

See page 66 Article 11.

Weather and School Cancellations:

The Superintendent of schools is authorized by the Board of Education to close public schools in case of severe weather. Representatives of the Superintendent's staff will notify local news media when inclement weather warrants such action. The information is broadcast regularly by radio and television stations. **Parents and Patrons will also be alerted via phone call by our automated calling system. Please make sure that you are a part of the calling data base in order to receive calls via this system. Contact school if you are not sure or have changed your phone numbers since last year.**

Decision to Close Schools

A decision to close school is made when forecasts by the weather service and civil defense officials indicate that it would be unwise for students to go to school. If possible, a decision about the next school day will be made by 9 p.m. for announcement during the 10 p.m. news. An early decision is not always possible because of uncertain weather conditions. School officials will make periodic assessments of conditions during the night and will decide early in the morning (by 6 a.m. if possible). In any case, an announcement will be made to the news media when schools will be closed. In some instances, schools will be open, but certain services may be cancelled (bus transportation, kindergarten, student activities). Announcements about other Nebraska school closings are included in Lincoln radio and television broadcasts. Students and parents will want to pay special attention to which public school district is being closed.

After School Starts

Every attempt will be made to avoid closing school once classes are in session. In some instances closing school during the day is inevitable if children are to safely return home before the brunt of a major storm hits. In these cases as much advance notice as possible will be given to parents. If school is closed during the day the notice will be broadcast by the media and **parents should have a plan in place to accommodate these circumstances.**

Parental Decisions

Parents may decide to keep their children at home in inclement weather because of personal circumstances. Students absent because of severe weather when school is in session will be marked absent. The absence will be treated like any other absence for legitimate causes provided parents properly notify the school of their decision. Parents may pick up their children in inclement weather at any time during the school day. Students will not normally be dismissed from school during severe weather on the basis of a telephone request.

State and Federal Programs

Section 1 Notice of Nondiscrimination:

Students, parents, employees, volunteers, school patrons, applicants for student admission or employment, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Palmyra High School, and all others who interact with Palmyra High School are hereby notified that Palmyra District OR1 does not discriminate on the basis of sex, disability, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, or other protected status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Mike Hart, Superintendent, Palmyra District OR1, 425 F Street, Palmyra, NE 68418-0130, (402) 780-5327.

For Further information on notice of non-discrimination, you may contact the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, in writing at 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114-3302, or by telephone at (816) 268-0550, TDD (800) 437-0833.

Section 2 Designation of Coordinator(s):

Any person having inquiries concerning this district’s compliance with anti-discrimination laws or policies or other programs should contact or notify the following person(s) who are designated as the coordinator for such laws, policies or programs. The contact address for the coordinator is: Palmyra High School, P. O. Box 130, Palmyra, NE 68418, (402) 780-5327.

Law, Policy or Program	Issue or Concern	Coordinator
Title VI	Discrimination or harassment based on race, color, or national origin; harassment	Superintendent
Title IX	Discrimination or harassment based on sex; gender equity	Superintendent
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA)	Discrimination, harassment or reasonable accommodations of persons with disabilities	Superintendent
Homeless student laws	Children who are homeless	Superintendent
Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities	Safe and drug free schools	Superintendent

Section 3 Anti-discrimination & Harassment Policy:

A. Elimination of Discrimination.

The policy of District OR-1 Public Schools is to not discriminate on the basis of sex, disability, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, or other protected status, in admission or access to, or treatment with regard to employment or with regard to its programs and activities.

District OR-1 Public Schools and its staff shall comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. The Board of District OR-1 Public Schools intends to take any necessary measures to assure compliance with such laws against any prohibited form of discrimination and directs its staff to take all actions necessary to meet this objective.

The Superintendent shall be the Coordinator for anti-discrimination laws (including Title VI, Title IX; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504)) and complaints or concerns involving discrimination or compliance with those laws should be addressed to said Coordinator.

B. Preventing Harassment and Discrimination of Employees and Students.

1. **Purpose:** District OR-1 Public Schools is committed to offering employment and educational opportunity to its employees and students based on ability and performance in a climate free of discrimination. Accordingly, unlawful discrimination or harassment of any kind by administrators,

teachers, co-workers or other persons is prohibited. In addition, [Name] Public Schools will try to protect employees or students from reported discrimination or harassment by non-employees or others in the work place and educational environment.

For purposes of this policy, discrimination or harassment based on a person's sex, disability, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, or other protected status, is prohibited. The following are general definitions of what might constitute prohibited harassment.

- a. In general, ethnic or racial slurs or other verbal or physical conduct relating to a person's sex, disability, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, or other protected status, constitutes harassment when they unreasonably interfere with the person's work performance or create an intimidating work, instructional or educational environment.
- b. Age harassment has been defined by federal regulations as a form of age discrimination. It can consist of demeaning jokes, insults or intimidation based on a person's age.
- c. Sexual harassment has been defined by federal and state regulations as a form of sex discrimination. It can consist of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or physical or verbal conduct of a sexual nature by supervisors or others in the work place, classroom or educational environment.

Sexual harassment may exist when:

- (a) Supervisors or managers make submission to such conduct either an explicit or implicit term and condition of employment (including hiring, compensation, promotion, or retention);
- (b) Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used by supervisors or managers as a basis for employment related decisions such as promotion, performance evaluation, pay adjustment, discipline, work assignment, etc.
- (c) The conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or educational performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, class room or educational environment.

Sexual harassment may include explicit sexual propositions, sexual innuendo, suggestive comments, sexually oriented "kidding" or "teasing", "practical jokes", jokes about gender-specific traits, foul or obscene language or gestures, displays of foul or obscene printed or visual material, and physical contact, such as patting, pinching or brushing against another's body.

2. **Procedures:**

- a. Employees or students should initially report all instances of discrimination or harassment to their immediate supervisor or teacher. However, if the employee or student is uncomfortable in presenting the problem to the supervisor or teacher, or if the supervisor or teacher is the problem, the employee or student is encouraged to go to the next level of supervision.

- b. If the report is not satisfactorily resolved within ten calendar days, or if the discrimination or harassment continues, please report your complaint to the Superintendent of District OR1 Public Schools.
- c. If a satisfactory arrangement cannot be obtained through the Superintendent, the complaint may be processed to the Board of Education.
- d. The person to whom the complaint is made is to thoroughly investigate the complaint and work with the person filing the complaint to seek an appropriate resolution so the discrimination or harassment can be remedied and put to an end.
- e. Complaints of discrimination or harassment will be treated with the utmost confidence, consistent with resolution of the problem.
- f. Based on the results of the investigation, appropriate corrective action, up to and including discharge of offending employees, etc., may be taken.
- g. Under no circumstances will a supervisor or a teacher or the Board threaten or retaliate against a person for alleging discrimination or harassment.

Section 4 Notice to Parents of Rights Afforded by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to qualifying students with disabilities. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning the decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions. You have the right to:

- 1. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
- 2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law.
- 3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation or placement of your child.
- 4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education.
- 5. Have your child receive services and be educated in facilities, which are comparable to those provided to every student.
- 6. Have evaluation, educational and placement decisions made based on a variety of information sources and by persons who know the student and who are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options.
- 7. Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting (if the setting is a program not operated by the district) at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district.
- 8. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.
- 9. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation and placement.
- 10. Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. (You and your child may take part in the hearing. Hearing requests are to be made to the Superintendent).
- 11. File a local grievance.

Section 5 Notification of Rights Under FERPA:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Parents or eligible students may ask the School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another School District in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Kathleen Styles, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

Notice Concerning Directory Information

The District may disclose directory information. The types of personally identifiable information that the District has designated as directory information are as follows:

1. Student's Name, address, telephone listing, and the name, address, telephone listings (if not unlisted), e-mail address and work or other contact information of the student's parent/guardian or other adult acting in loco parentis or with authority to act as parent or guardian in educational matters for the student;
2. School and dates of attendance;
3. Student's current grade;

4. Student's enrollment status (e.g. full-time or part-time);
5. Student's date of birth and place of birth;
6. Student's extra-curricular participation;
7. Student's achievement awards or honors;
8. Student's weight and height if a member of an athletic team;
9. Student's photograph; and
10. School or school district the student attended before he or she enrolled in [Name] Public Schools.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District does not designate as directory information personally identifiable information from students' education records where the District determines that the disclosure to the potential recipient poses a risk to student safety or well-being, including but not limited to circumstances where the potential recipient is a registered sex offender and the personally identifiable information would permit the potential recipient to communicate with or otherwise contact the student.

A parent or eligible student has the right to refuse to let the District designate information about the student as directory information. The period of time within which a parent or eligible student has to notify the District in writing that he or she does not want information about the student designated as directory information is as follows: two weeks from the time this information is first received. Please contact the Superintendent's office to indicate your refusal to have your child's information designated as directory information.

The District may disclose information about former students without meeting the conditions in this section.

Section 6 Notice Concerning Disclosure of Student Recruiting Information:

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires Palmyra High School to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. Parents and secondary students have the right to request that Palmyra High School not provide this information (i.e., not provide the student's name, address, and telephone listing) to military recruiters or institutions of higher education, without their prior written parental consent. Palmyra High School will comply with any such request.

Section 7 Notice Concerning Staff Qualifications:

Parents/guardians have the right to get information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. Upon request, Palmyra High School will give parents/guardians the following information about their child's classroom teacher:

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional teaching certificate.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher. You may also get information about other graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree. We will also, upon request, tell parents/guardians whether their child is being provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, the qualifications of the paraprofessional. The request for information should be made to an administrator in your child's school building. The information will be provided to you in a timely manner. Finally, Palmyra High School will give timely notice to you if your child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the requirements of the Act.

Section 8 Student Privacy Protection Policy:

It is the policy of Palmyra High School to develop and implement policies which protect the privacy of students in accordance with applicable laws. The District's policies in this regard include the following:

Right of Parents to Inspect Surveys Funded or Administered by the United States Department of Education or Third Parties: Parents shall have the right to inspect, upon the parent's request, a survey created by and administered by either the United States Department of Education or a third party (a group or person other than the District) before the survey is administered or distributed by the school to the parent's child.

Protection of Student Privacy in Regard to Surveys of Matters Deemed to be Sensitive: The District will require, for any survey of students which contain one or more matters deemed to be sensitive (see section headed "Definition of Surveys of Matters Deemed to be Sensitive"), that suitable arrangements be made to protect student privacy (that is, the name or other identifying information about a particular student). For such surveys, the District will also follow the procedures set forth in the section entitled: "Notification of and Right to Opt-Out of Specific Events."

Right of Parents to Inspect Instructional Materials: Parents shall have the right to inspect, upon reasonable request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for their child. Reasonable requests for inspection of instructional materials shall be granted within a reasonable period of time after the request is received. Parents shall not have the right to access academic tests or academic assessments, as such are not within the meaning of the term "instructional materials" for purposes of this policy. The procedures for making and granting a request to inspect instructional materials are as follows: the parent shall make the request, with reasonable specificity, directly to the building principal. The building principal, within five (5) school days, shall consult with the teacher or other educator responsible for the curriculum materials. In the event the request can be accommodated, the building principal shall make the materials available for inspection or review by the parent, at such reasonable times and place as will not interfere with the educator's intended use of the materials. In the event there is a question as to the nature of the curriculum materials requested or as to whether the materials are required to be provided, the building principal shall notify the parent of such concern, and assist the parent with forming a request which can reasonably be accommodated. If the parent does not formulate such a request, and continues to desire certain curriculum materials, the parent shall be asked to make their request to the Superintendent.

Rights of Parents to be Notified of and to Opt-Out of Certain Physical Examinations or Screenings. The general policy and practice of the District is to not administer physical examinations or screenings of students which require advance notice or parental opt-out rights under the applicable federal laws, for the reason that the physical examinations or screenings to be conducted by the District will usually fit into one of the following exceptions: (1) hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings; (2) physical examinations or screenings that are permitted or required by an applicable State law; and (3) surveys administered to students in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. For physical examinations or screenings which do not fit into the applicable exceptions, the District will follow the procedures set forth in the section entitled: "Notification of and Right to Opt-Out of Specific Events."

Protection of Student Privacy in Regard to Personal Information Collected from Students: The general policy and practice of the District is to not engage in the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information. The District will make reasonable arrangements to protect student privacy to the extent possible in the event

of any such collection, disclosure, or use of personal information. “Personal information” for purposes of this policy means individually identifiable information about a student including: (1) a student or parent’s first and last name, (2) home address, (3) telephone number, and (4) social security number. The term “personal information,” for purposes of this policy, does not include information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions. This exception includes the following examples: (i) college or postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment; (ii) book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products; (iii) curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary schools and secondary schools; (iv) tests and assessments used by elementary schools and secondary schools to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about student, or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments, and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments; (v) the sale by student of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities; (vi) student recognition programs.

Parental Access to Instruments used in the Collection of Personal Information: While the general practice of the District is to not engage in the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information, parents shall have the right to inspect, upon reasonable request, any instrument which may be administered or distributed to a student for such purposes. Reasonable requests for inspection shall be granted within a reasonable period of time after the request is received. The procedures for making and granting such a request are as follows: the parent shall make the request, with reasonable specificity, directly to the building principal and shall identify the specific act and the school staff member or program responsible for the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information from students for the purpose of marketing that information. The building principal, within five (5) school days, shall consult with the school staff member or person responsible for the program which has been reported by the parent to be responsible for the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information from students. In the event such collection, disclosure, or use of personal information is occurring or there is a plan for such to occur, the building principal shall consult with the Superintendent for determination of whether the action shall be allowed to continue. If not, the instrument for the collection of personal information shall not be given to any students. If it is to be allowed, such instrument shall be provided to the requesting parent as soon as such instrument can be reasonably obtained.

Annual Parental Notification of Student Privacy Protection Policy: The District shall provide parents with reasonable notice of the adoption or continued use of this policy and other policies related to student privacy. Such notice shall be given to parents of students enrolled in the District at least annually, at the beginning of the school year, and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change in such policies.

Notification to Parents of Dates of and Right to Opt-Out of Specific Events: The District shall directly notify the parents of the affected children, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when any of the following activities are scheduled, or are expected to be scheduled:

The collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information. (Note: the general practice of the District is to not engage in the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information).

Surveys of students involving one or more matters deemed to be sensitive in accordance with the law

and this policy; and,

Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance; administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student or of other students. (Note: the general practice of the District is to not engage in physical examinations or screenings which require advance notice, for the reason that the physical examinations or screenings to be conducted by the District will usually fit into one of the following exceptions to the advance notice requirement and parental opt-out right: (1) hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings; (2) physical examinations or screenings that are permitted or required by an applicable State law, and (3) surveys administered to students in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).

Parents shall be offered an opportunity in advance to opt their child out of participation in any of the above listed activities.

In the case of a student of an appropriate age (that is, a student who has reached the age of 18, or a legally emancipated student), the notice and opt-out right shall belong to the student.

Definition of Surveys of Matters Deemed to be Sensitive: Any survey containing one or more of the following matters shall be deemed to be “sensitive” for purposes of this policy:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student’s parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student’s parent;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the students or the student’s parent;
8. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Section 9 Parental Involvement Policies:

A. General - Parental/Community Involvement in Schools:

District OR 1 School welcomes parental involvement in the education of their children. We recognize that parental involvement increases student success. It is Palmyra High School’s policy to foster and facilitate, to the extent appropriate and in their primary language, parental information about, and involvement in, the education of their children. Policies and regulations are established to protect the emotional, physical and social well-being of all students.

1. Parental involvement is a part of the ongoing and timely planning, review and improvement of district and building programs.
2. Parents are encouraged to support the implementation of district policies and regulations.
3. Parents are encouraged to monitor their student’s progress by reviewing quarterly report cards and attending parent-teacher conferences.
4. Textbooks, tests and other curriculum materials used in the district are available for review by parents upon request.
5. Parents are provided access to records of students according to law and school policy.
6. Parents are encouraged to attend courses, assemblies, counseling sessions and other

instructional activities with prior approval of the proper teacher or counselor and administrator. Parents' continued attendance at such activities will be based on the students' well-being.

7. Testing occurs in this school district as determined to be appropriate by district staff to assure proper measurement of educational progress and achievement.
8. Parents submitting written requests to have their student excused from testing, classroom instruction and other school experiences will be granted that request when possible and educationally appropriate. Requests should be submitted to the proper teacher or administrator within a reasonable time prior to the testing, classroom instruction or other school experience and should be accompanied by a written explanation for the request. A plan for an acceptable alternative shall be approved by the proper teacher and administrator prior to, or as a part of, the granting of any parent request.
9. Participation in surveys of students occurs in this district when determined appropriate by district staff for educational purposes. Parents will be notified prior to the administration of surveys in accordance with district policy. Timely written parental requests to remove students from such surveys will be granted in accordance with district policy and law. In some cases, parental permission must be given before the survey is administered.
10. Parents are invited to express their concerns, share their ideas and advocate for their children's education with board members, administrators and staff.
11. School district staff and parents will participate in an annual evaluation and revision, if needed, of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy.

B. Title I Parental Involvement Policy:

District OR 1 has a parental involvement policy applicable to parents of all children. The parental involvement policy applicable to parents of all children is not replaced by this Title I Parental Involvement Policy and shall continue to be applicable to all parents, including parents participating in Title I programs.

It is the policy of District OR 1 to implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in Title I programs consistent with the Title I laws. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

Expectations for Parental Involvement: It is the expectation of District OR 1 that parents of participating children will have opportunities available for parental involvement in the programs, activities, and procedures of the District's Title I program. The term "parental involvement" means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning; (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school; (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in this parental involvement policy. The District intends to meet this expectation through the following activities:

1. Involving parents in the joint development of the District's Title I plan and the processes of school review and school improvement.
2. Providing coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
3. Building the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement.

4. Coordinating and integrating parental involvement strategies under Title I with parental involvement strategies under other programs.
5. Conducting, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served under the Title I program, including identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in Title I programs, with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background, and use the findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the parental involvement policies of the District.
6. Involving parents in the activities of the schools served under Title I.

Policy Involvement: Each school served under the Title I program shall:

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under the Title I program and to explain the requirements of the Title I program.
2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening. If sufficient funds are provided for this purpose, the District may assist parental involvement in such meetings by offering transportation, childcare, or home visits.
3. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs.
4. Provide parents of participating children: (1) timely information about programs under Title I, (2) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and (3) if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
5. If the District operates a school-wide program under Title I and such plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parental comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the District.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement: As a component of the District's parental involvement policy, each school served under the Title I program shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under the Title I program a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. Such compact shall: (1) describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under Title I to meet the State's student academic achievement standards and the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, and television watching; volunteering in their child's classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extracurricular time; and (2) address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum: (i) parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement; (ii) frequent reports to parents on their children's

progress; and (iii) reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities.

Building Capacity for Involvement: To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the District, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school participating in the Title I program and the District: (1) shall provide assistance to participating parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; (2) shall provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; (3) shall educate teachers, student service personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school; (4) shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teacher Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children; (5) shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand; (6) may involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training; (7) may provide necessary literacy training from funds received under Title I if the District has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training; (8) may pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions; (9) may train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;

(10) may arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation; (11) may adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement; (12) may establish a district-wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported under Title I; (13) may develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities; and (14) shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Title I as parents may request.

Accessibility: In carrying out the parental involvement activities for this Title I Parental Involvement policy, the District shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Title I in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents understand.

Use, Distribution, and Updating of this Policy: This Title I Parental Involvement Policy shall be incorporated into the District's Title I plan, shall be distributed to parents of participating children, shall be made available to the local community, and shall be updated periodically to meet the changing needs of the parents and the school.

Section 10 Homeless Students Policy:

A. General Policy Statement

The District shall ensure that homeless children and youths shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths.

B. Definitions

“School of Origin” shall mean the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including preschool. School of origin shall also include any designated receiving school for the next grade level for all feeder schools when a student completes the final grade level served by the school of origin.

“Homeless children and youths” shall mean any individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and includes:

1. Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
2. Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
3. Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described in (1-3).

“Unaccompanied youth” shall mean a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

C. School Stability

1. School Selection: Each school shall presume that keeping a homeless child or youth enrolled in the child’s or youth’s school of origin is in the child’s or youth’s best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the child’s or youth’s parent or guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth.
To overcome the presumption that a child or youth should remain in his/her school of origin, the school shall consider student-centered factors including: the impact of mobility on achievement, education, health, and safety of homeless children and youth, giving priority to the request of the child’s or youth’s parent or guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth.
2. Enrollment: Once the school is selected in accordance with the child’s or youth’s best interest, that child or youth shall be immediately enrolled even if the child or youth is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment including, but not limited to, previous academic records, immunization or other health records, proof of residency or has missed any application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.
3. Transportation: If the child or youth continues to attend his or her school of origin, transportation shall be provided promptly even if there is a dispute pending regarding which school is in the child’s or youth’s best interest to attend. Transportation will

continue to be provided to and from the school of origin for the remainder of any academic year during which the child or youth becomes permanently housed.

D. Records

Any record ordinarily kept by the school, including immunization or medical records, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records, and evaluations for special services or programs, regarding each homeless child or youth shall be maintained:

1. Such that all records are available, in a timely fashion, when a child or youth enrolls in a new school or school district;
2. Any information about a homeless child's or youth's living situation shall be treated as a confidential student education record, and shall not be deemed to be directory information; and
3. In a manner consistent with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

E. Services

The Local Education Agency Liaison shall identify an appropriate staff person to be the Local Educational Liaison (LEL) for all homeless children and youth attending school in the District. The LEL responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Ensure homeless children and youth are identified through outreach and coordination activities including coordination with the Nebraska Department of Education Homeless Education Liaison, community, and school personnel responsible for education and related services to homeless children and youths;
2. Receive appropriate time and training in order to carry out the duties required by law and this policy;
3. Ensure homeless families and homeless children and youths are referred to health care, dental, mental health, substance abuse, housing and any other appropriate services;
4. Ensure that homeless children and youths:
 - a. Are enrolled in school which includes attending classes and participating fully in school activities;
 - b. Have a full and equal opportunity to meet the same challenging State academic standards as other children and youths;
 - c. Receive individualized counseling from counselors to prepare and improve their readiness for college, including college selection, application, financial aid, and on-campus supports.
 - d. Unaccompanied youths are informed of their status as independent students under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and may obtain assistance from the LEL to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
5. Ensure that public notice of the educational rights and available transportation services of the homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such youths and unaccompanied homeless youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form that is easily understandable.

6. Ensure the dispute resolution process identified below is carried out in accordance with the law and district policy.

F. Dispute Resolution

1. The dispute procedure must be available for disputes over eligibility, as well as school selection or enrollment.
2. In the event of a dispute regarding where a child or youth should enroll, the child or youth shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals. The district shall immediately provide the child's parent or guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth a written explanation of the decision made regarding the school selection including the right to appeal such decision. Said writing shall be provided in a manner and form understandable to such parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth and also include the LEL contact information. The LEL shall carry out the dispute resolution process within 30 calendar days from the date of said writing pursuant to 92 Nebraska Administrative Code 19-005.02.
3. Appeals: Any parent, guardian or other person having legal or actual charge of a homeless child or youth that is dissatisfied with the decision of a school district after the dispute resolution process may file an appeal with the Commissioner within thirty calendar days of receipt of the decision by following the process in 92 Nebraska Administrative Code 19-005.03 and 19-005.03C.

Section 11 Pregnant and Parenting Students

This District recognizes that pregnant and parenting students have the right and responsibility to attend school. This attendance right and responsibility applies to students regardless of their marital or parental status. Further, the district will educate pregnant and parenting students and will provide reasonable accommodations to support and encourage all pregnant and parenting students to obtain their high school diploma. No student will be excluded from, denied the benefit of, or discriminated against under any educational program or activity because of pregnancy or parenting responsibilities.

Attendance and Leave of Absences

Pregnant and parenting students will be permitted to attend to their own health care, their child's medical care, or other pregnancy- or parenting- related appointments with the benefit of having any such absences or tardiness excused. A student will be permitted to take a leave of absence for pregnancy, childbirth, and any other pre- and post-natal related medical needs, along with recovery therefrom for the duration that is deemed medically necessary by the student's licensed health care provider. At the conclusion of the leave of absence, a student will be immediately enrolled in the district at the same grade and status as when the leave began. Pregnant and parenting students shall be allowed to participate in all activities including extracurricular activities throughout the student's pregnancy and thereafter unless the district deems such participation poses a substantial risk of injury to the student or to others. A pregnant and parenting student may be asked to obtain certification from the student's licensed healthcare provider regarding the student's safe participation in an extracurricular activity when such certification is required of students for other conditions which require the attention of a licensed healthcare provider.

Any absences accumulated due to pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions, or care for an ill child, should not count towards any district policies in effect under compulsory attendance requirements. Pregnant and parenting students with excused absences or tardiness shall be treated like all other students with excused absences or tardiness for any other medical reasons.

Pregnant and parenting students will be provided with assignments, classwork and any additional support needed to ensure that the student can keep up with class requirements when absent for pregnancy or parenting-related absences.

Alternative Means to Complete Course Work

The district will provide at least one alternate method, in addition to traditional classroom instruction, to keep pregnant and parenting students in school. Such accommodation(s) may include accessing coursework online, home-based independent study, or at-home tutoring. Alternative methods of instruction or other alternative program for pregnant and parenting students are voluntary for the student who may elect whether to engage in an alternative method of instruction or the traditional methods of instruction available to their peers. Pregnant and parenting students shall be allowed to attend their regular classrooms and complete regular coursework.

Lactation

The district will provide reasonable time and space to accommodate lactating students to express breast milk or breastfeed during the school day. Such accommodations will be in a location, other than a bathroom or closet, that is private, clean, has an electrical outlet, a chair and is reasonably accessible. Students shall also be provided a food safe refrigerator to store breast milk safely.

Child Care

If in-school child care is not provided, a list of qualified licensed child care providers will be provided upon request to pregnant or parenting students. Such list will be updated annually and include providers that participate in the quality rating and improvement system and meet all of the quality rating criteria for at least a step three rating pursuant to the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act. Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit or limit any referral for a student or a student's child to an early head start program or any other available community resources.

Privacy and Confidentiality

Pregnant and parenting students have the right to have their health and personal information kept confidential in accordance with law. School staff will make every effort to keep personal information and health records confidential and in compliance with Nebraska and federal law.

Information about students' pregnancies and related conditions will not appear in their cumulative records and will not be used when they are being considered for educational or job opportunities, awards or scholarships.

Other Accommodations

Pregnant and parenting students may request additional reasonable accommodations to ensure continued participation and enrollment in school. Accommodation requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Such accommodations may include but are not limited to: additional frequency allowed for bathroom breaks, additional time allowed in between class periods, a larger desk or additional work space, and adjustments to requirements for physical education as needed. Students seeking additional reasonable accommodation should make such requests to the building principal.

Bullying and Harassment

Pregnant and parenting students have the same rights as other students to be free from discrimination, bullying, and harassment. Such school policies are incorporated herein and apply to all students.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The United States Department of Agriculture's required nondiscrimination statement must be printed as follows:

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Article 11 Student Rights, Conduct, Rules and Regulations

Student Conduct and Discipline Policies: The common goal of students, parents, faculty and administration of District OR 1 School is to maintain a school atmosphere conducive to learning.

In order to achieve this, Bennet Elementary

School will continue to review and distribute a set of reasonable and fair rules and policies.

VIOLATIONS OF DISTRICT

OR1'S RULES AND POLICIES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Part 1 Forms of School Discipline

Short Term Suspension:

Students may be excluded by the Principal or his designee from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (shortterm suspension) on the following grounds:

1. Conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth; or,
2. Other violations of rules and standards of behavior adopted by the District OR1 Board of Education or the administrative or teaching staff of the school, which occur on or off school grounds, if such conduct interferes with school purposes or there is a nexus between such conduct and school.

The following process will apply to short term suspensions:

1. The Principal or the Principal's designee shall make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. In addition, such short term suspension will be made only after a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.
2. Prior to commencement of the short term suspension, the student will be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student. The student will be advised of what the student is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and be afforded an opportunity to explain the student's version of the facts.
3. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Principal or administrator will send a written statement to the student, and the student's parent or

guardian, describing the student's conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or standard and the reasons for the action taken. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with the Principal or administrator ordering the short term suspension before or at the time the student returns to school. The Principal or administrator shall determine who in addition to the parent or guardian is to attend the conference.

Long Term Suspension:

Students may be excluded by the Principal or the Principal's designee from school or any school function for a period of more than five school days but less than twenty school days on (long term suspension) the conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth. The process for long term suspension is hereinafter set forth.

Expulsion:

1. Meaning of Expulsion. Expulsion shall mean exclusion from attendance in all schools, grounds and activities of or within the system for a period not to exceed the remainder of the semester in which it took effect unless the misconduct occurred (a) within ten school days prior to the end of the first semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect through the second semester, or (b) within ten school days prior to the end of the second semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for summer school and the first semester of the following school year, or (c) unless the expulsion is for conduct specified in these rules or in law as permitting or requiring a longer removal, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for the period specified therein. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period.

2. Summer Review. Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year will be automatically scheduled for review before the beginning of the school year. The review will be conducted by the hearing officer who conducted the initial expulsion hearing, or a hearing officer appointed by the Superintendent in the event no hearing was previously held or the initial hearing officer is no longer available or willing to serve, after the hearing officer has given notice of the review to the student and the student's parent or guardian. This review shall be limited to newly discovered evidence or evidence of changes in the student's circumstances occurring since the original hearing. This review may lead to a recommendation by the hearing officer that the student be readmitted for the upcoming school year. If the school board or board of education or a committee of such board took the final action to expel the student, the student may be readmitted only by action of the board. Otherwise the student may be readmitted by action of the Superintendent.

3. Suspension of Enforcement of an Expulsion: Enforcement of an expulsion action may be suspended (i.e., "stayed") for a period of not more than one full semester in addition to the balance of the semester in which the expulsion takes effect, and as a condition of such suspended action, the student may be assigned to a school, class, or program and to such other consequences which the school district deems appropriate. In lieu of other authorized educational programs to which the student may be assigned, such school, class, or program may be offered as a community centered classroom and may include experiences for the student as an observer or aide in governmental functions, as an on the job trainee, and as a participant in specialized tutorial experiences or individually prescribed educational and counseling programs. Such programs shall include an individualized learning program to enable the student to continue academic work for credit toward graduation. At the conclusion of the designated period: (1) if the student has satisfactorily participated in the school, class, or program to which such student has been assigned the student shall be reinstated and permitted to return to the school of former attendance or to attend other programs offered by the district, and action to expunge the record of the expulsion action may be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent or his or her designee, or (2) if the student's

conduct has been unsatisfactory, the expulsion action shall be enforced. The determination of whether the students' participation and conduct has been satisfactory or not shall be made by Principal or the Principal's designee.

4. Students Subject to Juvenile or Court Probation. Prior to the readmission to school of any student who is less than nineteen years of age and who is subject to the supervision of a juvenile probation officer or an adult probation officer pursuant to the order of the District Court, County Court, or Juvenile Court, who chooses to meet conditions of probation by attending school, and who has previously been expelled from school, the Principal or the Principal's designee shall meet with the student's probation officer and assist in developing conditions of probation that will provide specific guidelines for behavior and consequences for misbehavior at school (including conduct on school grounds and conduct during an educational function or event off school grounds) as well as educational objectives that must be achieved. If the guidelines, consequences, and objectives provided by the Principal or the Principal's designee are agreed to by the probation officer and the student, and the court permits the student to return to school under the agreed to conditions, the student may be permitted to return to school. The student may with proper consent, upon such return, be evaluated by the school for possible disabilities and may be referred for evaluation for possible placement in a special education program. The student may be expelled or otherwise disciplined for subsequent conduct as provided in Board policy and state statute.

Other Forms of Student Discipline: Administrative and teaching personnel may also take actions regarding student behavior, other than removal of students from school, which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but need not be limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation. The actions may also include in-school suspensions during the day. When in-school suspensions, after school assignments, or other disciplinary measures are assigned, the student is responsible for complying with such disciplinary measures and a failure to serve such assigned discipline as directed will serve as grounds for further discipline, up to expulsion from school.

Part 2 Student Conduct:

Students have an opportunity to learn by sharing some of the responsibility for creating a good learning environment. To help maintain a quality instructional environment for all students attending District OR1 all students are expected to refrain from the following conduct.

Grounds for Short Term Suspension, Long Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment:

Grounds for Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment. The following conduct has been determined by the Board of Education to have the potential to seriously affect the health, safety or welfare of students, staff and other persons or to otherwise seriously interfere with the educational process. Such conduct constitutes grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, and any other lesser forms of discipline. The conduct is subject to the consequence of long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment where it occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by the school and being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or an employee's designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event.

1. Willfully disobeying any reasonable written or oral request of a school staff member, or the voicing of disrespect to those in authority.
2. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, harassment, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes or making any communication that a reasonable recipient would interpret as a serious expression of an intent to harm or cause injury to another.
3. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, repeated damage or theft involving property, or setting or attempting to set a fire of any magnitude.
4. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to any person, including any school employee, school volunteer, or student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision.
5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student or making a threat which causes or may be expected to cause a disruption to school operations.
6. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon or that has the appearance of a weapon or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks.
7. Engaging in selling, using, possessing or dispensing of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, drugs, controlled substance, or an inhalant; being under the influence of any of the above; possession of drug paraphernalia, or the selling, using, possessing, or dispensing of an imitation controlled substance as defined in section 28-401 of the Nebraska statutes, or material represented to be alcohol, narcotics, drugs, a controlled substance or inhalant. Tobacco means any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation. The term "under the influence" has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol or illegal substances on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant.
8. Public indecency or sexual conduct.
9. Engaging in bullying, which includes any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal, or electronic abuse on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or a school employee's designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events.
10. Sexually assaulting or attempting to sexually assault any person. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if a complaint alleging such conduct is filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.
11. Engaging in any activity forbidden by law which constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if the conduct creates or had the potential to create a substantial interference with school purposes, such as the use of the telephone or internet off-school grounds to threaten.
12. A repeated violation of any rules established by the school district or school officials if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes.
13. Truancy or failure to attend assigned classes or assigned activities; or tardiness to school, assigned classes or assigned activities.

14. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to students or staff members. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, gender, disability, national origin, or religion.
15. Dressing or grooming in a manner which is dangerous to the student's health and safety or a danger to the health and safety of others or repeated violations of the student dress and grooming standards; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that is lewd or indecent, vulgar or plainly offensive; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that school officials reasonably conclude will materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that a reasonable observer would interpret as advocating illegal drug use.
16. Willfully violating the behavioral expectations for riding school buses or vehicles.
17. A student who engages in the following conduct shall be expelled for the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester, and if the expulsion for such conduct takes place during the second semester, the expulsion shall remain in effect for the first semester of the following school year, with the condition that such action may be modified or terminated by the school district during the expulsion period on such terms as the administration may establish:
 - a. The knowing and intentional use of force in causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, school volunteer, or student, except if caused by accident, self-defense, or on the reasonable belief that the force used was necessary to protect some other person and the extent of force used was reasonably believed to be necessary, or
 - b. The knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm. The term "dangerous weapon" includes any personal safety or security device (such as tasers, mace and pepper spray). If a student desires to carry or possess a personal safety or security device, the student must obtain prior approval from the building principal before bringing such device on school grounds. If a student obtains prior approval from the building principal, the student must store the device during the school day in the student's locker, in the main office or in another secure location designated by the building principal. A student shall not carry a personal safety or security device during the school day.
18. Knowingly and intentionally possessing, using, or transmitting a firearm on school grounds, in a school-owned or utilized vehicle, or during an educational function or event off school grounds, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event. This conduct shall result in an expulsion for one calendar year. "Firearm" means a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, as that statute existed on January 1, 1995. That statute includes the following statement: "The term 'firearm' means (a) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (b) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (c) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (d) any destructive device." The Superintendent may modify such one year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis, provided that such modification is in writing.

Bringing a firearm or other dangerous weapon to school for any reason is discouraged; however, a student will not be subject to disciplinary action if the item is brought or possessed under the following conditions:

- a. Prior written permission to bring the firearm or other dangerous weapon to school is obtained from the student's teacher, building administrator and parent.
- b. The purpose of having the firearm or other dangerous weapon in school is for a legitimate educational function.
- c. A plan for its transportation into and from the school, its storage while in the school building and how it will be displayed must be developed with the prior written approval by the teacher and building administrator. Such plan shall require that such item will be in the possession of an adult staff member at all times except for such limited time as is necessary to fulfill the educational function.
- d. The firearm or other dangerous weapon shall be in an inoperable condition while it is on school grounds.
- e. For personal safety or security devices, the student abides by the requirements set forth above.

19. Student Appearance Policy:

Students at District OR 1 are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for a school setting. Students should not dress in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of anyone or interferes with the learning environment or teaching process in our school. Following is a list of examples of attire that will not be considered appropriate, such list is not exclusive and other forms of attire deemed inappropriate by the administration may be deemed inappropriate for the school setting:

- a. Clothing or jewelry that is gang related;
- b. Clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin or underwear (midriffs, spaghetti straps, sagging pants);
- c. Clothing or jewelry that advertises beer, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
- d. Clothing or jewelry that could be used as a weapon (chains, spiked apparel) or that would encourage "horseplay";
- e. Head wear including hats, caps, bandannas, and scarves;
- f. Clothing or jewelry, which exhibits nudity, makes sexual references or carries double meanings.

Consideration will be made for students who wear special clothing as required by religious beliefs, disability, or to convey a particularized message protected by law.

The final decision regarding attire and grooming will be made by the Principal or Superintendent. In the event a student is uncertain as to whether a particular item or method of grooming is consistent with the school's guidelines, the student should contact the Principal for approval, and may also review such additional posting of prohibited items or grooming which may be available in the Principal's office.

Coaches, sponsors or teachers may have additional requirements for students who are in special lab classes, students who are participants in performing groups or students who are representing the school as part of an extracurricular activity program.

On a first offense of the dress code, the student may call home for proper apparel. If clothes cannot be brought to school, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Students will not be allowed to leave campus to change clothes.

Continual violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary actions under the Student Code of

Conduct above. Further, in the event the dress code violation is determined to also violate other student conduct rules (e.g., public indecency, insubordination, expression of profanity, and the like), a first offense of the dress code may result in discipline, up to expulsion.

20. Harassment and Bullying Policy:

It is the policy of Palmyra High School that “bullying” type behavior is not to be permitted. These guidelines are established to respond specifically to bullying behavior. Students and parents are advised that other response measures are also in place and set forth on Page 56 of this handbook for behavior which is discriminatory or harassing on unlawful grounds (e.g., sexual harassment, harassment of students with disabilities, race harassment, etc.).

(i) Step One: The first time school personnel becomes aware of a possible harassment or bullying situation, the accused student will be informed that such a complaint has been filed. At that time a warning will be given regarding this kind of behavior. The consequences for this kind of behavior in the future will be clearly outlined for the student.

If, in the school’s opinion, the first occurrence of harassment behavior is severe, the school may move immediately to any of the four steps in the harassment policy. In other words, the policy may or may not be used sequentially. Moreover, at any stage the student may be disciplined under the student code by actions, which may include expulsion, in the event the conduct is also a violation of other provisions of the student code.

(ii) Step Two: The second time school personnel becomes aware of a harassment incident, the student’s parents will be notified. A conference will be requested at that time. If it is determined that the student has harassed another student, consequences will be assigned. A student may stay on the second step as long as school authorities feel the consequences are effectively correcting the harassment behaviors. If it is determined that there is no basis for the harassment accusation, no consequences will be assigned. If the school determines that a student is intentionally making a false accusation against another student, an appropriate response will be made.

(iii) Step Three: If the school authorities determine that the student continues to harass another student or the student fails to agree to not harass in the future, the school may assign the student to the Harassment Program level set forth below which the school authorities determine to be appropriate.

(iv) Step Four: If a student fails to respond positively to the corrective measures of the Harassment Program, the student will be suspended from school for a minimum of five school days, up to expulsion. School authorities will determine the action necessary to insure a safe learning environment for all students.

Harassment and Bullying Program Levels:

Purpose: All students have the right to attend Palmyra High School free from verbal and physical harassment and bullying. The purpose of the Harassment and Bullying Program is to protect students and staff from those who fail or refuse to comply with school guidelines regarding the treatment of others.

1. Level I: The guidelines for a Level I placement are listed below.

- a. The length of the assignment will be for a minimum of two weeks.
- b. The student will report to the office no later than 8:00 a.m. each morning.
- c. The student will eat on campus at an assigned table or area.
- d. The student will report to an assigned room at the end of the day, and remain until dismissed. This will allow all other students to leave the school grounds in safety.

2. Level II: The guidelines for this level are listed below.

- a. The length of the assignment will be for a minimum of two weeks.
- b. The student will report to the office no later than 8:00 a.m. the morning.
- c. The student will eat on campus at an assigned table.
- d. The student will report to an assigned room at the end of the day, and remain until dismissed.
- e. The student will remain in class at the end of each period. The student will be under direct teacher supervision during passing time. The teacher will dismiss the student at the end of the passing period. The student will then have three minutes to get to his/her next class.

3. Level III: This is a long term assignment. The guidelines are listed below.

- a. All items listed in Level II will be used, except the length of the assignment will be no less than six weeks, and may remain in effect until the end of the school year and continue into the next, if determined to be appropriate.
- b. The length of the assignment will be no less than six weeks, and may remain in effect until the end of the school year.

21. Public Displays of Affection:

Public Displays of affection will not be tolerated on school property or at school activities. Such conduct includes: hugging, kissing or any other types of affection that would be considered inappropriate or an undue distraction to others. Students will face the following consequences if this type of behavior occurs.

- a. 1st Offense: Student will be confronted and directed to cease.
- b. 2nd Offense: Student will be confronted, directed to cease, and parents will be notified.
- c. 3rd Offense: Students will be suspended from school for a minimum of 1 day, and parents and student will need to meet with Administrator (s) and counselor.
- d. If this type of behavior continues, the student could face longterm suspension or expulsion.

22. Specific Rule Items:

The following conduct may result in disciplinary action, which in the repeated violations, may result in discipline up to expulsion.

- a. Students are not given locker passes, restroom passes or telephone passes to leave a classroom or study hall unless special circumstances arise.
- b. Students in the hallway during class time must have a pass/assignment book with them.
- c. Gum, candy, seeds, etc. are not allowed in the school building or classrooms.
- d. Students are expected to bring all books and necessary materials to class. This includes study halls.
- e. Assignments for all classes are due as assigned by the teacher.
- f. Students are not to operate the mini blinds or the windows.
- g. Classes are ended by the teacher. Students are not to begin to pack up or leave the class until the dismissal bell has rung or the teacher has dismissed the class.

- h. Students are to be in their seats and ready for class on the tardy bell.
- i. Special classes such as Industrial Technology, Art, P.E., and computers courses will have other safety or cleanup rules that will be explained to you by that teacher which must be followed.
- j. Students are to stand back from the entry steps and doors in the mornings before school and at noon before the bell so that others may pass in and out of the entry doors.
- k. Snow handling is prohibited.

23. Dating Violence Prevention

The board prohibits behavior that has a negative impact on student health, welfare, safety, and the school's learning environment. Incidents of dating violence will not be tolerated on school grounds, in district vehicles, or at school sponsored activities or school sponsored athletic events.

Dating violence is defined as a pattern of behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to control his or her dating partner. Dating partner means any person, regardless of gender, involved in an intimate relationship with another person primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement whether casual, serious or long term.

The district will provide appropriate training to staff and incorporate within its educational program age appropriate dating violence education that shall include, but not be limited to, defining dating violence, recognizing dating violence warning signs, and identifying characteristics of healthy dating relationships.

24. Staff Conduct With Students

The Board expects all staff members, including teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, and others to maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards in their conduct with students. For the purposes of this policy, staff members also include school volunteers.

The interactions and relationships between staff members and students should be based upon mutual respect and trust; an understanding of the appropriate boundaries between adults and students in and outside of the educational setting; and consistency with the educational mission of the schools.

Staff members are expected to be sensitive to the appearance of impropriety in their conduct with students. Staff members are encouraged to discuss issues with their building administrator or supervisor whenever they are unsure whether particular conduct may constitute a violation of this policy.

Unacceptable Conduct

Examples of unacceptable conduct by staff members include but are not limited to the following:

- Any type of sexual or inappropriate physical contact with students or any other conduct that might be considered harassment under the Board's policy on Harassment By Employees;
- Singling out a particular student or students for personal attention and friendship beyond the normal teacher student relationship;
- Associating with students in any situation or activity that includes the presence of drugs or that could be considered sexually suggestive;
- For non-guidance/counseling staff, encouraging students to confide their personal or family problems and/or relationships. If a student initiates such discussions, staff members are expected to be supportive but to refer the student to appropriate guidance/counseling staff. In either case, staff involvement should be limited to a direct connection to the student's school performance;

- Sending students on personal errands.
- Sexual banter, allusions, jokes, or innuendos with students;
 - Asking a student to keep a secret;
 - Disclosing personal, sexual, family, employment concerns, or other private matters to one or more students;
- Addressing students with terms of endearment, pet names, or otherwise in an overly familiar manner; and
- Being alone with individual students by closing a room door except when dealing with issues of health by appropriate personnel;
- Inviting or allowing students to visit the staff member's home;
 - Maintaining personal contact with a student outside of school by phone, email, Instant Messenger or Internet chat rooms, social networking websites, or letters (beyond homework or other legitimate school business);
- Exchanging personal gifts (beyond the customary student teacher gifts); and/or
- Socializing or spending time with students (including but not limited to activities such as going out for meals or movies, shopping, traveling, and recreational activities) outside of school sponsored events or except as participants in organized community activities.

Students and/or their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to notify the principal if they believe a teacher or other staff member may be engaging in conduct that violates this policy.

Staff members are required to notify promptly the principal or superintendent if they become aware of a situation that may constitute a violation of this policy.

Staff violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Violations involving sexual or other abuse will also result in referral to the Department of Health and Human Services and/or law enforcement in accordance with the Board's policy on Child Abuse Reporting. This policy shall be included in future employee, student and volunteer handbooks.

25. Network, EMail, Internet and Other Computer Use Rules:

(a) General Rules:

(i) The network is provided to staff and students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to staff and students who have agreed to act in a responsible manner. Parental permission is required for student use. Access for all staff and students is a privilege and not a right.

(ii) Individual users of the district network are responsible for their behavior, actions, problems, and communications involving and over the network. Users will comply with district rules and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond clarification of such rules, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, editing, or controlling the information, equipment or communications of individuals utilizing the network or the end product or result of such utilization.

(iii) Network storage areas shall be treated like school lockers for students. Network administrators may review files, information, equipment, messages and communications of staff and students to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the network system responsibly. Users should not expect that files or any information stored or otherwise used or retained on the network, district servers, or in computers, will be

private. No reasonable expectation of privacy shall exist in relation to network use.

(iv) Users should not expect, and the district does not warrant, any information or products obtained from the network, that files or information stored, obtained or used on the network will be private, and use of the network waives and relinquishes all such privacy rights, interests or claims to confidentiality the user may have under state or federal law.

(v) The district will not be liable for, and does not warrant in any way, purchases made by any user over the network. Users shall not make purchases of goods and/or services via the district's network.

(b) Policy and Rules for Acceptable Use of Computers and the Network: The following policy and rules for acceptable use of computers and the network, including Internet, shall apply to all district administrators, faculty, staff and students. The term "Users", as contained herein, shall apply to all such individuals.

(i) Users shall not erase, remake, or make unusable anyone else's computer, information, files, programs or disks. In addition to any other disciplinary action or legal action that may occur, any user violating this rule shall be liable for any and all damages to the computer, information, files, programs or disks.

(ii) Users shall not let other persons use their name, account, logon password, or files for any reason (except for authorized staff members).

(iii) Users shall not use or try to discover another user's account or password.

(iv) Users shall not use the computers or network for noninstructional or nonadministrative purposes (e.g., games or activities for personal profit).

(v) Users shall not use the computer for unlawful purposes, such as illegal copying or installation of unauthorized software.

(vi) Users shall not copy, change, or transfer any software or documentation provided by teachers, or other students without permission from the network administrators.

(vii) Users shall not write, produce, generate, copy, propagate, or attempt to introduce any computer code, software or information designed to selfreplicate, damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of the network or any computer's memory, file system, or software. Such software is often called a bug, virus, worm, Trojan horse, or similar name.

(viii) Users shall not use the computer to annoy or harass others with language, images, or threats. Users shall not access, accept, create or send any obscene, vulgar, lewd, tasteless, or objectionable messages, information, language, or images.

(ix) Users shall not damage the network or equipment, damage information belonging to others, misuse network resources, or allow others to misuse network resources. In addition to any other disciplinary action or legal action that may occur, any user violating this or any other rule shall be liable for any and all damages to the computer, network, information, files, programs or disks.

(x) Users shall not tamper with computers, networks, printers, or other associated equipment except as directed by the teacher or network administrator.

(xi) Users shall not take technology equipment (hardware or software) from the school grounds or remove such from computer work areas without written permission of the network administrator.

(c) Etiquette and Rules for Use of Computers and the Network: All users of computers and the network are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Informal

rules of behavior have evolved for the use of and communication on the network, Internet and other online services. Breaches can result in harsh criticism by others. These rules of behavior include (but are not limited to) the following:

- (i) Be polite. Do not become abusive in your messages to others.
- (ii) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language, message, information or images.
- (iii) Do not reveal your personal account, address or phone numbers, or that of other students or colleagues.
- (iv) Note that electronic mail (email) is specifically not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. Messages, which violate the rules, will result in disciplinary action.
- (v) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property of others.
- (vi) Do not place unlawful information on any network system.
- (vii) Keep paragraphs and messages short and to the point. Focus on one subject per message.
- (viii) Include your signature at the bottom of email messages. Your signature footer should include your name, position, affiliation, and network or Internet address.
- (x) The network administrators or teachers may establish other rules from time to time.

(d) Penalties for Violation of Rules:

All of the policies, rules, and procedures for acceptable use of computers and the network are intended to make the computers and the network more reliable for users. They are also intended to minimize the burden of administering the networks so that more time can be spent on education and enhancing services.

Use of the computer and access to telecommunications resources is a privilege and not a right. Violation of the policies, rules, and procedures concerning the use of computers and the network may result in disciplinary action up to, and including, loss of access, suspension and/or expulsion of students from school and loss of access, suspension, termination, nonrenewal or cancellation of the contract of administrators, teachers, or other school employees.

(e) Staff, Student and Parent Agreements: Students and parents may be required to sign a computer and network use agreement as a condition of the student being permitted to use such equipment.

Part 3 Reporting Student Law Violations:

(1) Any act of a student which is a basis for expulsion and which the principal or designee knows or suspects is a violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code will be reported to law enforcement the police and to the student's parents or guardian as soon as possible. Conduct to be reported for law enforcement referral includes conduct that may constitute a felony, conduct which may constitute a threat to the safety or well-being of students or others in school programs and activities, and conduct that the legal system is better equipped to address than school officials. Conduct that does not need to be reported for law enforcement referral includes typical adolescent behavior that can be addressed by school administrators without the involvement of law enforcement. In making the decision of whether to report, consideration should be given to the student's maturity, mental capacity, and behavioral disorders, where applicable. When appropriate, it shall be the responsibility of the referring administrator to contact the student's parent of the fact that the referral to legal authorities has been or will be made.

The foregoing reporting standards shall be reviewed annually by the school board on or before August 1

of each year, be annually reviewed in collaboration with the County Attorney each year, be distributed to each student and his or her parent or guardian at the beginning of each school year, or at the time of enrollment if during the school year, and shall be posted in conspicuous places in each school during the school year.

(2) When a Principal or other school official releases a minor student to a peace officer (e.g., police officer, sheriff, and all other persons with similar authority to make arrests) for the purpose of removing the minor from the school premises, the Principal or other school official shall take immediate steps to notify the parent, guardian, or responsible relative of the minor regarding the release of the minor to the officer and regarding the place to which the minor is reportedly being taken, except when a minor has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse, in which case the Principal or other school official shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the minor's parents or guardian.

Part 4 Due Process Procedure

Procedures for Long Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment: The following procedures shall be followed with regard to any long term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment.

1. The Principal shall prepare a written summary of the alleged violation and the evidence supporting the alleged violation with the Superintendent or his or her designee.
2. If the Principal determines that the student must be suspended immediately to prevent or substantially reduce the risk of (a) interference with an educational function or school purpose or (b) a personal injury to the student himself or herself, other students, school employees, or school volunteers, and a notice of intent to discipline the student by long term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment is filed with the Superintendent or his or her designee, the student may be suspended by the Principal until the date the long term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment takes effect if no hearing is requested or, if a hearing is requested, the date the hearing examiner makes the report of his or her findings and a recommendation of the action to be taken to the Superintendent.
3. The Principal or his or her designee shall serve by registered or certified mail or by personal service the student and the student's parents or guardian with a written notice within two school days of the date of the decision to recommend long term suspension or expulsion. Said notice shall include the following
 - (a) The rule or standard of conduct allegedly violated and the acts of the student alleged to constitute a cause for long term suspension or expulsion including a summary of the evidence to be presented against the student as submitted by the Principal or assistant Principal.
 - (b) The penalties to which the student may be subjected and the penalty which the Principal, or his or her designee has recommended in the charge.
 - (c) A statement explaining the student's right to a hearing upon request on the specified charges.
 - (d) A description of the hearing procedures provided by these policies along with procedures for appealing any decision rendered at the hearing.
 - (e) A statement that the administrative representative, legal counsel for school, the student, the student's parents, or the student's representative or guardian shall have the right to examine the student's academic and disciplinary records and any affidavits to be used at the hearing

concerning the alleged misconduct, and the right to know the identity of the witnesses to appear at the hearing and the substance of their testimony.

(f) A form or a request for hearing to be signed by such parties and delivered to the Principal or his or her designee in person or by registered or certified mail.

4. Nothing in this policy shall preclude the student, student's parents, guardian or representative from discussing and settling the matter with appropriate school personnel prior to the hearing stage.

5. In the event that the Principal has not received a request for hearing within five school days following receipt of the written notice, the punishment recommended in the charge by the Principal, or his or her designee shall automatically go into effect.

6. If a hearing is requested more than five school days following the actual receipt of the written notice, but not more than thirty calendar days after actual receipt, the student shall be entitled to a hearing but the punishment imposed may continue in effect pending final determination.

7. If a request for hearing is not received within thirty calendar days following the mailing or delivery of the written notice, the student shall not be entitled to a hearing.

8. In the event that a hearing is required to be provided, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer. Hearing Procedure:

1. Hearing Officer. The hearing officer shall be any person designated by the Superintendent. The hearing officer shall be an individual who has had no involvement in the charge, will not be a witness at the hearing and who has not brought the charges against the student. It shall be the duty of the hearing officer to remain impartial throughout all deliberations. The hearing officer shall be available prior to any hearing held pursuant to this policy to answer any questions the administrative representative, the student, the student's parents, or guardian, may have regarding the nature and conduct of the hearing.

2. Administrative Representative. The Principal may appoint an administrative representative to present the facts and evidence. Such administrative representative may be an attorney or may be represented by an attorney, but any such attorney shall not advise the hearing officer or parties who may review the proceedings as their counsel.

3. Notice of Hearing. If a hearing is requested within five school days of receipt of the notice, the hearing officer shall, within two school days after being appointed, give written notice to the administrative representative, and the student, the student's parents or guardian of the time and place for the hearing. The hearing shall be scheduled within a period of five school days after it is requested. No hearing shall be held upon less than two school days' actual notice to the administrative representative, and the student, the student's parents, or guardian, except with the consent of all of the parties.

4. Continuance. Upon written request of the student or the student's parents or guardian, the hearing officer shall have the discretionary authority to continue from time to time the hearing. In addition, the hearing officer may continue the hearing upon any good cause.

5. Access to Records. The administrative representative, the student, the student's parent or guardian and the legal counsel of the student shall have the right to examine the records and affidavits and the statements of any witnesses in the possession of the District OR1 Board of Education at any reasonable time prior to the hearing.

6. Hearing Procedure. The hearing shall be attended by the hearing officer, the student, the student's parents or guardian, the student's representative if any, and the administrative representative. Witnesses shall be present only when they are giving information at the hearing or with the consent of both parties. The student may be excluded at the discretion of the hearing officer at times

when the student's psychological evaluation or emotional problems are being discussed. Legal counsel may represent the student or the student's parents or guardian or both. The hearing examiner may exclude anyone from the hearing when his/her actions substantially disrupt an orderly hearing. The formal rules of evidence shall not apply at the hearing. The administrative representative shall present to the hearing officer statements, in affidavit form, of any person having information about the student's conduct and the student's records, but not unless such statements and records have been made available to the student, the student's parents, guardian or representative prior to the hearing. The information contained in such records shall be explained and interpreted prior to or at the hearing to the student, parents or guardian, or representative at their request, by appropriate school personnel. The student, the student's parents, guardian, or representative, the administrative representative or the hearing officer may ask witnesses to testify at the hearing. Such testimony shall be under oath and the hearing officer shall be authorized to administer the oath. The student, parent, guardian, or representative, administrative representative, or the hearing officer shall have the right to question any witness giving information at the hearing, the student may testify in his/her own defense in which case he/she shall be subject to cross examination nor will any conclusion be drawn therefrom. Any person giving evidence by written statement or in person at a hearing shall be given the same immunity from liability as a person testifying in a court case. A single hearing may be conducted for more than one student if in the discretion of the hearing examiner a single hearing is not likely to result in confusion or prejudice to the interest of any of the students involved. If during the conduct of such a hearing, the hearing examiner concludes that any of such student's interests will be substantially prejudiced by a group hearing, or that confusion is resulting, the hearing examiner may order a separate hearing for each or any of said students.

7. Availability of Witnesses. The hearing officer will have the authority to subpoena any witnesses to the hearing and shall make reasonable efforts to assist in obtaining the attendance of any witnesses requested by the student, student's parents or guardian or their legal representative.

8. Record. The proceedings of the hearing shall be recorded at the expense of the school district.

9. Findings. Within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall prepare and submit to the Superintendent of schools his/her written findings and recommendation as to disposition. This report shall explain, in terms of the needs of both the student and the school board, the reasons for the particular action recommended. Such recommendation may range from no action, through the entire field of counseling, to long term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment.

10. Review by Superintendent. The Superintendent of schools shall review the findings and recommendations of the hearing officer and in his/her discretion may also review any of the facts and evidence presented at the hearing and based upon such report and the facts shall determine the sanctions to be imposed. However, the Superintendent may not impose a more severe sanction than that imposed by the hearing officer.

11. Notice of Determination. Written notice of the findings and recommendations of the hearing officer and the determination of the Superintendent of schools shall be made by certified registered mail or by personal delivery to the student, the student's parents or guardian. Upon receipt of such written notice by the student and/or parents and guardian, the determination of the Superintendent shall take immediate effect.

12. Appeal to Board. The student, student's parents or guardian may, within seven school days following the receipt of the Superintendent's decision, submit to the Superintendent of schools a written request for a hearing before the Board of Education.

13. Review by Board of Education. Upon receipt of the request for review of the Superintendent's

determination, the Board of Education or a committee of not less than three members shall, within ten school days, hold a hearing on the matter. Such hearing shall be made on the record except that the board may admit new or additional evidence to avoid substantial threat of unfairness. Such new evidence shall be recorded. The Board of Education or committee thereof may withdraw to deliberate privately upon the record and new evidence. Any such deliberation shall be held in the presence only of board members in attendance at the appeal proceeding, but may be held in the presence of legal counsel who has not previously acted as the administrative representative in presenting the school's case before the hearing officer. If any questions arise during such deliberations, which require additional evidence, the Board of Education or committee thereof may require the hearing to receive such evidence, subject to the right of all parties to be present. A record of any such new or additional evidence shall be made and shall be considered as a part of the record and based upon the evidence presented at the hearing before the hearing officer, and such new or additional evidence, the Board of Education or the committee shall make a final disposition of the matter. The board may alter the Superintendent's disposition of the case if it finds his/her decision to be too severe, but it may not impose a more severe sanction. A designated method of giving notice by the Board of Education or committee thereof, if required, for any Board review shall be by posting on the schoolhouse door.

14. Final Decision of Board of Education. The final decision of board shall be delivered to the student and parents or legal guardian of the student by personally delivering the same or by mailing the same by certified or registered mail.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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**Administration of Medication to Students
Physician's Request For Administration of Prescription
Medications by School Personnel**

Date: _____

Child's Full Name: _____ is under my care and must take medication which I have prescribed during the school day.

Name of Medication (as it appears on container in which the drug is stored) _____

Dosage and Time: _____

Date administration of drug is to begin: _____

Possible adverse reactions to be reported to physician: _____

Special instructions for the administration and storage of the drug _____

I or my designee(s) have trained school personnel or approved alternative training as adequate to administer the medication, have evaluated the situation, the general administration plan and if applicable, the self-administration plan or emergency care plan, and deemed each to be safe and appropriate, and if applicable authorize the use of hypodermic syringes and needles or similar medical terms.

Name of Physician and Designee

Print or Type

Primary Phone Number

Secondary Phone Number

Signature of Physician

District OR-1

ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTERS AND NETWORKS STUDENT’S AGREEMENT

In order to make sure that all members of Palmyra District OR-1 community understand and agree to these rules of conduct, Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools asks that you as a student user sign the following statement:

I have received a copy of, and have read, the Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy adopted by the Palmyra District OR-1, and I understand and will abide by those district guidelines and conditions for the use of the facilities of Palmyra District OR-1 and access to the Internet. I further understand that any violation of the district guidelines is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges will be revoked. School disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action will be taken.

I agree not to hold the Palmyra District OR-1, any of its employees, or any institution providing network access to Palmyra District OR-1 responsible for the performance of the system or the content of any material accessed through it.

Student's Name _____

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____

PARENT’S AGREEMENT

In order to make sure that all members of Palmyra District OR-1 community understand and agree to these rules of conduct, we ask that you as a parent/guardian sign the following statement:

I have received a copy of, and have read, the Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy adopted by Palmyra District OR-1. As parent or guardian of the student named below, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail (e-mail) and the Internet. I understand that this free access is designed for educational purposes. I also understand that individuals may be held liable for violations of those Terms and Conditions. However, I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold Palmyra District OR-1 responsible for materials acquired or sent via the network.

I agree not to hold the Palmyra District OR-1, any of its employees, or any institution providing network access to Palmyra District OR-1 responsible for the performance of the system or the content of any material accessed through it.

Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____

Your son/daughter is to return this form to the office by **Friday, August 21st**.

This form will be retained on file by authorized
faculty designee for duration of applicable
computer/network/Internet use.

Parent/Guardian Receipt Form

After reading this handbook, please complete this form, detach it and return it to the school **no later than Friday, August 21st.**

We have read and reviewed this handbook and the transportation code of conduct included with our child(ren) and understand its contents

Student (s) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Palmyra High School Student Handbook 2020-2021 School Year

Foreword

Section 1 Intent of Handbook:

This handbook is intended for use by students, parents and staff, as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Palmyra High School. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained in it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although the information found in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, the handbook is not intended to be all encompassing so as to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a “contract.” The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well-being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.

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Article 1 – Mission and Goals

Section 1 School Mission Statement:

“Together, we prepare our students to successfully meet the challenges of the future.”

Section 2 Governing Principles - Goals

- model and reinforce a sense of self-respect and respect for others
- provide equal opportunity for each student to develop his/her potential
- seek to develop a sense of individual responsibility and integrity
- seek and integrate educationally sound innovations into the curriculum
- provide a safe learning environment

Section 3 Mutual Respect:

Palmyra High School expects every staff member and student to be treated with respect and dignity. A show of disrespect toward a staff member or insubordination on the part of the student will not be tolerated.

Section 4 School Ceremonies and Observances

The school district will continue school ceremonies and observances, which have become a tradition and a custom of the education program. These include, but are not limited to, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and observance of holidays, such as Christmas, Halloween and Easter, by programs and performances. Such ceremonies or observances shall have a secular purpose and shall not advocate or sponsor a particular religion.

Students who do not wish to participate in these activities may be silent during the ceremony or observance or receive permission from the principal to be excused from the ceremony for religious reasons in compliance with board policy.

September 17 shall be designated as Constitution Day. The district shall hold an educational program(s) for all students on the United States Constitution each September 17. When September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week.

Section 5 Multicultural Policy

Multicultural education is the identification, selection and infusion of specific knowledge, skills and attitudes for the purpose of:

- affirming the culture, history and contributions that shall include but not be limited to African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans;
- challenging and eliminating racism, prejudice, bigotry, discrimination and stereotyping based on race;
- valuing multiple cultural perspectives; and
- providing all students with opportunities to “see themselves” in the educational

environment in positive ways and on a continuing basis.

To promote and support multicultural education within Palmyra High School, it shall be the policy and practice of this district to create opportunities for all students to achieve academically and socially in an educational environment in which all students and staff understand and respect the racial and cultural diversity and interdependence of members of our society.

Section 6 SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY

A mission of Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools is to provide curriculum, instruction, and experiences in a health-promoting school environment to instill habits of lifelong learning and health. Therefore, the Board adopts the following School Wellness Policy.

Annual Notification of Policy

The District will actively inform families and the public each year of basic information about this policy, including its content, any updates to the policy and implementation status. The District will make this information available via the District website and/or district-wide communications. The District will provide as much information as possible about the school nutrition environment. This will include a summary of the District's events or activities related to wellness policy implementation. Annually, the District will also publicize the name and contact information of the District officials leading and coordinating the committee, as well as information on how the public can get involved with the school wellness committee.

Community Involvement, Outreach and Communications

The District is committed to being responsive to community input, which begins with awareness of the wellness policy. The District will actively communicate ways in which representatives of DWC and others can participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of the wellness policy through a variety of means appropriate for that district. The District will also inform parents of the improvements that have been made to school meals and compliance with school meal standards, availability of child nutrition programs and how to apply, and a description of and compliance with Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. The District will use electronic mechanisms, such as email or displaying notices on the district's website, as well as non-electronic mechanisms, such as newsletters, presentations to parents, or sending information home to parents, to ensure that all families are actively notified of the content of, implementation of, and updates to the wellness policy, as well as how to get involved and support the policy. The District will ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community, and accomplished through means similar to other ways that the district and individual schools are communicating important school information with parents.

The District will actively notify the public about the content of or any updates to the wellness policy annually, at a minimum. The District will also use these mechanisms to inform the community about the availability of the annual and triennial reports.

School Meals

The District is committed to serving healthy meals to children, with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat milk; that are moderate in sodium, low in saturated fat, and have zero grams *trans* fat per serving (nutrition label or manufacturer's specification); and to meeting the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements. The school meal programs aim to improve the diet and health of school children, help mitigate childhood obesity, model healthy eating to support the development of lifelong healthy eating patterns and support

healthy choices while accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs.

Water

To promote hydration, free, safe, unflavored drinking water will be available to all students throughout the school day and throughout every school campus (“school campus” and “school day” are defined in the glossary). The District will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes

Section 7 Complaint Procedures:

The proper procedures for a parent or student to make complaints or raise concerns about school staff or the school programs or activities are set forth below. Other procedures exist to address discrimination or harassment, the bullying of students, and to challenge disciplinary actions, and such other procedures should be used to address those types of concerns.

Complaint procedure:

- Step 1. Have a scheduled conference with the staff person involved in the complaint matter.
- Step 2. Appeal to the Principal if the matter is not resolved at Step 1.
- Step 3. Appeal to the Superintendent if the matter is still unresolved at Step 2.
- Step 4. Appeal to the Board of Education if the matter is still unresolved at Step 3.

Written appeals should be made within five (5) days of the Superintendent’s decision.

1. Conditions Applicable to All Levels of Complaint Procedure:

All information to be considered at each appeal step should be placed in writing in order to be most effective. Appeal decisions shall be expedited as quickly as possible. A decision at any level should be rendered within ten (10) calendar days, unless a legal hearing is requested or required.

Article 2 - School Day

Section 1	Daily Schedule
First Bell	8:10
Period 1	8:15 – 9:05
Period 2	9:08 – 9:58
Period 3	10:01 – 10:51
Period 4	10:54 – 11:44
Period 5	11:47 – 12:58
Period 6	1:01 – 1:51
Period 7	1:54 – 2:44
Period 8	2:47 – 3:37

Section 2 Alternate Schedule - TBA

Section 3 Severe Weather and School Cancellations

The Superintendent of schools is authorized by the Board of Education to close public schools in case of severe weather. Representatives of the Superintendent's staff will notify local news media when inclement weather warrants such action. The information is broadcast regularly by KOLN/KGIN channel 10/11, KLKN channel 8, and KFOR 1240 AM. School closing information can also be found at www.cancellations.com.

Decision to Close Schools. A decision to close school is made when forecasts by the weather service and civil defense officials indicate that it would be unwise for students to go to school. If possible, a decision about the next school day will be made by 9 p.m. for announcement during the 10 p.m. news. An early decision is not always possible because of uncertain weather conditions. School officials will make periodic assessments of conditions during the night and will decide early in the morning (by 6 a.m. if possible). In any case, **an announcement will be made to the aforementioned news media when schools will be closed.** In some instances, schools will be open, but certain services may be cancelled (bus transportation, kindergarten, student activities). Announcements about other Nebraska school closings are included in Lincoln radio and television broadcasts. Students and parents will want to pay special attention to which public school district is being closed.

After School Starts. Every attempt will be made to avoid closing school once classes are in session. In some instances closing school during the day is inevitable if children are to safely return home before the brunt of a major storm hits. In these cases as much advance notice as possible will be given to parents. If school is closed during the day the notice will be broadcast by the media and **parents should have a plan in place to accommodate these circumstances.**

Parental Decisions. **Parents may decide to keep their children at home in inclement weather because of personal circumstances.** Students absent because of severe weather when school is in session will be marked absent. The absence will be treated like any other absence for legitimate causes provided parents properly notify the school of their decision. Parents may pick up their children in inclement weather at any time during the school day. Students will not normally be dismissed from school during severe weather on the basis of a telephone request.

What Not To Do. Parents should not attempt to come to school during a tornado warning. **School officials are not permitted to release students from the school building during a tornado warning.** Tornado safety procedures are practiced regularly by students and staff members. Also, parents are urged not to call radio and television stations and school buildings during severe weather. Every effort will be made to provide accurate and timely information through the media.

Emergency Conditions. Palmyra High School has a signal which, when activated, includes the necessity to either evacuate the building or to move to safer areas of the building. All regular drills are held as required by law through the school year. There are plans for Emergency Exit system, Tornado Warning System, and Critical Incident Response.

Keeping you informed is a top priority at District OR1. We have adopted the School Messenger Notification Service which will allow us to send a telephone or e-mail message to you providing important information about school events or emergencies. We anticipate using School Messenger to notify you of security situations, school delays, or cancellations due to inclement weather; as well as remind you about various events; including report card distribution, open house, field trips, and more. In the event of an emergency at school, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be informed immediately by phone.

Section 4 Closed Campus:

All students are required to remain on campus during the school day. Students must request permission from the Principal to have visitors at school during the school day, this includes during lunch.

Article 3 - Use of Building and Grounds

Section 1 Entering and Leaving the Building

Beginning Of School: Students should not be on school grounds prior to 8:00 a.m., unless eating breakfast. The first bell will ring at 8:10 a.m. allowing students to proceed to their lockers and classrooms. During bad weather the entrance will be open by 7:30 a.m. for students to enter the building. Students are to stay in the gym, and are not to go to any other part of the building without permission.

During the School Day: Students are to remain on campus unless excused in accordance with school policies. Upon return to school during the day, students are to report to the school office.

End of School: Our regular school day ends at 3:37 p.m. Make-up work, special help, assignment after school, club meetings, and other school activities begin at 3:45 p.m. It is important that students who are involved in any of these activities report to the designated area on time. All other students must clear the building as soon as possible.

Section 2 Visitors

All visitors must report to the office, upon entering the east entrance, to sign in, in order to receive a visitor's pass. Parents are welcome at all times. Please sign in/out at the office upon entering/exiting the east entrance to the school. Visitations during the first week of school and the last week of school will require extraordinary reasons or permission from administrators.

Section 3 Smoke-Free Environment

The use of tobacco (including electronic nicotine delivery systems) products is prohibited in all school buildings and all school vehicles. Smoking shall also be prohibited in any area where school staff, students or members of the public may be present or may be affected by smoke, including without limitation the stands and bleachers of outdoor athletic fields and near the entry of school buildings. For purposes of this policy, tobacco means any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect.

Section 4 Care of School Property

1. Students are responsible for the proper care of all books, equipment, supplies and furniture supplied by the school.
2. Students who disfigure property, break windows or do other damage to school property or equipment will be required to pay for the damage done or replace the item.
3. **School-issued items that are stolen or damaged are the responsibility of the student to whom they were issued.**
4. **Replacement cost or fines for lost/damaged books/materials will be determined taking into consideration the age and condition of the books/materials. This determination will be made with input from the student, teacher, and Principal.**

Section 5 Lockers

Each student will be assigned a locker. Students must use their own lockers and are not to share lockers with other students except as assigned by school officials. Students are expected to keep all books, etc., in their assigned locker. Students are also responsible for the cleanliness inside their locker and the door of their locker. Students may be assessed a fine for damage to lockers.

Section 6 Searches of Lockers and Other Types of Searches

Student lockers, desks, computer equipment, and other such property are owned by the school. The school exercises exclusive control over school property. Students should not expect privacy regarding usage of or items placed in or on school property, including student vehicles parked on school property, because school property is subject to search at any time by school officials. Periodic, random searches of lockers, desks, computers and other such property may be conducted in the discretion of the administration.

The following rules shall apply to searches of students and of a student's personal property and to the seizure of items in a student's possession or control:

1. School officials may conduct a search if there is a reasonable basis to believe that the search will uncover evidence of a crime or a school rule violation. The search must be conducted in a reasonable manner under the circumstances.
2. Illegal items or other items reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety of others or a threat to educational purposes may be taken and kept by school officials. Any firearm or other weapon shall be confiscated and delivered to law enforcement officials as soon as practicable.
3. Items which have been or are reasonably expected to be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process (that is, "nuisance items") may be removed from student possession.

Section 7 Video Surveillance

The Board of Education has authorized the use of video cameras on School District property to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all staff, students and visitors to District property, and to safeguard District facilities and equipment. Video cameras may be used in locations as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

Notice is hereby given that video surveillance may occur on District property. In the event a video surveillance recording captures a student or other building user violating school policies or rules or local, state or federal laws, the video surveillance recording may be used in appropriate disciplinary proceedings against the student or other building user and may also be provided to law enforcement agencies.

Recording of Others

To ensure the privacy and confidentiality of student information, no person is authorized to record or transmit any sound or image of any person (including themselves) without the prior consent or authorization of either (1) the person or persons being recorded or whose image or sound is being transmitted or (2) the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. This prohibition applies to all persons, including staff, students and community members, regardless of the content or context of the image or sound; however, this provision shall not apply to District-sponsored athletic or activity events where the focus of the recording or transmission is on the student performances or activity. Nothing in this provision shall prohibit the recording of an Individualized Education Program meeting if the recording is necessary to ensure that the parent understands the IEP or the IEP process or to implement other parental rights guaranteed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Section 8 Use of Telephone

USE OF THE OFFICE PHONE SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN EMERGENCY OR WHEN A STUDENT IS ILL.

Students may come to the office to use their cell phone, if given permission by teacher and office personnel.

Use of personal electronic devices (i.e. cell phone, digital cameras, pagers, etc) is restricted. They are also prohibited in any areas where there is an expectation of privacy (i.e. locker rooms, bathrooms, etc.). Students may use personal electronic devices in the common areas of the school before and after school, at lunch and during passing periods so long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. Students should not use personal electronic devices during class time. All devices will remain off and out of sight during class time, unless given permission. Students using personal electronic devices during school hours, without permission will be subject to disciplinary action.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their personal electronic devices. The school district is not responsible for theft, loss or damage of a cell phone or any calls made on a cell phone. By bringing personal cell phone to school, students consent to having that phone searched by school officials when they have reasonable suspicion that such a search will reveal a violation of school rules.

Students who violate this policy will have their personal electronic devices confiscated immediately. The administration will return confiscated devices to the offending student's parent or guardian after meeting with the parent or guardian to discuss the violation. Students who violate this policy may be subject to additional discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Section 9 Bicycles

Bicycles must be parked in the racks provided. All bicycles should be equipped with locks and licenses. The school is not responsible for damage or theft of parts while bicycles are on school property.

Section 10 Student Valuables

Students, not the school, are responsible for their personal property. Students are cautioned not to bring large amounts of money or items of value to school. If it is necessary to bring valuable items or more money than is needed to pay for lunch, leave the money or valuables with a staff member in the school office for temporary and safe-keeping. Even then, the school is not in a position to guarantee that the student's property will not be subject to loss, theft, or damage.

Section 11 Lost and Found

Students who find lost articles are asked to take them to the office, where the articles can be claimed by the owner. If articles are lost at school, report that loss to office personnel.

Section 12 Accidents

Every accident in the school building, on the school grounds, at practice sessions, or at any athletic event sponsored by the school must be reported immediately to the Principal.

Section 13 Laboratory Safety Glasses

As required by law, approved safety glasses will be required of every student and teacher while participating in or observing vocational, technical, industrial technology, science, and art classes. All visitors to these areas must check out a pair of safety glasses when entering any of these areas.

Section 14 Insurance

Under Nebraska law the District may not use school funds to provide general student accident or athletic insurance. The District requires that all student participants in athletic programs have injury and accident insurance and encourages all students who are in classes with risk of personal injury or accident to have insurance coverage. The district does not make recommendations, nor handle the premiums or claims for any insurance company, agent or carrier. Information about student insurance providers will be available in the school office or on school bulletin boards.

Section 15 Bulletins and Announcements

Bulletin boards and display cases are available for school-related and approved materials to be posted and displayed. Posters to be used in the halls or materials for distribution will need to be approved and stamped by the Principal's office. Posters are not to be attached to any painted wall surfaces. Place posters on marble, glass, metal, brick and wood. The person or organization responsible for distributing the posters is responsible to see that all posters are removed within 48 hours after the event.

Section 16 Copyright and Fair Use Policy

It is the school's policy to follow the federal copyright law. Students are reminded that, when using school equipment and when completing course work, they also must follow the federal copyright laws. The federal copyright law governs the reproduction of works of authorship. Copyrighted works are protected regardless of the medium in which they are created or reproduced; thus, copyright extends to digital works and works transformed into a digital format. Copyrighted works are not limited to those that bear a copyright notice.

The "fair use" doctrine allows limited reproduction of copyrighted works for educational and research purposes. The relevant portion of the copyright statute provides that the "fair use" of a copyrighted work, including reproduction "for purposes such as criticism, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research" is not an infringement of copyright. The law lists the following factors as the ones to be evaluated in determining whether a particular use of a copyrighted work is a permitted "fair use," rather than an infringement of the copyright:

- the purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes;
- the nature of the copyrighted work;
- the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole, and
- the effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.

Although all of these factors will be considered, the last factor is the most important in determining whether a particular use is "fair." Students should seek assistance from a faculty member if there are any questions regarding what may be copied.

Section 1 Attendance Policy

Regular and punctual student attendance is required. The administration is responsible for developing further attendance rules and regulations, and all staff are expected to implement this policy and administrative rules and regulations to encourage regular and punctual student attendance. The Principals and teachers are required to maintain an accurate record of student attendance.

Section 2 Attendance and Absences.

1. Absences – Definitions. The circumstances for all absences from school will be identified as School Excused or Not School Excused. Absences should be cleared through the Principal's office in advance whenever possible. All absences, except for illness and/or death in the family, require advance approval.
 - a. School Excused. Any of the following circumstances that lead to an absence will be identified as a *School Excused* absence, provided the required attendance procedures have been followed:

- (1) Impossible or impracticable barriers outside the control of the parent or child prevent a student from attending school. The parent must provide the school with documentation to demonstrate the absence was beyond the control of the parent or child. This could include, but is not limited to documented illness, court, death of a family member, or suspension.
 - (2) Other absences as determined by the principal or the principal's designee.
- b. Not School Excused. Absences that are not school excused may result in a report to the county attorney and may be classified as follows:
- (1) Parent acknowledged absences are those in which the parent communicated with the school in the prescribed manner that the child is absent and is the parent's responsibility for the extent of the school day. This includes, but is not limited to, illness, vacations, and medical appointments.
 - (2) Other absences are those in which the parent has not communicated a reason for the student's absence. This would include being tardy to school. Being tardy more than 10 minutes may be considered an unexcused absence for that period.
 - (3) Any student who is deemed tardy by the office or classroom teacher will serve a 20 minute detention with the teacher of the class the student was tardy for. Failure to show up for the detention will result in the time being increased by 20 minutes. If a student misses the detention four times, the student shall serve an all-day in-school suspension and still have to serve the detention time.

Section 3 Absence Procedure. In its Student Information System, the District may identify many different codes that provide greater definition to the circumstances of a child's absence, but all of the codes need to be identified to parents and students as fitting into one of the above defined absence circumstances.

A student will not be allowed to enter class after an absence until an admit slip, based upon a written or verbal parental excuse, is issued by the Principal's office.

Two school days will be allowed to make up work for each day missed, with a maximum of 10 days allowed to make up work.

Section 4 Mandatory Ages of Attendance. A child is of mandatory age if the child will reach age 6 prior to January 1 of the then-current school year and has not reached 18 years of age.

Exceptions for Younger Students. Attendance is not mandatory for a child who has reached 6 years of age prior to January 1 of the then-current school year, but will not reach age 7 prior to January 1 of such school year, if the child's parent or guardian has signed and filed with the school

district in which the child resides an affidavit stating either: (1) that the child is participating in an education program that the parent or guardian believes will prepare the child to enter grade one for the following school year; or (2) that the parent or guardian intends for the child to participate in a school which has elected or will elect pursuant to law not to meet accreditation or approval requirements and the parent or guardian intends to provide the Commissioner of Education with a statement pursuant to section 79-1601(3) on or before the child's seventh birthday.

Exceptions for Older Students. Attendance is also not mandatory for a child who: (1) has obtained a high school diploma by meeting statutory graduation requirements; (2) has completed the program of instruction offered by a school which elects pursuant to law not to meet accreditation or approval requirements; or (3) has reached the age of 16 years and has been withdrawn from school in the manner prescribed by law.

Early Withdrawal for Students Enrolled in Accredited or Approved Schools. A person who has legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least 16 but less than 18 years of age may withdraw such child from school before graduation and be exempt from the mandatory attendance requirements if an exit interview is conducted and a withdrawal form is signed.

Exit Interview. The process is initiated by a person who has legal or actual charge or control of the child submitting a withdrawal form. The form is to be as prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. Upon submission of the form, the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall set a time and place for an exit interview if the child is enrolled in District OR-1 Public Schools or resides in the District OR-1 Public School's district and is enrolled in a private, denominational, or parochial school.

The exit interview shall be personally attended by:

- The child, unless the withdrawal is being requested due to an illness of the child making attendance at the exit interview impossible or impracticable;
- the person who has legal or actual charge or control of the child who requested the exit interview;
- the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee;
- the child's principal or the principal's designee if the child at the time of the exit interview is enrolled in a school operated by the school district; and
- any other person requested by any of the required parties who agrees to attend the exit interview and is available at the time designated for the exit interview which may include, for example, other school personnel or the child's principal if the child is enrolled in a private school.

At the exit interview, the person making the written request must present evidence that (a) the person has legal or actual charge or control of the child and (b) the child would be withdrawing due to either:

- financial hardships requiring the child to be employed to support the child's family or one or more dependents of the child, or
- an illness of the child making attendance impossible or impracticable.

The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall identify all known alternative educational opportunities, including vocational courses of study, that are available to the child in the school district and how withdrawing from school is likely to reduce potential future earnings for the child and increase the likelihood of the child being unemployed in the future. Any other relevant information may be presented and discussed by any of the parties in attendance.

At the conclusion of the exit interview, the person making the written request may sign a withdrawal form provided by the school district agreeing to the withdrawal of the child OR may rescind the written request for the withdrawal.

Withdrawal Form. Any withdrawal form signed by the person making the written request shall be valid only if:

- the child also signs the form, unless the withdrawal is being requested due to an illness of the child making attendance at the exit interview impossible or impracticable, and
- the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee signs the form acknowledging that the interview was held, the required information was provided and discussed at the interview, and, in the opinion of the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee, the person making the written request does in fact have legal or actual charge or control of the child and the child is experiencing either (i) financial hardship, or (ii) an illness making attendance impossible or impracticable.

Early Withdrawal for Students Enrolled in an Exempt School (Home Schools). A person who has legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least 16 but less than 18 years of age may withdraw such child from school before graduation and be exempt from the mandatory attendance requirements if such child has been enrolled in a school that elects not to meet the accreditation or approval requirements by filing with the State Department of Education a signed notarized release on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 5

Reporting and Responding to Excessive Absenteeism. Any administrator, teacher, or member of the board of education who knows of any failure on the part of any child of mandatory school attendance age to attend school regularly without lawful reason, shall within three days report such violation to the superintendent or such person(s) who the superintendent designates to be the attendance officer (hereafter, "attendance officer"). The attendance officer shall immediately cause an investigation into any such report to be made. The attendance officer shall also

investigate any case when of his or her personal knowledge, or by report or complaint from any resident of the district, the attendance officer believes there is a violation of the compulsory attendance laws. The school shall render all services in its power to compel such child to attend some public, private, denominational, or parochial school, which the person having control of the child shall designate, in an attempt to address the problem of excessive absenteeism. Such services shall include, as appropriate, the services listed below under “Excessive Absenteeism” and “Reporting Excessive Absenteeism.”

Section 6 Excessive Absenteeism. Students who accumulate one (1) unexcused absence in a quarter shall be deemed to have “excessive absences.” Such absences shall be determined on a per day basis for elementary students and on a per class basis for secondary students. When a student has excessive absences, the following procedures shall be implemented:

- a. Verbal or written communication by school officials with the person or persons who have legal or actual charge or control of any child; and
- b. One or more meetings between the school (a school attendance officer, a school administrator or his or her designee, and/or a social worker), the child’s parent or guardian, and the child, when appropriate, to address the barriers to attendance. The result of the meeting or meetings shall be to develop a collaborative plan to reduce barriers identified to improve regular attendance. The plan shall consider, but not be limited to:
 - (i) Illness related to physical or behavioral health of the child.
 - (ii) Educational counseling;
 - (iii) Educational evaluation;
 - (iv) Referral to community agencies for economic services;
 - (v) Family or individual counseling; and
 - (vi) Assisting the family in working with other community services.

If the parent/guardian refuses to participate in such meeting, the principal shall place documentation of such refusal in the child’s attendance records.

Reporting Excessive Absenteeism to the County Attorney. The school may report to the county attorney of the county in which the person resides when the school has documented the efforts to address excessive absences, the collaborative plan to reduce barriers identified to improve regular attendance has not been successful, and the student has accumulated more than five (5) absences per quarter, ten (10) absences per semester, or twenty (20) absences per year. This process can be initiated at any time during the school year if any absence is determined to be school unexcused. The school shall notify the child’s family in writing prior to referring the child to the county attorney. Illness that makes attendance impossible or impracticable shall not be the basis for referral to the county attorney. A report to the county attorney may also be made when a student otherwise accrues excessive absences as herein defined.

Section 1 Grading System

Palmyra High School will use the letter grading system as follows:

A	94 - 100	Excellent
B	86 – 93	Good
C	78 – 85	Satisfactory
D	70 – 77	Needs Improvement
F	Below 70	No Credit
INC	Incomplete	No Credit

Each teacher should define for students the grading procedures to be used in their classes.

Section 2 High School Yearly Course Guidelines

All students in grades 9-12 will be encouraged to sign up for seven classes, out of an eight period day. College credit, dual credit, online course work, and Odesseyware courses can count toward the seven class enrollment. Students may have one study hall. Students may be asked to serve as a teacher or office aide. If a student becomes a teacher or office aide, this period will count as their one allowable study hall.

Section 3 Full-time enrollment

Students must be enrolled in District OR-1 Public Schools on a full-time basis. Full-time basis is defined as attending classes for the full instructional day within the public school system.

Exceptions are permitted only for:

1. enrolled students attending another state accredited institution such as a vocational-technical school or a college or university for school credit;
2. enrolled students taking the limited number of credits needed to graduate in the school year;
3. enrolled students in need of modified school attendance as an accommodation for a disability or similar unique circumstance;
4. enrolled students receiving special education services where the student’s IEP requires a modified schedule, or non-enrolled students receiving special education services or other legally mandated services required to be provided to eligible resident children under state and federal laws and regulations;
5. students from other school districts participating in programs offered by the District pursuant to an inter-local agreement or other arrangement approved by the School Board; and
6. non-public school students in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in this policy.

Part-Time Enrollment of Non-Public School Students

The School Board shall allow the part-time enrollment of students who are residents of the school district and who are also enrolled in a private, denominational, or parochial school or in a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval requirements. Such students are referred to herein as “non-public school students.”

Section 4 Academic Tutorial Policy

Teachers that have students in their class that have grades which have dropped below a “D” may schedule tutorial sessions with that student in an attempt to help them raise their grades. The time and date for this session will be mutually agreed upon by the student and teacher, the student will be given a minimum of twenty-four hours before the session(s) is to be held and can be scheduled before school, after school, or during a students’ study hall session. Once agreed upon by student and teacher, the session is mandatory. Students that skip a tutorial will be subject to disciplinary action. Tutorials will not disqualify a student from practice or other after school events once the student has completed the tutorial, nor will there be any penalties imposed on the teacher by sponsors or coaches for missing activities or practice, due to attendance for a tutorial.

Students who are failing one or more classes when report cards or progress reports are sent home may not leave study hall to leisure read in the library. This will be in effect for any and all study halls a student has during any given day. This also applies to semester classes, even if the student is not taking the course during the next grading period

If students who are failing one or more classes need to use the library for research, teachers may write passes for “research only.” These passes will be limited to 10 minutes. Students should obtain their needed materials and return to the classroom. Students in violation of this procedure will not be allowed to use the library until they are no longer in jeopardy of failing.

Section 5 Graduation Requirements

230 credits are required for graduation:

English/Speech	45 credits
Social Studies	40 credits
Math	30 credits
Science	30 credits
Business	10 credits
Computers	15 credits
P.E./Health	10 credits
Electives	50 credits

A student will earn 10 credits for passing a year-long class and 5 credits for passing a semester long class.

Grades for the dual credit classes (college and high school) will be issued on separate high school and college grading scales. The high school grades will be used in determining class rank, honor roll, and other academic honors or recognition.

A maximum of fifteen (15) credits from extension or correspondence courses may be counted

toward graduation requirements. Courses must be comparable to the courses they are replacing and the courses must be approved by the administration.

Early Graduation - Upon completion of the 7 semesters in high school, and having met the number of hours and required courses for graduation, students attending District OR-1 have the right, with parental or guardian consent to graduate early. Each student desiring to graduate early shall receive an application form from the high school principal. This form must be obtained before the student enrolls in classes for their intended last year of school.

Work Release - Seniors may attend less than a full day of school if the release time will be spent working at a job or in a study program, provided that the release time does not jeopardize the student's graduation at the usual time, and provided that the request is made and arranged with the mutual consent of the principal, the student, and the student's parent/guardian.

Junior High requirements include two years of mathematics, English, science, social studies, physical education, vocal music, guidance, home economics, industrial arts, art, vocational agriculture, and keyboarding.

Section 6 Promotion, Retention

The professional staff at Palmyra High School will place students at the grade level and in the courses best suited to them academically, socially and emotionally.

Students will typically progress annually from grade to grade. A student may be retained at a grade level or be required to repeat a course or program when such is determined in the judgment of the professional staff to be appropriate for the educational interests of the student and the educational program.

Section 7 Schedule Changes/Drop and Add

Schedule changes will be made during the first week of each semester. The Principal will make final approval of all schedule changes.

Section 8 Progress Reports

Various supplemental progress reports may be sent to parents throughout the school year concerning student's performance. These reports may describe student work of an exceptional nature or work that may need improvement. These reports will be sent as the teacher determines.

Included in the academic improvement report will be a request from the teacher for parents to contact the teacher by phone, or email, to discuss the student's academic progress. Teachers will arrange with the parents for days when the student can meet with the teacher outside the regular class period until the student returns to satisfactory academic standing. (See Section 3)

Section 9 Report Cards

Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter, or nine-week sessions. Letter grades are used to designate a student's progress. Incompletes shall be designated by an "INC". Students have two weeks after the end of the quarter to make up incomplete work. Failure to do so will cause the grade to change to a "F" (No Credit). No incompletes will be given at the end of the fourth quarter, as all course work must be completed by the end of the fourth quarter.

Section 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held this year for the Jr/Sr High School on Sept. 19th from 2:00 – 8:00pm and Feb. 6th from 2:00 – 8:00pm. The conferences for Bennet Elementary School are Sept. 19th from 2:00 – 8:00pm and Feb. 6th from 2:00 – 8:00pm. Conferences with teachers, at any other time, are possible by calling the school office and making arrangements with one or more teachers as needed.

Section 11 Honor Roll/Class Rank

The purpose of the honor roll is to recognize those students who demonstrate academic excellence. Honor rolls will be determined for 1st Semester, and 2nd Semester.

- 1) Students receiving all "A's" will be classified as HIGH HONOR ROLL.
- 2) Students receiving no other grade lower than a "B" will be classified as HONOR ROLL

Class Rank - Only courses taken while the student is enrolled in grades 9-12 will be used in determining class rank for the students.

The top 10% of the graduating class will be recognized at commencement for high scholastic achievement.

Section 12 Hallway Passage

Students shall not be in the hall during regular class time without signing out of class prior to leaving, and signing back in upon return. This will include trips to the restroom, library, and/or office, as well as to any place other than the room to which the student has been assigned. Passage shall be by the shortest and quickest route practicable without stopovers at other points or without bothering other classes in session. Students wishing to see another teacher before or during school must have permission in advance before they may proceed to that destination.

Do not come to the office for a late pass other than “a late to school” pass.

Section 13 Study Hall Information

- Students should bring enough material to work on for the entire period.
- Students will not be allowed to go to their lockers during study hall.
- Only quiet study is permitted.
- Students will not be allowed to work together in groups.
- Sleeping is not allowed, nor is sitting or lying on the floor, tables, or counters.
- Playing chess, checkers, cards, etc will not be allowed. Real or electronic.
- Repeated violations of these rules will result in the student being re-assigned.

Section 14 Teacher/Office Aides

Students may serve as teacher/office aides. The purpose of this program is to provide an educational experience, which will help to prepare students for future work experiences. The following is a description of the guidelines under which they must function. Students serving as an aide must take a minimum of six regular classes and have at least a 2.0 cumulative average.

Teacher/office aides on the ineligibility list will not be allowed to assist until they are removed from the ineligibility list. Teachers who wish to have an assistant must submit a signed request for a particular student for a specific class period. A teacher who requests an assistant must develop a list of duties and responsibilities; so that, the student, his/her parents, and the office are aware of the expectations. Teachers' assistants should not deal with confidential information. Therefore, student assistants will not be allowed to check papers or record grades. Teachers' assistants can sort papers, staple, clean up, word process, maintain bulletin boards, file, run errands (with a pass), tutor, conduct research, set up experiments, demonstrate skills or procedures, etc.

Section 15 National Honor Society:

The National Honor Society chapter of Palmyra High School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization.

Admission to the National Honor Society

Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a five-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each May.

Students in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Student Activity Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is required. Students must show "participation in at least two student activity organizations each year" or "ten hours of documented community service".

Article 6 - Support Services

Section 1 Special Education Identification And Placement Procedures:

What Does Special Education Mean?

Special education means educational experiences, curriculum and services, including transportation, through the use of staff, facilities, equipment and classrooms, which have been adapted to provide special instruction for students with disabilities. In addition, special education provides the support services necessary for evaluation, placement and instruction for students with disabilities. These services are free to parents, unless they elect to place their child in a program other than one approved by the school district. For more information with regard to special

education services please contact the Principal or Guidance Counselor.

Section 2 Guidance Services:

Palmyra High School employs guidance counselor(s) for the purpose of assisting with the District's testing program and to assist with scheduling and for students to discuss problems and resolve conflicts. If you wish to see a counselor, stop by a counselor's office and make arrangements for an appointment.

Section 3 Health Services:

Student Illnesses

School health personnel will notify parents when a student needs to be sent home from school due to illness. Conditions requiring a student be sent home include: Temperature greater than 100°F., vomiting, diarrhea, unexplained rashes, live head lice, or on determination by the school nurse that the child's condition prevents meaningful participation in the educational program, presents a health risk to the child or others, or that medical consultation is warranted unless the condition resolves. Please include emergency daytime phone numbers on your child's enrollment card so that you can be reached if your child becomes ill or injured while at school. Please also inform your school health office staff of health related information you feel is important for your student's success in the classroom and/or safety at school.

Guidelines for Administering Medication

Whenever possible your child should be provided medications by you outside of school hours. In the event it is necessary that the child take or have medication available at school, the parents/guardians must provide a signed written consent for the child to be given medication at school. A consent form is available at the school health office.

Medications must be provided to the school by the parent/guardian in the pharmacy-labeled or manufacturer-labeled bottle. Repackaged medications will not be accepted. All medications also require a physician's authorization to be given at school. The school nurse may limit medications to those set forth in the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR). Please limit the amount of medication provided to the school to a two-week supply.

School Health Screening

Children in Preschool and Kindergarten through third grade, as well as children in sixth and ninth grade are screened for vision, hearing, dental defects, height and weight. The screening program also incorporates scoliosis and blood pressure at the sixth and ninth grades. Students entering the Student Assistance Process at any grade level, and those about whom health concerns are identified to the school nurse may also be screened. Parents are notified of any health concerns as they are identified. Parents who do not wish their child to participate in the school screening program must communicate this in writing to the school health office where their child attends at the start of the school year. Because Nebraska statutes require school-age screening, parents who remove their child from the screening program must submit findings from an alternate medical provider to the school by December 1.

Physical Examination

Evidence of a physical examination by a qualified physician is required within six months prior to

the entrance of the child into any Early Childhood Special Education classes, kindergarten and the seventh grade, or in the case of transfer from out of state to any other grade. A parent or guardian who objects may submit a written statement of refusal for his or her child. The statement will be kept in the student's file. Waiver forms are available in the school health office.

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Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations since 2017-2018 School Year

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine 3 doses of Polio vaccine 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age
Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1 st Grade depending on the school district's entering grade)	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4 th birthday 3 doses of Polio vaccine 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.
Students entering 7 th grade	Must be current with the above vaccinations AND receive 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster)
Students transferring from outside the state at any grade	Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered.

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet:
<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t173.htm> (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2011) **Updated 1/25/2017**

Students must show proof of immunization upon enrollment in Palmyra High School. Any student who does not comply with the immunization requirements will not be permitted to continue in school. Students with medical conditions or sincerely held religious beliefs which do not allow immunizations may complete a waiver statement which is available in school health offices. Students with a signed waiver statement may be excluded from school in the event of a disease outbreak.

Birth Certificate Requirements

State law requires that a certified copy of a student's birth certificate be used when enrolling a new student in school. If your child is registering with Palmyra High School for the first time, you may obtain this document from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the state in which your child was born. Assistance in obtaining birth certificates may be obtained from Health Records Management, P.O. Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065. There is a fee per certificate.

Please note: The document parents receive from the hospital looks like a birth certificate, but it is not a certified copy. A certified copy has the raised seal of the state of Nebraska on it and is signed by the director of vital statistics.

If a birth certificate is unavailable, other reliable proof of a student's identity may be used. These documents could include naturalization or immigration documents showing date of birth or official hospital birth records, a passport, or a translation of a birth certificate from another country. The documents must be accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate.

Guidelines for Head Lice

The following guidelines are in place to: better control a nuisance condition; reduce absenteeism due to head lice; and involve parents as partners with the school in control efforts:

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1. Children will be sent home from school for live head lice. In the event the child has TWO cases of live lice in a semester, he or she will be sent home until free of both live lice and nits (eggs).
2. Health office staff will provide written treatment information and instructions, including how to check and identify head lice*.
3. A child who is sent home from school for head lice should miss no more than two school days.
4. A child who has been sent from school due to head lice must come to the health office for inspection before returning to class.
5. A child who returns to class with nits (eggs) will be checked again in 7-10 days.
6. Families are encouraged to report head lice to the school health office.
7. Individual buildings will perform classroom-wide or school-wide head checks as needed in order to control the condition at school.

*Nit removal will be emphasized for effective management of the condition. For more information call the nurse at your child's school.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

Students may be required to take medication during the school day. The district shall establish procedures which may allow students to self-administer medications for diabetes and asthma/anaphylaxis. Other medications shall be administered by the school nurse, a registered Medication Aide, or other school staff member meeting the minimum competency standards for the Medication Aide Act.

Self-Management of Diabetes and Asthma/Anaphylaxis

Upon completion of required procedures, the district and parent or guardian, in consultation with the student's physician, will develop a diabetes or asthma/anaphylaxis medical management plan for the current school year. The plan shall:

1. Identify the health care services the student may receive at the school relating to the condition;
2. Evaluate the student's understanding of and ability to self-manage his/her condition;
3. Permit regular monitoring of the student's self-management of his/her condition by an appropriately credentialed health care professional; and
4. Be signed by the student's parent or guardian and the physician responsible for treatment of the student's condition.

For asthma/anaphylaxis the plan will also:

1. Include the name, purpose, and dosage of the prescription medication prescribed for such student; and
2. Include procedures for storage and access to backup supplies of such prescription medication.

The parent or guardian shall sign a statement that:

1. The district and its employees and agents are not liable for any injury or death arising from a student's self-management of his/her condition; and
2. Shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against a claim arising from a student's self-management of his/her condition.
3. Any injury to others as a result of the student's self-medication shall be the parents' responsibility

The student shall promptly notify the person designated in the student's self-management plan when the student has self-medicated.

The superintendent shall develop all necessary procedures and forms to implement the self-management plans and student disciplinary procedures regarding the misuse or threatened misuse of medications and supplies. The school will promptly notify the parent/guardian of such disciplinary action.

Medication for Conditions other than Diabetes or Asthma/Anaphylaxis

Medication will not be administered without written authorization that is signed and dated from the parent and physician, and the medication must be in the original container which is labeled by the pharmacy or the manufacturer with the name of the child, name of the medication, the time of the day which it is to be given, the dosage and the duration.

Written authorization will also be secured when the parent requests student co-administration of medication for other than diabetes or asthma/anaphylaxis when competency is demonstrated. When administration of the medication requires ongoing professional health judgment, an individual health plan will be developed by the licensed health personnel with the student and the student's parents.

A written record of the administration of medication procedure must be kept for each child receiving any medication including the date; student's name; prescriber or person authorizing the administration; the medication and its dosage; the name, signature and title of the person administering the medication; and the time and method of administration and any unusual circumstances, actions or omissions. Administration of medication records shall be kept confidential.

Records shall be available to the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the State Department of Education for inspection and copying.

Medication will be kept in a secured area. Students may carry medication only with the approval of the parents and building principal of the student's attendance center. Emergency protocol for medication-related reactions will be in place.

The superintendent shall be responsible, in conjunction with the school nurse or Medication Aide, for developing rules and regulations governing the administration of prescription and nonprescription medication to students, including emergency protocols, and for ensuring persons administering medication have met the requirement of state statutes. Annually, each student shall be provided with the requirements for administration of medication at school.

Article 7 - Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

Section 1 Drug-Free Schools

The District implements regulations and practices which will ensure compliance with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and all regulations and rules promulgated pursuant thereto. The District's safe and drug-free schools program is established in accordance with principles of effectiveness as required by law to respond to such harmful effects.

Education and Prevention:

This District promotes comprehensive, age appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs, which will include in the curriculum the teaching of both

proper and incorrect use of drugs and alcohol for all students in all grades of this School District. Further, this District will have proper in-service orientation and training for all employed staff.

Drug and Alcohol Use and Prevention.

By this handbook, each student of the District is hereby provided a copy of the standards of conduct for student behavior in the District which prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities.

Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention Program of the District Pursuant to The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Laws and Regulations.

All students are provided age appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention program for all students of the schools. It shall be the policy of the District to require instruction at such grade level concerning the adverse effects resulting from the use of illicit drugs and alcohol. Such instruction shall be designed by affected classroom teachers or as otherwise directed by the Board to be appropriate to the age of the student exposed to such instruction. One of the primary objectives shall be the prevention of illicit drug and alcohol use by students. It shall further be the policy of the District to encourage the use of outside resource personnel such as law enforcement officers, medical personnel, and experts on the subject of drug and alcohol abuse, so that its economic, social, educational, and physiological consequences may be made known to the students of the District.

It shall further be the policy of the District, through the instruction earlier herein referred to, as well as by information and consistent enforcement of the Board's policy pertaining to student conduct as it relates to the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol, that drug and alcohol abuse is wrong and is harmful both to the student and the District, and its educational programs.

Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Rehabilitation and Re-entry Programs.

All students shall be provided information concerning available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and re-entry programs within sixty miles of the administrative offices of the District or, where no such services are found, within the State of Nebraska. Information concerning such resources shall be presented to all of the students of the District upon request by the Guidance Counselor.

In the event of disciplinary proceedings against any student for any District policy pertaining to the prohibition against the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol, appropriate school personnel shall confer with any such student and his or her parents or guardian concerning available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and re-entry programs that appropriate school personnel shall consider to be of benefit to any such student and his or her parent or parents or guardian.

Standards of Student Conduct Pertaining to the Unlawful Possession, Use, or Distribution of Illicit Drugs or Alcohol on School Premises or as a Part of Any of the School's Activities.

(In addition to standards of student conduct elsewhere adopted by board policy or administrative regulation to absolutely prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities.) This shall include such unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by any student of the District during regular school hours or after school hours at school sponsored activities on school premises, at school sponsored activities off school premises.

Conduct prohibited at places and activities as hereinabove described shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Possession of any controlled substance, possession of which is prohibited by law.
2. Possession of any prescription drug in an unlawful fashion.
3. Possession of tobacco (including electronic nicotine delivery systems) on school premises or as a part of any of the school's activities.
4. Tobacco means any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect
5. Use of any illicit drug.
6. Distribution of any illicit drug.
7. Use of any drug in an unlawful fashion.
8. Distribution of any drug or controlled substance when such distribution is unlawful.
9. The possession, use, or distribution of alcohol.

It shall further be the policy of the district that violation of any of the above prohibited acts will result in disciplinary sanction being taken within the bounds of applicable law, up to and including short term suspension, long term suspension, expulsion, and referral to appropriate authorities for criminal prosecution.

Drugs and Alcohol Prohibited - Standards of Conduct for Students and Employed Staff:

The manufacture, possession, selling, dispensing, use or being under the influence of alcohol or any alcoholic beverage or alcoholic liquor on school grounds, or during an educational function, or event off school grounds, or off school grounds if there is a substantial interference with school purposes, is prohibited.

The possession, selling, dispensing, use or being under the influence of any controlled substance or drug, including but not limited to marijuana, any narcotic drug, any hallucinogen, any stimulant, or any depressant on school grounds, or during the educational function or event off school grounds, or off school grounds if there is a substantial interference with school purposes, is prohibited.

The possession, selling, dispensing, use or being under the influence of any abusable glue or aerosol paint or any other chemical substance for inhalation, including but not limited to lighter fluid, whiteout, and reproduction fluid, when such activity constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes on school grounds or during and educational function, or event off school grounds, is prohibited.

The possession, selling, dispensing or use of any look-alike drug or look-alike controlled substance when such activity constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes on school grounds or during an educational function, or event off school grounds, is prohibited.

Any prescription or non-prescription drug, medicine, vitamin or other chemical may not be taken unless authorized as stated in the next section on AUTHORIZED USE.

Authorized Use:

Any student whose parent or guardian requests that he or she be given any prescription or non-prescription medicine, drug, or vitamin shall provide signed permission by parent and physician.

Disciplinary Sanctions:

1. Violation of this policy may result in suspension or expulsion. Prohibited substances will be confiscated and could be turned over to law enforcement authorities. The student may be referred for counseling or treatment. Parents or legal guardian will be notified.
2. If the student is observed to be violating this policy, the student will be escorted to the Principal/Superintendent's office immediately, or if not feasible, the Principal/Superintendent will be notified. The student's parents or legal guardian will be requested to pick up the student. If it appears there is imminent danger to other students, school personnel, or students involved, the Principal/Superintendent, or such other personnel as authorized by the Principal/Superintendent, may have the student removed by authorized medical or law enforcement personnel.
3. Parents and students shall be given a copy of the standards of conduct and disciplinary sanctions required and shall be notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory.

Intervention:

Palmyra High School District does not have the authority or responsibility to make medical or health determinations regarding chemical dependency. However, when observed behavior indicates that a problem exists which may affect the student's ability to learn or function in the educational climate or activity, the school then has the right and responsibility to refer the student for a formal chemical dependency diagnosis based on behavior observed by school staff. The school will issue a statement to all students and employed staff that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful. The school shall make available to students and employed staff information about any drug and alcohol counseling, and rehabilitation and re-entry programs, which are available to students.

Administration:

The administration is authorized to adopt such administrative rules, regulations or practices necessary to properly implement this policy. Such regulations, rules or practices may vary the procedures set forth herein to the extent necessary to fit the circumstances of an individual situation. Such rules, regulations and practices may include administrative forms, such as checklists to be used by staff to record observed behavior and to determine the proper plan of action.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools-- Parental Notice

NOTICE TO PARENTS: If upon receipt of information regarding the content of safe and drug free school programs and activities other than classroom instruction a parent objects to the participation of their child in such programs and activities, the parent may notify the School District of such objection in writing. Upon the receipt of such notice the student will be withdrawn from the program or activity to which parental objection has been made.

Article 8 - Student Rights, Conduct, Rules and Regulations

Section 1 Student Conduct and Discipline Policies:

The common goal of students, parents, faculty and administration of Palmyra Jr/Sr High School is to maintain a school atmosphere conducive to learning. In order to achieve this, Palmyra High School will continue to review and distribute a set of reasonable and fair rules and policies. VIOLATIONS OF PALMYRA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL'S RULES AND POLICIES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Part 1 Forms of School Discipline

Short-Term Suspension:

Students may be excluded by the Principal or his designee from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (short-term suspension) on the following grounds:

1. Conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth; or,
2. Other violations of rules and standards of behavior adopted by the District OR-1 Board of Education or the administrative or teaching staff of the school, which occur on or off school grounds, if such conduct interferes with school purposes or there is a nexus between such conduct and school.

The following process will apply to short-term suspensions:

1. The Principal or the Principal's designee shall make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. In addition, such short-term suspension will be made only after a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.
2. Prior to commencement of the short-term suspension, the student will be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student. The student will be advised of what the student is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and be afforded an opportunity to explain the student's version of the facts.
3. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Principal or administrator will send a written statement to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, describing the student's conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or standard and the reasons for the action taken. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with the Principal or administrator ordering the short-term suspension before or at the time the student returns to school. The Principal or administrator shall determine who in addition to the parent or guardian is to attend the conference.

Long-Term Suspension:

Students may be excluded by the Principal or the Principal's designee from school or any school function for a period of more than five school days but less than twenty school days on (long-term suspension) the conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth. The process for long-term suspension is hereinafter set forth.

Expulsion:

1. Meaning of Expulsion. Expulsion shall mean exclusion from attendance in all schools, grounds and activities of or within the system for a period not to exceed the remainder of the semester in which it took effect unless the misconduct occurred (a) within ten school days prior to the end of the first semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect through the second semester, or (b) within ten school days prior to the end of the second semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for summer school and the first semester of the following school year, or (c) unless the expulsion is for conduct specified in these rules or in law as permitting or requiring a longer removal, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for the period specified therein. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period.
2. Summer Review. Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year will be automatically scheduled for review before the beginning of the school year. The review will be conducted by the hearing officer who conducted the initial expulsion hearing, or a hearing officer appointed by the Superintendent in the event no hearing was previously held or the initial hearing officer is no longer available or willing to serve, after the hearing officer has given notice of the review to the student and the student's parent or guardian. This review shall be limited to newly discovered evidence or evidence of changes in the student's circumstances occurring since the original hearing. This review may lead to a recommendation by the hearing officer that the student be readmitted for the upcoming school year. If the school board or board of education or a committee of such board took the final action to expel the student, the student may be readmitted only by action of the board. Otherwise the student may be readmitted by action of the Superintendent.
3. Suspension of Enforcement of an Expulsion: Enforcement of an expulsion action may be suspended (i.e., "stayed") for a period of not more than one full semester in addition to the balance of the semester in which the expulsion takes effect, and as a condition of such suspended action, the student may be assigned to a school, class, or program and to such other consequences which the school district deems appropriate. In lieu of other authorized educational programs to which the student may be assigned, such school, class, or program may be offered as a community-centered classroom and may include experiences for the student as an observer or aide in governmental functions, as an on-the-job trainee, and as a participant in specialized tutorial experiences or individually prescribed educational and counseling programs. Such programs shall include an individualized learning program to enable the student to continue academic work for credit toward graduation. At the conclusion of the designated period: (1) if the student has satisfactorily participated in the school, class, or program to which such student has been assigned the student shall be reinstated and permitted to return to the school

of former attendance or to attend other programs offered by the district, and action to expunge the record of the expulsion action may be taken at the discretion of the Superintendent or his or her designee, or (2) if the student's conduct has been unsatisfactory, the expulsion action shall be enforced. The determination of whether the students' participation and conduct has been satisfactory or not shall be made by Principal or the Principal's designee.

Students Subject to Juvenile or Court Probation. Prior to the readmission to school of any student who is less than nineteen years of age and who is subject to the supervision of a juvenile probation officer or an adult probation officer pursuant to the order of the District Court, County Court, or Juvenile Court, who chooses to meet conditions of probation by attending school, and who has previously been expelled from school, the Principal or the Principal's designee shall meet with the student's probation officer and assist in developing conditions of probation that will provide specific guidelines for behavior and consequences for misbehavior at school (including conduct on school grounds and conduct during an educational function or event off school grounds) as well as educational objectives that must be achieved. If the guidelines, consequences, and objectives provided by the Principal or the Principal's designee are agreed to by the probation officer and the student, and the court permits the student to return to school under the agreed to conditions, the student may be permitted to return to school. The student may with proper consent, upon such return, be evaluated by the school for possible disabilities and may be referred for evaluation for possible placement in a special education program. The student may be expelled or otherwise disciplined for subsequent conduct as provided in Board policy and state statute.

Other Forms of Student Discipline:

Administrative and teaching personnel may also take actions regarding student behavior, other than removal of students from school, which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but need not be limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation. The actions may also include in-school suspensions during the day. When in-school suspensions, after-school assignments, or other disciplinary measures are assigned, the student is responsible for complying with such disciplinary measures and a failure to serve such assigned discipline as directed will serve as grounds for further discipline, up to expulsion from school.

Part 2 Student Conduct:

Students have an opportunity to learn by sharing some of the responsibility for creating a good learning environment. To help maintain a quality instructional environment for all students attending Palmyra High School, all students are expected to refrain from the following conduct.

Grounds for Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment:

The failure to refrain from the following conduct shall constitute grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, subject to the procedural provisions of the Student Discipline Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-254 through 79-296, when such activity occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event:

1. Willfully disobeying any reasonable written or oral request of a school staff member, or the voicing of disrespect to those in authority.
2. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes;
3. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, or repeated damage or theft involving property;
4. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, to a school volunteer, or to any student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision;
5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student;
1. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (including personal safety or security devices, such as tasers, mace and pepper spray) or that has the appearance of a weapon, or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks, on school grounds or at a school function or event, or in a manner that is unlawful or contrary to school activity rules.
6. Engaging in the possession, selling, dispensing, or use of a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance, as defined in section 28-401, a substance represented to be a controlled substance, or alcoholic liquor as defined in section 53-103 or being under the influence of a controlled substance or alcoholic liquor (note: the term “under the influence” for school purposes has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant); tobacco (including electronic nicotine delivery systems) meaning any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing

tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect.

7. Public indecency;
8. Sexually assaulting or attempting to sexually assault any person. In addition, if a complaint has been filed by a prosecutor in a court of competent jurisdiction alleging that the student has sexually assaulted or attempted to sexually assault any person, including sexual assaults or attempted sexual assaults, the student is subject to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment regardless of where the conduct took place. For purposes of this subdivision, sexual assault shall mean sexual assault in the first degree and sexual assault in the second degree as defined in sections 28-319 and 28-320, as such sections now provide or may hereafter from time to time be amended;
9. Tardiness to school, assigned classes or assigned activities;
10. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to students or staff members. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, gender, national origin, or religion;
11. Dressing in a manner which is dangerous to the student's health and safety, a danger to the health and safety of others, or which is disruptive, distractive or indecent to the extent that it interferes with the learning and educational process. (Further dress code information is provided in a later section).
12. Willfully violating the behavioral expectations for those students riding Palmyra High School buses.
13. Engaging in any other activity forbidden by the laws of the State of Nebraska which activity constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes; or
14. A repeated violation of any rules and standards validly established by the Board of Education or school officials if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes.
15. In addition, a student who engages in the following conduct which occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event shall be expelled for the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester, and if the expulsion for such conduct takes place during the second semester, the expulsion shall remain in effect for the first semester of the following school year, with the condition that such action may be modified or terminated by the school district during the expulsion period on such terms as the administration may establish:
 - a. The knowing and intentional use of force in causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, school volunteer, or student, except if caused by accident, self-defense, or on the reasonable belief that the force used was necessary to protect some other person and the extent of force used was reasonably believed to be necessary, or,
 - b. The knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm. The term "dangerous weapon" includes any personal safety or security device (such as tasers, mace and pepper spray). If a student desires to carry or possess a personal safety or security device, the student must obtain prior approval from the building

principal before bringing such device on school grounds. If a student obtains prior approval from the building principal, the student must store the device during the school day in the student's locker, in the main office or in another secure location designated by the building principal. A student shall not carry a personal safety or security device during the school day.

16. In addition, a student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school, or to have possessed a firearm at school, shall be expelled from school for a period of not less than one year. The Superintendent may modify such one-year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis, provided that such modification is in writing. The term "to school" or "at school" means on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event.

Bringing a firearm or other dangerous weapon to school for any reason is discouraged; however, a student will not be subject to disciplinary action if the item is brought or possessed under the following conditions:

- a. Prior written permission to bring the firearm or other dangerous weapon to school is obtained from the student's teacher, building administrator and parent.
- b. The purpose of having the firearm or other dangerous weapon in school is for a legitimate educational function.
- c. A plan for its transportation into and from the school, its storage while in the school building and how it will be displayed must be developed with the prior written approval by the teacher and building administrator. Such plan shall require that such item will be in the possession of an adult staff member at all times except for such limited time as is necessary to fulfill the educational function.
- d. The firearm or other dangerous weapon shall be in an inoperable condition while it is on school grounds.

For purposes of this policy, the term "dangerous weapon" includes any personal safety or security device (such as tasers, mace and pepper spray). In the event that a student desires to carry or possess a personal safety or security device, the student must obtain prior approval from the building principal before bringing such device on school grounds. If a student obtains prior approval from the building principal, the student must store the device during the school day in the student's locker, in the main office or in another secure location designated by the building principal. A student shall not carry a personal safety or security device during the school day.

Additional Student Conduct Rules:

The following additional student conduct rules are established. Failure to comply with such rules is grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion, as further specified in these rules. These rules govern student conduct on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event.

18. Student Appearance Policy:

Students at Palmyra High School are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for a school setting. Students should not dress in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of anyone or interferes with the learning environment or teaching process in our school. Following is a list of examples of attire that will not be considered appropriate, such list is not exclusive and other forms of attire deemed inappropriate by the administration may be deemed inappropriate for the school setting:

- a. Clothing or jewelry that is gang related;
- b. Clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin or underwear (midriffs, spaghetti straps, sagging pants);
- c. Clothing or jewelry that advertises beer, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
- d. Clothing or jewelry that could be used as a weapon (chains, spiked apparel) or that would encourage “horse-play”;
- e. Head wear including hats, caps, bandannas, and scarves;
- f. Clothing or jewelry, which exhibits nudity, makes sexual references or carries double meanings.

Consideration will be made for students who wear special clothing as required by religious beliefs, disability, or to convey a particularized message protected by law. The final decision regarding attire and grooming will be made by the Principal or Superintendent. In the event a student is uncertain as to whether a particular item or method of grooming is consistent with the school’s guidelines, the student should contact the Principal for approval.

Coaches, sponsors or teachers may have additional requirements for students who are in special lab classes, students who are participants in performing groups or students who are representing the school as part of an extracurricular activity program.

On a first offense of the dress code, the student may call home for proper apparel. If clothes cannot be brought to school, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Students will not be allowed to leave campus to change clothes. Continual violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary actions under the Student Code of Conduct above. Further, in the event the dress code violation is determined to also violate other student conduct rules (e.g., public indecency, insubordination, expression of profanity, and the like), a first offense of the dress code may result in discipline, up to expulsion.

19. Harassment and Bullying Policy:

It is the policy of Palmyra High School that “bullying” type behavior is not to be permitted. These guidelines are established to respond specifically to bullying behavior. Students and parents are advised that other response measures are also in place and set forth in Article 10 of this handbook for behavior which is discriminatory or harassing on unlawful grounds (e.g., sexual harassment, harassment of students with disabilities, race harassment, etc.).

- (i) Step One: The first time school personnel becomes aware of a possible harassment or bullying situation, the accused student will be informed that such a complaint has been filed. At that time a warning will be given regarding this kind of behavior. The consequences for this kind of behavior

in the future will be clearly outlined for the student. If, in the school's opinion, the first occurrence of harassment behavior is severe, the school may move immediately to any of the four steps in the harassment policy. In other words, the policy may or may not be used sequentially. Moreover, at any stage the student may be disciplined under the student code by actions, which may include expulsion, in the event the conduct is also a violation of other provisions of the student code.

- (ii) Step Two: The second time school personnel becomes aware of a harassment incident, the student's parents will be notified. A conference will be requested at that time. If it is determined that the student has harassed another student, consequences will be assigned. A student may stay on the second step as long as school authorities feel the consequences are effectively correcting the harassment behaviors. If it is determined that there is no basis for the harassment accusation, no consequences will be assigned. If the school determines that a student is intentionally making a false accusation against another student, an appropriate response will be made.

- (iii) Step Three: If the school authorities determine that the student continues to harass another student or the student fails to agree to not harass in the future, the school may assign the student to the Harassment Program level set forth below which the school authorities determine to be appropriate.

- (iv) Step Four: If a student fails to respond positively to the corrective measures of the Harassment Program, the student will be suspended from school for a minimum of five school days, up to expulsion. School authorities will determine the action necessary to insure a safe learning environment for all students.

Harassment and Bullying Program--Levels:

Purpose: All students have the right to attend Palmyra High School free from verbal and physical harassment and bullying. The purpose of the Harassment and Bullying Program is to protect students and staff from those who fail or refuse to comply with school guidelines regarding the treatment of others.

1. Level I: The guidelines for a Level I placement are listed below.
 - a. The length of the assignment will be for a minimum of two weeks.
 - b. The student will report to the office no later than 8:00 a.m. each morning.
 - c. The student will eat on campus at an assigned table or area.
 - d. The student will report to an assigned room at the end of the day, and remain until dismissed. This will allow all other students to leave the school grounds in safety.

2. Level II: The guidelines for this level are listed below.

- a. The length of the assignment will be for a minimum of two weeks.
 - b. The student will report to the office no later than 8:00 a.m. the morning.
 - c. The student will eat on campus at an assigned table.
 - d. The student will report to an assigned room at the end of the day, and remain until dismissed.
 - e. The student will remain in class at the end of each period. The student will be under direct teacher supervision during passing time. The teacher will dismiss the student at the end of the passing period. The student will then have three minutes to get to his/her next class.
3. Level III: This is a long term assignment. The guidelines are listed below.
- a. All items listed in Level II will be used, except the length of the assignment will be no less than six weeks, and may remain in effect until the end of the school year and continue into the next, if determined to be appropriate.
 - b. The length of the assignment will be no less than six weeks, and may remain in effect until the end of the school year.

20. Public Displays of Affection:

Public Displays of affection will not be tolerated on school property or at school activities. Such conduct includes: hugging, kissing or any other types of affection that would be considered inappropriate or an undue distraction to others. Students will face the following consequences if this type of behavior occurs.

- a. 1st Offense: Student will be confronted and directed to cease.
- b. 2nd Offense: Student will be confronted, directed to cease, and parents will be notified.
- c. 3rd Offense: Students will be suspended from school for a minimum of 1 day, and parents and student will need to meet with Administrator (s) and counselor.
- d. If this type of behavior continues, the student could face long-term suspension or expulsion.

21. Specific Rule Items:

The following conduct may result in disciplinary action, which in the repeated violations, may result in discipline up to expulsion.

- a. Students are not given locker passes, restroom passes or telephone passes to leave a classroom or study hall unless special circumstances arise.
- b. Students in the hallway during class time must have a pass/assignment book with them.
- c. Gum, candy, seeds, etc. are not allowed in the school building or classrooms.

- d. Students are expected to bring all books and necessary materials to class. This includes study halls.
- e. Assignments for all classes are due as assigned by the teacher.
- f. Students are not to operate the mini-blinds or the windows.
- g. Classes are ended by the teacher. Students are not to begin to pack up or leave the class until the dismissal bell has rung or the teacher has dismissed the class.
- h. Students are to be in their seats and ready for class on the tardy bell.

- i. Special classes such as Industrial Technology, Art, P.E., and computers courses will have other safety or clean-up rules that will be explained to you by that teacher which must be followed.
- j. Students are to stand back from the entry steps and doors in the mornings before school and at noon before the bell so that others may pass in and out of the entry doors.
- k. Snow handling is prohibited.

22. Dating Violence Prevention

The board prohibits behavior that has a negative impact on student health, welfare, safety, and the school's learning environment. Incidents of dating violence will not be tolerated on school grounds, in district vehicles, or at school sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events.

Dating violence is defined as a pattern of behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to control his or her dating partner. Dating partner means any person, regardless of gender, involved in an intimate relationship with another person primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement whether casual, serious or long-term.

The district will provide appropriate training to staff and incorporate within its educational program age-appropriate dating violence education that shall include, but not be limited to, defining dating violence, recognizing dating violence warning signs, and identifying characteristics of healthy dating relationships.

22. Staff Conduct With Students

The Board expects all staff members, including teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, and others to maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards in their conduct with students. For the purposes of this policy, staff members also include school volunteers.

The interactions and relationships between staff members and students should be based upon mutual respect and trust; an understanding of the appropriate boundaries between adults and students in and outside of the educational setting; and consistency with the educational mission of the schools.

Staff members are expected to be sensitive to the appearance of impropriety in their

conduct with students. Staff members are encouraged to discuss issues with their building administrator or supervisor whenever they are unsure whether particular conduct may constitute a violation of this policy.

Unacceptable Conduct

Examples of unacceptable conduct by staff members include but are not limited to the following:

- Any type of sexual or inappropriate physical contact with students or any other conduct that might be considered harassment under the Board's policy on Harassment By Employees;
- Singling out a particular student or students for personal attention and friendship beyond the normal teacher-student relationship;
- Associating with students in any situation or activity that includes the presence of drugs or that could be considered sexually suggestive;
- For non-guidance/counseling staff, encouraging students to confide their personal or family problems and/or relationships. If a student initiates such discussions, staff members are expected to be supportive but to refer the student to appropriate guidance/counseling staff. In either case, staff involvement should be limited to a direct connection to the student's school performance;
- Sending students on personal errands.
- Sexual banter, allusions, jokes, or innuendos with students;
- Asking a student to keep a secret;
- Disclosing personal, sexual, family, employment concerns, or other private matters to one or more students;
- Addressing students with terms of endearment, pet names, or otherwise in an overly familiar manner; and
- Being alone with individual students by closing a room door except when dealing with issues of health by appropriate personnel;
- Inviting or allowing students to visit the staff member's home;
- Maintaining personal contact with a student outside of school by phone, email, Instant Messenger or Internet chat rooms, social networking websites, or letters (beyond homework or other legitimate school business);
- Exchanging personal gifts (beyond the customary student teacher gifts); and/or
- Socializing or spending time with students (including but not limited to activities such as going out for meals or movies, shopping, traveling, and recreational activities) outside of school sponsored events or except as participants in organized community activities.

Students and/or their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to notify the principal if they believe a teacher or other staff member may be engaging in conduct that violates this policy.

Staff members are required to notify promptly the principal or superintendent if they become aware of a situation that may constitute a violation of this policy.

Staff violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Violations involving sexual or other abuse will also result in referral to the Department of Health and Human Services and/or law enforcement in

accordance with the Board's policy on Child Abuse Reporting.

This policy shall be included in future employee, student and volunteer handbooks.

24. Network, E-Mail, Internet and Other Computer Use Rules:

Unacceptable Uses.

The following are unacceptable uses of the technology resources:

a. **Personal Gain:** Technology resources shall not be used, and no person shall authorize its use, for personal financial gain other than in accordance with prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures, other than compensation provided by law.

b. **Personal Matters:** Technology resources shall not be used, and no person shall authorize its use, for personal matters unless the User has entered into a lease agreement or other similar agreement with the School District that makes such use permissible under law.

Occasional use that the Superintendent or designee determines to ultimately facilitate the mission of the District is not prohibited by this provision. Examples of occasional use that may be determined to ultimately facilitate the mission of the District: sending an e-mail to a minor child or spouse; sending an e-mail related to a community group in which an employee is a member where the membership in the community group facilitates the District's mission.

This occasional use exception does not permit use by employees contrary to the expectations of their position. For example, employees may not play games or surf the net for purposes not directly related to their job during duty time; nor may students do so during instructional time.

The occasional use exception also does not permit use of the technology resources for private business, such as searching for or ordering items on the internet for non-school use; or sending an e-mail related to one's own private consulting business.

c. **Campaigning:** Technology resources shall not be used, and no person shall authorize its use, for the purpose of campaigning for or against the nomination or election of a candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question.

d. **Technology-Related Limitations:** Technology resources shall not be used in any manner which impairs its effective operations or the rights of other technology users. Without limitation:

1. Users shall not use another person's name, log-on, password, or files for any reason, or allow another to use their password (except for authorized staff members).
2. Users shall not erase, remake, or make unusable another person's computer, information, files, programs or disks.
3. Users shall not access resources not specifically granted to the user or engage in electronic trespassing.

4. Users shall not engage in “hacking” to gain unauthorized access to the operating system software or unauthorized access to the system of other users.
 5. Users shall not copy, change, or transfer any software without permission from the network administrators.
 6. Users shall not write, produce, generate, copy, propagate, or attempt to introduce any computer code designed to self-replicate, damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of any computer’s memory, file system, or software. Such software is often called a bug, virus, worm, Trojan horse, or similar name.
 7. Users shall not engage in any form of vandalism of the technology resources.
 8. Users shall follow the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. The Superintendent or designees may further define such rules.
- e. Other Policies and Laws: Technology resources shall not be used for any purpose contrary to any District policy, any school rules to which a student user is subject, or any applicable law. Without limitation, this means that technology resources may not be used:
1. to access any material contrary to the Internet Safety Policy; or to create or generate any such material.
 2. to engage in unlawful harassment or discrimination, such as sending e-mails that contain sexual jokes or images.
 3. to engage in violations of employee ethical standards and employee standards of performance, such as sending e-mails that are threatening or offensive or which contain abusive language; use of end messages on e-mails that may imply that the District is supportive of a particular religion or religious belief system, a political candidate or issue, or a controversial issue; or sending e-mails that divulge protected confidential student information to unauthorized persons.
 4. to engage in or promote violations of student conduct rules.
 5. to engage in illegal activity, such as gambling.
 6. in a manner contrary to copyright laws.
 7. in a manner contrary to software licenses.

Part 3 Reporting Student Law Violations:

- (1) Cases of law violations or suspected law violations by students will be reported to the police and to the student's parents or guardian as soon as possible.
- (2) When a Principal or other school official releases a minor student to a peace officer (e.g., police officer, sheriff, and all other persons with similar authority to make arrests) for the purpose of removing the minor from the school premises, the Principal or other school official shall take immediate steps to notify the parent, guardian, or responsible relative of the minor regarding the release of the minor to

the officer and regarding the place to which the minor is reportedly being taken, except when a minor has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse, in which case the Principal or other school official shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the minor's parents or guardian.

- (3) In an effort to demonstrate that student behavior is always subject to possible legal sanctions regardless of where the behavior occurs it shall be the policy of the Palmyra High School to notify the proper legal authorities when a student engages in any of the following behaviors on school grounds or at a school sponsored event:
- (a) Knowingly possessing illegal drugs or alcohol.
 - (b) Assault.
 - (c) Vandalism resulting in significant property damage.
 - (d) Theft of school or personal property of a significant nature.
 - (e) Automobile accident.
 - (f) Any other behavior which significantly threatens the health or safety of students, staff or other persons or which is required by law to be reported.

Part 4 Due Process Procedure

Procedures for Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment: The following procedures shall be followed with regard to any long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment.

1. The Principal shall prepare a written summary of the alleged violation and the evidence supporting the alleged violation with the Superintendent or his or her designee.
2. If the Principal determines that the student must be suspended immediately to prevent or substantially reduce the risk of (a) interference with an educational function or school purpose or (b) a personal injury to the student himself or herself, other students, school employees, or school volunteers, and a notice of intent to discipline the student by long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment is filed with the Superintendent or his or her designee, the student may be suspended by the Principal until the date the long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment takes effect if no hearing is requested or, if a hearing is requested, the date the hearing examiner makes the report of his or her findings and a recommendation of the action to be taken to the Superintendent.
3. The Principal or his or her designee shall serve by registered or certified mail or by personal service the student and the student's parents or guardian with a written notice within two school days of the date of the decision to recommend long-term suspension or expulsion. Said notice shall include the following
 - (a) The rule or standard of conduct allegedly violated and the acts of the student alleged to constitute a cause for long-term suspension or expulsion including a summary of the evidence to be presented against the student as submitted by the Principal or assistant Principal.
 - (b) The penalties to which the student may be subjected and the penalty which the Principal, or his or her designee has recommended in the charge.

- (c) A statement explaining the student's right to a hearing upon request on the specified charges.
 - (d) A description of the hearing procedures provided by these policies along with procedures for appealing any decision rendered at the hearing.
 - (e) A statement that the administrative representative, legal counsel for school, the student, the student's parents, or the student's representative or guardian shall have the right to examine the student's academic and disciplinary records and any affidavits to be used at the hearing concerning the alleged misconduct, and the right to know the identity of the witnesses to appear at the hearing and the substance of their testimony.
 - (f) A form or a request for hearing to be signed by such parties and delivered to the Principal or his or her designee in person or by registered or certified mail.
4. Nothing in this policy shall preclude the student, student's parents, guardian or representative from discussing and settling the matter with appropriate school personnel prior to the hearing stage.
 5. In the event that the Principal has not received a request for hearing within five school days following receipt of the written notice, the punishment recommended in the charge by the Principal, or his or her designee shall automatically go into effect.
 6. If a hearing is requested more than five school days following the actual receipt of the written notice, but not more than thirty calendar days after actual receipt, the student shall be entitled to a hearing but the punishment imposed may continue in effect pending final determination.
 7. If a request for hearing is not received within thirty calendar days following the mailing or delivery of the written notice, the student shall not be entitled to a hearing.
 8. In the event that a hearing is required to be provided, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer.

Hearing Procedure:

1. Hearing Officer. The hearing officer shall be any person designated by the Superintendent. The hearing officer shall be an individual who has had no involvement in the charge, will not be a witness at the hearing and who has not brought the charges against the student. It shall be the duty of the hearing officer to remain impartial throughout all deliberations. The hearing officer shall be available prior to any hearing held pursuant to this policy to answer any questions the administrative representative, the student, the student's parents, or guardian, may have regarding the nature and conduct of the hearing.
2. Administrative Representative. The Principal may appoint an administrative representative to present the facts and evidence. Such administrative representative may be an attorney or may be represented by an attorney, but any such attorney shall not advise the hearing officer or parties who may review the proceedings as their counsel.
3. Notice of Hearing. If a hearing is requested within five school days of receipt of the notice, the hearing officer shall, within two school days after being appointed, give written notice to the administrative representative, and the student, the

student's parents or guardian of the time and place for the hearing. The hearing shall be scheduled within a period of five school days after it is requested. No hearing shall be held upon less than two school days' actual notice to the administrative representative, and the student, the student's parents, or guardian, except with the consent of all of the parties.

4. Continuance. Upon written request of the student or the student's parents or guardian, the hearing officer shall have the discretionary authority to continue from time to time the hearing. In addition, the hearing officer may continue the hearing upon any good cause.
5. Access to Records. The administrative representative, the student, the student's parent or guardian and the legal counsel of the student shall have the right to examine the records and affidavits and the statements of any witnesses in the possession of the District OR-1 Board of Education at any reasonable time prior to the hearing.
6. Hearing Procedure. The hearing shall be attended by the hearing officer, the student, the student's parents or guardian, the student's representative if any, and the administrative representative. Witnesses shall be present only when they are giving information at the hearing or with the consent of both parties. The student may be excluded at the discretion of the hearing officer at times when the student's psychological evaluation or emotional problems are being discussed. Legal counsel may represent the student or the student's parents or guardian or both. The hearing examiner may exclude anyone from the hearing when his/her actions substantially disrupt an orderly hearing. The formal rules of evidence shall not apply at the hearing. The administrative representative shall present to the hearing officer statements, in affidavit form, of any person having information about the student's conduct and the student's records, but not unless such statements and records have been made available to the student, the student's parents, guardian or representative prior to the hearing. The information contained in such records shall be explained and interpreted prior to or at the hearing to the student, parents or guardian, or representative at their request, by appropriate school personnel. The student, the student's parents, guardian, or representative, the administrative representative or the hearing officer may ask witnesses to testify at the hearing. Such testimony shall be under oath and the hearing officer shall be authorized to administer the oath. The student, parent, guardian, or representative, administrative representative, or the hearing officer shall have the right to question any witness giving information at the hearing, the student may testify in his/her own defense in which case he/she shall be subject to cross-examination nor will any conclusion be drawn therefrom. Any person giving evidence by written statement or in person at a hearing shall be given the same immunity from liability as a person testifying in a court case. A single hearing may be conducted for more than one student if in the discretion of the hearing examiner a single hearing is not likely to result in confusion or prejudice to the interest of any of the students involved. If during the conduct of such a hearing, the hearing examiner concludes that any of such student's interests will be substantially prejudiced by a group hearing, or that confusion is resulting, the hearing examiner may order a separate hearing for each or any of said students.

7. Availability of Witnesses. The hearing officer will have the authority to subpoena any witnesses to the hearing and shall make reasonable efforts to assist in obtaining the attendance of any witnesses requested by the student, student's parents or guardian or their legal representative.
8. Record. The proceedings of the hearing shall be recorded at the expense of the school district.
9. Findings. Within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall prepare and submit to the Superintendent of schools his/her written findings and recommendation as to disposition. This report shall explain, in terms of the needs of both the student and the school board, the reasons for the particular action recommended. Such recommendation may range from no action, through the entire field of counseling, to long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment.
10. Review by Superintendent. The Superintendent of schools shall review the findings and recommendations of the hearing officer and in his/her discretion may also review any of the facts and evidence presented at the hearing and based upon such report and the facts shall determine the sanctions to be imposed. However, the Superintendent may not impose a more severe sanction than that imposed by the hearing officer.
11. Notice of Determination. Written notice of the findings and recommendations of the hearing officer and the determination of the Superintendent of schools shall be made by certified registered mail or by personal delivery to the student, the student's parents or guardian. Upon receipt of such written notice by the student and/or parents and guardian, the determination of the Superintendent shall take immediate effect.
12. Appeal to Board. The student, student's parents or guardian may, within seven school days following the receipt of the Superintendent's decision, submit to the Superintendent of schools a written request for a hearing before the Board of Education.
13. Review by Board of Education. Upon receipt of the request for review of the Superintendent's determination, the Board of Education or a committee of not less than three members shall, within ten school days, hold a hearing on the matter. Such hearing shall be made on the record except that the board may admit new or additional evidence to avoid substantial threat of unfairness. Such new evidence shall be recorded. The Board of Education or committee thereof may withdraw to deliberate privately upon the record and new evidence. Any such deliberation shall be held in the presence only of board members in attendance at the appeal proceeding, but may be held in the presence of legal counsel who has not previously acted as the administrative representative in presenting the school's case before the hearing officer. If any questions arise during such deliberations, which require additional evidence, the Board of Education or committee thereof may require the hearing to receive such evidence, subject to the right of all parties to be present. A record of any such new or additional evidence shall be made and shall be considered as a part of the record and based upon the evidence presented at the hearing before

the hearing officer, and such new or additional evidence, the Board of Education or the committee shall make a final disposition of the matter. The board may alter the Superintendent's disposition of the case if it finds his/her decision to be too severe, but it may not impose a more severe sanction. A designated method of giving notice by the Board of Education or committee thereof, if required, for any Board review shall be by posting on the schoolhouse door.

14. Final Decision of Board of Education. The final decision of board shall be delivered to the student and parents or legal guardian of the student by personally delivering the same or by mailing the same by certified or registered mail.

Section 2: Transportation Code of Conduct

Students who ride the bus should:

Be on time.

Arrive at their bus stop at least 5-10 minutes before the regular pickup time.

Stand away from the road, not stand on the traveled portion of the roadway while waiting for the bus.

Observe proper conduct.

Respect the property of others.

Wait until the bus has stopped and then walk up to the front door. Students should not run near a moving bus.

Board the bus in an orderly fashion.

Use the bus stop closest to their home. Walking to a friend's house to catch a bus often causes overcrowding at a given stop.

While riding the bus students should:

Obey instructions of bus driver and/or bus attendant.

Be seated immediately.

Keep hands and feet to self.

Remain seated.

Share seats equally.

Be courteous.

Respect property.

Keep hands and head inside bus.

Keep aisles clear.

Observe good conduct

Remain seated until bus comes to a full stop.

Leave the bus in an orderly manner, students in the front seats first.

Avoid loitering around the bus.

VIOLATIONS OF DISTRICT OR-1 BUS RULES MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

All Students and Parents are provided a District OR-1 Transportation Code of Conduct manual explaining expectations, rules, and consequences at the start of each school year. Please refer to the manual in the event disciplinary action is made.

Article 9 - Extra-Curricular Activities - Rights, Conduct, Rules and Regulations

Section 1 Extra-Curricular programs:

Extra-curricular programs enrich the curriculum of the school by making available a wide variety of activities in which a student can participate. Palmyra High School will adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in Title IX guidelines on sex discrimination as well as other pertinent rules and regulations.

Section 2 Extracurricular Activity Philosophy:

Extracurricular activity programs enrich the curriculum of the school by making available a wide variety of activities in which a student can participate. Extracurricular activity programs are considered an integral part of the school's program of education that provide experiences that will help students physically, mentally and emotionally.

The element of competition and winning, though it exists, is controlled to the point it does not determine the nature or success of the program. This is considered to be educationally and psychologically sound because of the training it offers for living in a competitive society. Students are stimulated to want to win and excel, but the principles of good sportsmanship prevail at all

times to enhance the educational values of contests. Participation in activities, both as a competitor and as a student spectator, is an integral part of the students' educational experiences. Such participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, team, student body, community and the students themselves. In their play and their conduct, students are representing all of these groups. Such experiences contribute to the knowledge, skill and emotional patterns that they possess, thereby making them better individuals and citizens.

Safety

The District's philosophy is to maintain an activities program which recognizes the importance of the safety of the participants. To ensure safety, participants are required to become fully familiar with the dangers and safety measures established for the activity in which they participate, to adhere to all safety instructions for the activity in which they participate, to inform their coach or sponsor when they are injured or have health problems that require their activities be restricted, and to exercise common-sense.

Warning for Participants and Parents

The purpose of this warning is to bring your attention to the existence of potential dangers associated with athletic injuries. Participation in any intramural or athletic activity may involve injury of some type. The severity of such injury can range from minor cuts, bruises, sprains and muscle strains to more serious injuries to the body's bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, or muscles, to catastrophic injuries to the head, neck and spinal cord. On rare occasions, injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis or death. Even with appropriate coaching, appropriate safety instruction, appropriate protective equipment and strict observance of the rules, injuries are still a possibility.

Section 3 Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct

Purpose of the Code of Conduct. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. The privilege carries with it responsibilities to the school, team, student body, and the community. Participants are not only representing themselves, but also their school and community in all of their actions. Others judge our school on the student participants' conduct and attitudes, and how they contribute to our school spirit and community image.

The student participants' performance and devotion to high ideals and values make their school and community proud. Consequently, participation is dependent upon adherence to this Code of Conduct and the school district's policies, procedures and rules.

Scope of the Code of Conduct.

Activities Subject to the Code of Conduct: The Code of Conduct applies to all extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities means student activities or organizations which are supervised or administered by the school district which do not count toward graduation or grade advancement and in which participation is not otherwise required by the school.

Extracurricular activities include but are not limited to: all sports, cheerleading, dance

team, Pep Club, Pep Band, vocal, band, speech and drama, One-Act, FBLA, FCCLA, Spanish Club, Art Club, Student Council, Student Advisory Board, National Honor Society, and other school sponsored organizations and activities. The Code of Conduct also applies to participation in school sponsored activities such as school dances and royalty for such activities.

A participant means a student who participates in, has participated in, or will participate in an extracurricular activity.

When: The Code of Conduct rules apply to conduct which occurs at any time during the school year, and also includes the time frame which begins with the official starting day of the fall sport season established by the NSAA and extends to the last day of the spring sport season established by the NSAA, whether or not the student is a participant in an activity at the time of such conduct.

The rules also apply when a student is participating or scheduled to participate in an extracurricular activity that is held outside the school year or the NSAA season. For example, if an FBLA or FCCLA student plans to participate in a conference in July and commits a Code of Conduct infraction in June, the student may be suspended from participating in the conference. Conduct during the summer months may also affect a student's participation under the team selection and playing time guidelines.

Where: The Code of Conduct rules apply regardless of whether the conduct occurs on and off school grounds. If the conduct occurs on school grounds, at a school function or event, or in a school vehicle, the student may also be subject to further discipline under the general student code of conduct. A student who is suspended or expelled from school shall not be permitted to participate in activities during the period of the suspension or expulsion, and may also receive an extended activity suspension.

Grounds for Extracurricular Activity Discipline. Students who participate in extracurricular activities are expected to demonstrate cooperation, patience, pride, character, self-respect, self-discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect for authority. The following conduct rules have been determined by the Board of Education to be reasonably necessary to aid students, further school purposes, and prevent interference with the educational process. Such conduct constitutes grounds for suspension from participation in extracurricular activities and grounds for other restrictions or disciplinary measures related to extracurricular activity participation:

1. Willfully disobeying any reasonable written or oral request of a school staff member, or the voicing of disrespect to those in authority.
2. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, bullying, harassment or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school or extracurricular activity purposes or making any communication that a reasonable person would interpret as a serious expression of an intent to harm or cause injury to another.

3. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property, repeated damage or theft involving property or setting or attempting to set a fire of any magnitude.
4. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to any person, including a school employee, school volunteer, or student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect another person shall not constitute a violation.
5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of, or with the intent of, obtaining money or anything of value from a student or making a threat which causes or may be expected to cause a disruption to school operations.
6. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (including personal safety or security devices, such as tasers, mace and pepper spray) or that has the appearance of a weapon, or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks, on school grounds or at a school function or event, or in a manner that is unlawful or contrary to school activity rules.
7. Selling, using, possessing or dispensing alcohol, tobacco (including electronic nicotine delivery systems), narcotics, drugs, a controlled substance, or an inhalant; being under the influence of any of the above; possession of drug paraphernalia, or the selling, using, possessing, or dispensing of an imitation controlled substance as defined in section 28-401 of the Nebraska statutes, or material represented to be alcohol, narcotics, drugs, a controlled substance or inhalant. (Note: Refer to “Drug and Alcohol Violations” for further information).
8. Public indecency.
9. Sexual assault or attempting to sexually assault any person. Engaging in sexual conduct, even if consensual, on school grounds or at a school function or event.
10. Engaging in any activity forbidden by law which constitutes a danger to other students, interferes with school purposes or an extracurricular activity, or reflects a lack of high ideals.
11. Repeated violation of any of the school rules.
12. Truancy or failure to attend assigned classes or assigned activities; or tardiness to school, assigned classes or assigned activities.
13. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to a school employee, school volunteer, or student. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, gender, national origin, or religion.
14. Dressing or grooming in a manner which is dangerous to the student’s health and safety or a danger to the health and safety of others or repeated violations of dress and grooming standards; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that is lewd or indecent, vulgar or plainly offensive; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that school officials reasonably conclude will materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school or of an extracurricular activity; dressing,

grooming, or engaging in speech that a reasonable observer would interpret as advocating illegal drug use.

15. Willfully violating the behavioral expectations for those students riding Palmyra District OR-1 Public Schools buses or vehicles used for activity purposes.
16. Failure to report for the activity at the beginning of the season. Reporting for one activity may count as reporting on time if there is a change in activity within the season approved by the coach or the supervisor.
17. Failure to participate in regularly scheduled classes on the day of an extracurricular activity or event.
18. Failure to attend scheduled practices and meetings. If circumstances arise to prevent the participant's attendance, the validity of the reason will be determined by the coach or sponsor. Every reasonable effort should be made to notify the coach or sponsor prior to any missed practice or meeting.
19. All other reasonable rules or regulations adopted by the coach or sponsor of an extracurricular activity shall be followed, provided that participants shall be advised by the coach or sponsor of such rules and regulations by written handouts or posting on bulletin boards prior to the violation of the rule or regulation.
20. Failure to comply with any rule established by the Nebraska School Activities Association, including, but not limited to, the rules relating to eligibility.

All terms used in the Code of Conduct have a less strict meaning than under criminal law and are subject to reasonable interpretation by school officials.

Drug and Alcohol Violations.

Meaning of Terms.

Use or consume includes any level of consumption or use. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation.

Under the influence means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student, or the odor of an illicit drug on the student. Also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant.

Possession includes having control of the substance and also includes being in the same area where the substance is present and no responsible adult present and responsible for the substance. Possession includes situations where, for example:

- (1) Alcohol is in a vehicle in which the student is present. The student is considered to be in possession if the student is aware that the alcohol is in the vehicle, even though the student has not touched or consumed the alcohol; and
- (2) Alcohol is present at a party attended by the student. The student is considered to be in possession if the student is aware that alcohol is at the party and fails to immediately leave the party, even though the student has not touched or consumed the alcohol.

In these situations, a violation would not exist if the alcohol is in the control of a parent or guardian or other responsible adult (age 21 or older) such that students are not allowed to access the alcohol. A violation would also not exist if the student did not know or have a reasonable basis to know that alcohol would be present, and the student leaves the location where the alcohol is present as soon the student could safely do so. (Students are expected to leave immediately, but are not to do so in a manner that would endanger them. For example, you are not to leave in a car being driven by a person who has been drinking just to get away from the alcohol party immediately when there is no other way to get home. Instead, you should call for a safe ride home and, while waiting, clearly distance yourself from the alcohol).

Consequences.

Students may be suspended from practices or participation in interscholastic competition or participation in co-curricular activities for violations of the Code of Conduct. The period of suspension or other discipline for such offenses shall be determined by the school administration.

The disciplinary consequence will be determined based on consideration of the seriousness of the offense, any prior violations, the student's compliance with the self-reporting obligations, the student's level of cooperation and willingness to resolve the matter, and the student's demonstration of a commitment to not commit future violations.

Because of the significance of drug and alcohol violations on the student participants, other students and the school, the following consequences are established for such violations:

Drugs and Alcohol.

An activity participant who violates the drug or alcohol rules (other than steroids) shall be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activity for the following minimum periods:

1. First Violation: 45 days.
2. Second or Any Subsequent Offense: One calendar year.
 - a. Reduction for Participation in Chemical Dependency Program: If the student and parents agree to participate in a school-approved program for chemical dependency, the consequence could be reduced to 21 calendar days. The program must be approved by the school authorities. The student will need to successfully complete the approved chemical dependency program. Proof of successful completion of the program must be submitted in writing to the Activities Director. Failure to participate and successfully complete the approved chemical dependency program may cause the participating student to be suspended from extracurricular activities for the one calendar year. All costs with the program are to be borne by the student/parent or guardian.
3. Reduction for Self-Reporting: If the student has self-reported, the first violation shall be reduced to 21 days for the first violation. A commensurate reduction

(approximately one-half, as determined by the administration) for a second or subsequent violation shall be given for self-reporting.

4. More Serious Violations: In the event of more serious drug or alcohol violations, such as students engaging in use of especially serious drug offenses (cocaine, meth, etc.) or procuring alcohol for minors, the consequence of the violation is not restricted by the foregoing, and may be established in the good discretion of the administration.

Steroid Offenses. A student who possesses, dispenses, delivers, or administers anabolic steroids shall be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activity for the following minimum periods:

1. First Violation: 45 consecutive days.
2. Second or Any Subsequent Offense: One calendar year.

When Suspensions Begin. All suspensions begin with the next scheduled activity in which the student is a participant, after the determination by school officials of the sanction to be imposed; provided that the school officials shall have the discretion to establish a time period for the suspension that makes the suspension have a real consequence for the student. During a suspension, participants may be required or permitted to practice at the sole discretion of the coach or activity sponsor. Suspensions in the Spring will be carried over to the Fall when the suspension has not been fully served or when determined appropriate for the suspension to have a real consequence for the student.

Letters and Post-Season Honors. A student who commits a Code of Conduct violation is:

1. Eligible to letter, provided the student meets the criteria of the coach or sponsor.
2. Not eligible to receive honors during the sport or activity in which they are participating at the time of the offense and/or in sports or activities in which they have been suspended due to a code violation. The coach/sponsor, with the Athletic Director's approval, may make an exception where the student has self-reported or otherwise demonstrated excellence in character allowing for such honors.

Self-Reporting. A student who violates the Code of Conduct must self-report. A failure to self-report will lead to a longer suspension or other discipline. The self-report must be made to: the principal, athletic director, or the head coach or sponsor of an activity in which the student participates. The student's parent or guardian may initiate the self-reporting process, but the student will be later required to give a written statement of the self-report. The self-report must be made the earlier of: (1) before the end of the next school day after the conduct occurred and (2) before participation in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity.

In making a self-report, the student must identify the events that took place, what conduct the student engaged in, and any witnesses to the student's conduct, and will be required to put this information in a written statement. In the event the student has received a criminal citation, charge, or ticket, and proclaims innocence of a violation, the student will be required to self-report such

offense and provide information as to why they should be found innocent, not as it relates to the criminal offense, but as it relates to the Code of Conduct.

All students are expected to be honest and forthright with school officials. In the event the coach or activity sponsor or any school administrator asks a student participant for information pertaining to compliance (or lack of compliance) by the student or other student participants with the Code of Conduct or eligibility conditions for participation in activities, the student is expected to fully, completely, and honestly provide the information. Students may be disciplined for a failure to be honest and forthright.

Determining a Violation Has Occurred. A violation of the Code of Conduct will be determined to have occurred based on any of the following criteria:

1. When a student is cited by law enforcement and school officials have a reasonable basis for determining that grounds for the issuance of the citation exist.
2. When a student is convicted of a criminal offense. Conviction includes, without limitation, a plea of no contest and an adjudication of delinquency by the juvenile court.
3. When a student admits to violating one of the standards of the Code of Conduct.
4. When a student is accused by another person of violating one of the standards of the Code of Conduct and school officials determine that such information is reliable.
5. When school officials otherwise find sufficient evidence to support a determination that a violation has occurred.

Procedures for Extracurricular Discipline. The following procedures are established for suspensions from participation in extracurricular activities:

1. Investigation. The school official(s) considering the suspension will conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances and determine whether the suspension will help the student or other students, further school purposes, or prevent an interference with a school purpose.
2. Meeting. Prior to commencement of the suspension, the school official considering the suspension or their designee will provide the student an opportunity to give the student's side of the story. The meeting for this purpose may be held in person or via a telephone conference.
 - a. The student will be given oral or written notice of what the student is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the school has, and the opportunity to explain the student's version. Detail is not required where the activity participant has made a self-report or otherwise admits the conduct. Names of informants may be kept confidential where determined to be appropriate.
 - b. The suspension may be imposed prior to the meeting if the meeting can not reasonably be held before the suspension is to begin. In that case the meeting

- will occur as soon as reasonably practicable. The student is responsible for cooperating in the scheduling of the meeting.
3. Notice Letter. Within two school days (two business days if school is not in session), or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Athletic Director or the Athletic Director's designee will send a written statement to the student and the student's parents or guardian. The statement will describe the student's conduct violation and the discipline imposed. The student and parents or guardian will be informed of the opportunity to request a hearing.
 4. Informal Hearing Before Superintendent. The student or student's parent/guardian may request an informal hearing before the Superintendent. The Superintendent may designate the Athletic Director or another administrator not responsible for the suspension decision as the Superintendent's designee to conduct the hearing and make a decision.
 - a. A form to request such a hearing must be signed by the parent or guardian. A form will be provided with the notice letter or otherwise be made available by request from the Principal's office.
 - b. The request for a hearing must be received by the Superintendent's office within five days of receipt of the notice letter.
 - c. If a hearing is requested:
 - i. The hearing will be held within ten calendar days of receipt of the request; subject to extension for good cause as determined by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.
 - ii. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will notify the participants of the time and place of the hearing a reasonable time in advance to allow preparation for the hearing.
 - iii. Upon conclusion of the hearing, a written decision will be rendered within five school days (ten calendar days if school is not in session). The written decision will be mailed or otherwise delivered to the participant, parents or guardian.
 - iv. A record of the hearing (copies of documents provided at the hearing and a tape recording or other recordation of the informal hearing) will be kept by the school if requested sufficiently in advance of the hearing by the parent/guardian.
 5. No Stay of Penalty. There will be no stay of the penalty imposed pending completion of the due process procedures
 6. Opportunity for Informal Resolution. These due process procedures do not prevent the student or parent/guardian from discussing and settling the matter with the appropriate school officials at any stage.

Section 3 Attendance

Student participants are expected to meet the following attendance expectations:

1. Attend school regularly. Students who have “excessive absences” as determined under the school’s attendance policy are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activity contests or performances. Students who have four or more unexcused absences in the semester of participation will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activity contests or performances.
2. Be on time for all scheduled practices, contests and departure for contests. In the event a participant is unable to attend a practice or contests the participant should contact the coach or sponsor in advance.
3. On the day of a contest, performance or other activity, be in attendance for the full day. A student who is not in attendance the full day is ineligible for the contest, performance, or activity.

Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances, such as doctor/dentist appointments or family emergencies. The exception must be approved by the Principal or Athletic Director.

Every attempt should be made to be in attendance the day of a contest. Sleeping in to rest up for the game will not be considered an extenuating circumstance, nor will going home ill and then returning to play in the contest later that day.

Section 4 "Team Selection" and "Playing Time":

"Team selection" and "playing time" decisions are the responsibility of the individual coach or sponsor of the activity. Consistent, however, with the purposes of the activities program, the coaches and sponsors shall follow the following established guidelines for team selection and playing time decisions, along with such other guidelines as each individual coach and sponsor may develop which are not inconsistent with these established guidelines:

1. School Representative. Student participants must demonstrate that they can and will represent themselves and their school in a manner which reflects the development of high ideals and appropriate values, which shall include good citizenship in the school and in the community.
2. Success. Student participants must demonstrate that they can make the activity program more successful, both from a standpoint of competitive success and success in promoting a positive school spirit. Characteristics for purposes of this criteria include the student's: (1) talent or skill, (2) desire to improve the student's own skills or talents as well as those of others in the activity, and (3) attitude of respect towards teammates, the coach, the school, and the community.

Section 5 Academic Grade Standard for Activities Participation:

Participation in extra-curricular school activities is encouraged and desirable for all students. At the same time, the principal mission and responsibility for each student is to establish a firm academic foundation. A student participating in extra-curricular school activities must therefore:

1. Make sufficient effort to maintain passing grades in all courses.
2. If a student is failing two classes after the second week of the quarter, they will become ineligible to participate in games/meets/matches during that week.
3. The ineligible list will be updated no later than 11:00 a.m. each Monday.
4. The coach or sponsor of any activity the student participates in will contact students whose eligibility is in jeopardy, or who has become ineligible, and insure that the parent(s) are notified also.
5. Once a student is determined to be ineligible, the student will not become eligible again until the next Monday, when the updated ineligibility list is prepared, and the student is no longer failing two classes.

Section 6 Student Fees Policy:

The Board of Education of District OR-1 has adopted this student fees policy in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act.

The District's general policy is to provide for the free instruction in school in accordance with the Nebraska Constitution. This generally means that the District's policy is to provide free instruction for courses which are required by state law or regulation and to provide the staff, facility, equipment, and materials necessary for such instruction, without charge or fee to the students.

The District does provide activities, programs, and services to children, which extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Students and their parents have historically contributed to the District's efforts to provide such activities, programs, and services. Such student and parent contributions have included: students coming to school with the basic clothing and personal supplies to be successful in the classroom (clothing, shoes, pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, calculators, and the like), students bringing their own or paying the reasonable cost of specialized equipment or supplies for the personal preference or personal retained benefit of students (for example, band equipment, locker deposit or rental fees, shop class materials where the student keeps the product, and college tuition or fees for college credit for advanced placement courses or correspondence courses), students providing their own specialized clothing and equipment to be prepared for the extracurricular activities in which they choose to participate (sporting apparel, including shoes, undergarments, and the like), and assisting with special programs, such as field trips, summer school, school dances and plays. The District's general policy is to continue to encourage and to require, to the extent permitted by law, such student and parent contributions to enhance the educational program provided by the District.

Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the District is required to set forth in a policy its guidelines or policies for specific categories of student fees. The District

does so by setting forth the following guidelines and policies: This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or Board regulations which may be adopted from time to time. Parents, guardians, and students are encouraged to contact their building administration or their teachers or activity coaches and sponsors for further specifics.

Guidelines for clothing required for specified courses and activities: Students have the responsibility to furnish and wear non-specialized attire meeting general District grooming and attire guidelines, as well as grooming and attire guidelines established for the building or programs attended by the students or in which the students participate. Students also have the responsibility to furnish and wear non-specialized attire reasonably related to the programs, courses and activities in which the students participate where the required attire is specified in writing by the administrator or teacher responsible for the program, course or activity.

The District will provide or make available to students such safety equipment and attire as may be required by law, specifically including appropriate industrial-quality eye protective devices for courses of instruction in vocational, technical, industrial arts, chemical or chemical-physical classes which involve exposure to hot molten metals or other molten materials, milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting, grinding, or stamping of any solid materials, heat treatment, tempering, or kiln firing of any metal or other materials, gas or electric arc welding or other forms of welding processes, repair or servicing of any vehicle, or caustic or explosive materials, or for laboratory classes involving caustic or explosive materials, hot liquids or solids, injurious radiations, or other similar hazards. Building administrators are directed to assure that such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, teachers are directed to instruct students in the usage of such devices and to assure that students use the devices as required, and students have the responsibility to follow such instructions and use the devices as instructed.

Personal or consumable items: Students have the responsibility to furnish any personal or consumable items for participation in the courses and activities provided by the District. This includes the responsibility to furnish minor personal or consumable items including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers, and notebooks. Equipment or supplies of a specialized nature for certain courses (for example, protractors and math calculators) may be available to students by the District, but students may also be encouraged to purchase their own such equipment or supplies for their own use after school hours or for use during the school day due to the limited number of District items available to the students. A specific class supply list will be published annually in a Board-approved student handbook or supplement or other notice. The list may include refundable damage or loss deposits required for usage of certain District property. While the District will provide students with the use of facilities, equipment, materials and supplies, including books, the students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students and their parents or guardian will be held responsible for damages to school property caused or aided by the student and will also be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of school property which is placed in the care of and lost by the student.

Materials required for course projects: Students have the responsibility to furnish or pay the reasonable cost of any materials required for course projects where, upon completion, the project becomes the property of the student. Students must furnish musical instruments for participation

in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Use of a musical instrument without charge is available under the District's fee waiver policy; however, the District is not required to provide for the use of a particular type of musical instrument for any student.

Extracurricular Activities: Specialized equipment or attire. Extracurricular activities means student activities or organizations which are supervised or administered by the District, which do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades, and in which participation is not otherwise required by the District. The District will generally furnish students with specialized equipment and attire for participation in extracurricular activities. The District is not required to provide for the use of any particular type of equipment or attire. Equipment or attire fitted for the student and which the student generally wears exclusively, such as dance squad, cheerleading, and music/dance activity (e.g. choir or show choir) uniforms and outfits, along with T-shirts for teams or band members, will be required to be provided by the participating student. The cost of maintaining any equipment or attire, including uniforms, which the student purchases or uses exclusively, shall be the responsibility of the participating student. Equipment which is ordinarily exclusively used by an individual student participant throughout the year, such as golf clubs, softball gloves, and the like, are required to be provided by the student participant. Items for the personal medical use or enhancement of the student (braces, mouth pieces, and the like) are the responsibility of the student participant. Students have the responsibility to furnish personal or consumable equipment or attire for participation in extra-curricular activities or for paying a reasonable usage cost for such equipment or attire. For music courses that are extracurricular activities, students may be required to provide specialized equipment, such as musical instruments, or specialized attire, or for paying a reasonable usage cost for such equipment or attire.

Extracurricular Activities Fee: Fees for participation. The District has determined to charge a \$30.00 activity fee for participation in extra-curricular activities for the 2020-2021 school year. The fee is due prior to the first contest/performance of any given season/activity in which a student plans to participate. This fee will also provide for admission to **HOME** activity events, with the exception of conference or state events hosted at Palmyra Jr/Sr High School.

Postsecondary Education Costs. Students are responsible for postsecondary education costs. The phrase A postsecondary education costs means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a postsecondary educational institution. For a course in which students receive both high school and postsecondary education credit or a course being taken as part of an approved accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the course shall be offered without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees, except tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credits from a postsecondary educational institution.

Transportation Costs. Students are responsible for fees established for transportation services provided by the District as and to the extent permitted by federal and state laws and regulations.

Copies of Student Files or Records. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of fees representing a reasonable cost of reproduction for copies of a student's files or records for the parents or guardians of such student. A parent, guardian or students who requests copies of files or records shall be responsible for the cost of copies reproduced in

accordance with such fee schedule. The imposition of a fee shall not be used to prevent parents of students from exercising their right to inspect and review the students' files or records and no fee shall be charged to search for or retrieve any student's files or records. The fee schedule shall permit one copy of the requested records be provided for or on behalf of the student without charge and shall allow duplicate copies to be provided without charge to the extent required by federal or state laws or regulations.

Participation in Before-and-After-School or Pre-Kindergarten Services. Students are responsible for fees required for participation in before-and-after-school or pre-kindergarten services offered by the District, except to the extent such services are required to be provided without cost.

Participation in Summer School or Night School. Students are responsible for fees required for participation in summer school or night school. Students are also responsible for correspondence courses.

Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Students shall be responsible for items which students purchase from the District's breakfast and lunch programs. The cost of items to be sold to students shall be consistent with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Students are also responsible for the cost of food, beverages, and personal or consumable items which the students purchase from the District or at school, whether from a school store, a vending machine, a booster club or parent group sale, a book order club, or the like. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

Waiver Policy. The District's policy is to provide fee waivers in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act. Waiver forms are available in any District OR-1 office, or by calling 780-5327. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for: (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) admission fees and transportation charges for student spectators attending extracurricular activities; (3) materials for course projects, and (4) use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Participation in a free-lunch program or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for free or reduced-price lunches for purposes of this section. Students or their parents must request a fee waiver prior to participating in or attending the activity, and prior to purchase of the materials. Materials for course projects to be provided to free or reduced-price lunch eligible students shall be required to be approved by the administration in advance; the administration shall apply a standard based on providing materials which are equitable to those purchased for comparable students.

Distribution of Policy. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall publish the District's student fee policy in the Student Handbook or the equivalent (for example, publication may be made in an addendum or a supplement to the student handbook). The Student Handbook or the equivalent shall be provided to students of the District at no cost.

Student Fee Fund. The School Board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund not funded by tax revenue, into which all money

collected from students and subject to the Student Fee Fund shall be deposited and from which money shall be expended for the purposes for which it was collected from students. Funds subject to the Student Fee Fund consist of money collected from students for: (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) postsecondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school.

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The following fees, charges or fines will be assessed during the school year for students involved in the activities described.

Students may apply for waivers of some fees under district waiver guidelines. The student fee policy and guidelines will be published annually in the Student Handbook.

ACTIVITY	MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF FEE
Activity Fee (Includes admission to athletic events)	\$30.00
Lunch	\$2.55 7-12 \$2.45 K-6
Breakfast	\$2.05 7-12 \$1.80 K-6
Milk/Juice	.35/.30
Adult Meals	Lunch \$3.60 Breakfast \$2.25
Band uniform cleaning	\$10.00
Game admission fees:	
Varsity	\$4.00
Junior Varsity	\$4.00
Jr. High	\$3.00
School Dances	\$5.00
Play	\$5.00
Summer Band Lessons	\$20.00
Junior-Senior Prom	\$75.00
FFA	\$16.00
District Athletic clinic	\$20.00
Cap and Gown	\$20.00
Field trips	\$5.00
Drivers Education	\$225.00
Honor Society Dues	\$5.00
Before/After School Rec. per Hour	\$2.65
Pre-School per Hour	\$2.50
Band Instrument Rental	\$40.00
Per Semester/Summer	\$20.00/\$15.00
Chromebook Insurance	\$35.00

Concussions: District OR-1 school staff and coaches will follow all applicable state laws and District OR-1 School Board policies on concussions.

Article 10 - State and Federal Programs

Section 1 Notice of Nondiscrimination:

Students, parents, employees, volunteers, school patrons, applicants for student admission or employment, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Palmyra High School, and all others who interact with Palmyra High School are hereby notified that Palmyra District OR1 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or gender, disability, marital status or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Michael Hart, Superintendent, Palmyra District OR1, 425 F Street, Palmyra, NE 68418-0130, (402) 780-5327.

For Further information on notice of non-discrimination, you may contact the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, in writing at 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114-3302, or by telephone at (816) 268-0550, TDD (800) 437-0833.

Section 2 Designation of Coordinator(s):

Any person having inquiries concerning this district's compliance with anti-discrimination laws or policies or other programs should contact or notify the following person(s) who are designated as the coordinator for such laws, policies or programs. The contact address for the coordinator is: Palmyra High School, P. O. Box 130, Palmyra, NE 68418, (402) 780-5327.

Law, Policy or Program	Issue or Concern	Coordinator
Title VI	Discrimination or harassment based on race, color, or national origin; harassment	Superintendent
Title IX	Discrimination or harassment based on sex; gender equity	Superintendent
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA)	Discrimination, harassment or reasonable accommodations of persons with disabilities	Superintendent
Homeless student laws	Children who are homeless	Superintendent
Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities	Safe and drug free schools	Superintendent

Section 3 Anti-discrimination & Harassment Policy:

A. Elimination of Discrimination.

The policy of District OR-1 Public Schools is to not discriminate on the basis of sex, disability, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, or other protected status, in admission or access to, or treatment with regard to employment or with regard to its programs and activities.

District OR-1 Public Schools and its staff shall comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. The Board of District OR-1 Public Schools intends to take any necessary measures to assure compliance with such laws against any prohibited form of discrimination and directs its staff to take all actions necessary to meet this objective.

The Superintendent shall be the Coordinator for anti-discrimination laws (including Title VI, Title IX; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504)) and complaints or concerns involving discrimination or compliance with those laws should be addressed to said Coordinator.

B. Preventing Harassment and Discrimination of Employees and Students.

Purpose: District OR-1 Public Schools is committed to offering employment and educational opportunity to its employees and students based on ability and performance in a climate free of discrimination. Accordingly, unlawful discrimination or harassment of any kind by administrators, teachers, co-workers or other persons is prohibited. In addition, District OR-1 Public Schools will try to protect employees or students from reported discrimination or harassment by non-employees or others in the work place and educational environment.

1. For purposes of this policy, discrimination or harassment based on a person's sex, disability, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, or other protected status, is prohibited. The following are general definitions of what might constitute prohibited harassment.
 - a. In general, ethnic or racial slurs or other verbal or physical conduct relating to a person's sex, disability, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, or other protected status, constitutes harassment when they unreasonably interfere with the person's work performance or create an intimidating work, instructional or educational environment.
 - b. Age harassment has been defined by federal regulations as a form of age discrimination. It can consist of demeaning jokes, insults or intimidation based on a person's age.
 - c. Sexual harassment has been defined by federal and state regulations as a form of sex discrimination. It can consist of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or physical or verbal conduct of a sexual nature by supervisors or others in the work place, classroom or educational environment.

Sexual harassment may exist when:

- (a) Supervisors or managers make submission to such conduct either an explicit or implicit term and condition of employment (including hiring, compensation, promotion, or retention);
- (b) Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used by supervisors or managers as a basis for employment related decisions such as promotion, performance evaluation, pay adjustment, discipline, work assignment, etc.
- (c) The conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or educational performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, class room or educational environment.

Sexual harassment may include explicit sexual propositions, sexual innuendo, suggestive comments, sexually oriented "kidding" or "teasing", "practical jokes", jokes about gender-specific traits, foul or obscene language or gestures, displays of foul or obscene printed or visual material, and physical contact, such as patting, pinching or brushing against another's body.

2. **Procedures:**

- a. Employees or students should initially report all instances of discrimination

or harassment to their immediate supervisor or teacher. However, if the employee or student is uncomfortable in presenting the problem to the supervisor or teacher, or if the supervisor or teacher is the problem, the employee or student is encouraged to go to the next level of supervision.

- b. If the report is not satisfactorily resolved within ten calendar days, or if the discrimination or harassment continues, please report your complaint to the Superintendent of District OR-1 Public Schools.
- c. If a satisfactory arrangement cannot be obtained through the Superintendent, the complaint may be processed to the Board of Education.
- d. The person to whom the complaint is made is to thoroughly investigate the complaint and work with the person filing the complaint to seek an appropriate resolution so the discrimination or harassment can be remedied and put to an end.
- e. Complaints of discrimination or harassment will be treated with the utmost confidence, consistent with resolution of the problem.
- f. Based on the results of the investigation, appropriate corrective action, up to and including discharge of offending employees, etc., may be taken.
- g. Under no circumstances will a supervisor or a teacher or the Board threaten or retaliate against a person for alleging discrimination or harassment.

Section 4 Notice to Parents of Rights Afforded by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to qualifying students with disabilities. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning the decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions. You have the right to:

- 1. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
- 2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law.
- 3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation or placement of your child.
- 4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education.
- 5. Have your child receive services and be educated in facilities, which are comparable to those provided to every student.
- 6. Have evaluation, educational and placement decisions made based on a variety of information sources and by persons who know the student and who are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options.
- 7. Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting (if the setting is a program not operated by the district) at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district.
- 8. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.
- 9. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation and placement.
- 10. Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or

placement. (You and your child may take part in the hearing. Hearing requests are to be made to the Superintendent).

11. File a local grievance.

Section 5 Notification of Rights Under FERPA:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. They are:

- 1) The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- 2) The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Parents or eligible students may ask the School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- 3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another School District in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
- 4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Kathleen Styles, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer

U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

Notice Concerning Directory Information

The District may disclose directory information. The types of personally identifiable information that the District has designated as directory information are as follows:

1. Student's Name, address, telephone listing, and the name, address, telephone listings (if not unlisted), e-mail address and work or other contact information of the student's parent/guardian or other adult acting in loco parentis or with authority to act as parent or guardian in educational matters for the student;
2. School and dates of attendance;
3. Student's current grade;
4. Student's enrollment status (e.g. full-time or part-time);
5. Student's date of birth and place of birth;
6. Student's extra-curricular participation;
7. Student's achievement awards or honors;
8. Student's weight and height if a member of an athletic team;
9. Student's photograph; and
10. School or school district the student attended before he or she enrolled in District OR-1 Public Schools.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District does not designate as directory information personally identifiable information from students' education records where the District determines that the disclosure to the potential recipient poses a risk to student safety or well-being, including but not limited to circumstances where the potential recipient is a registered sex offender and the personally identifiable information would permit the potential recipient to communicate with or otherwise contact the student.

A parent or eligible student has the right to refuse to let the District designate information about the student as directory information. The period of time within which a parent or eligible student has to notify the District in writing that he or she does not want information about the student designated as directory information is as follows: two weeks from the time this information is first received. Please contact the Superintendent's office to indicate your refusal to have your child's information designated as directory information.

The District may disclose information about former students without meeting the conditions in this section.

Section 6 Notice Concerning Disclosure of Student Recruiting Information:

ESSA requires Palmyra High School to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. Parents and secondary students have the right to request that Palmyra High School not provide this information (i.e., not provide the student's name, address, and telephone listing) to military recruiters or institutions of higher education, without their prior written parental consent. The

District will provide routine directory information of high school students to military recruiters upon request. In the event that a parent or guardian does not want their student's routine directory information to be provided to a military recruiter, the parent or guardian must notify the Superintendent in writing. Palmyra High School will comply with any such request.

Section 7 Notice Concerning Staff Qualifications:

Parents/guardians have the right to get information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. Upon request, Palmyra High School will give parents/guardians the following information about their child's classroom teacher:

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional teaching certificate.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher. You may also get information about other graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree. We will also, upon request, tell parents/guardians whether their child is being provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, the qualifications of the paraprofessional. The request for information should be made to an administrator in your child's school building. The information will be provided to you in a timely manner. Finally, Palmyra High School will give timely notice to you if your child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the requirements of the Act.

Section 8 Student Privacy Protection Policy:

It is the policy of Palmyra High School to develop and implement policies which protect the privacy of students in accordance with applicable laws. The District's policies in this regard include the following:

Right of Parents to Inspect Surveys Funded or Administered by the United States Department of Education or Third Parties: Parents shall have the right to inspect, upon the parent's request, a survey created by and administered by either the United States Department of Education or a third party (a group or person other than the District) before the survey is administered or distributed by the school to the parent's child.

Protection of Student Privacy in Regard to Surveys of Matters Deemed to be Sensitive: The District will require, for any survey of students which contain one or more matters deemed to be sensitive (see section headed "Definition of Surveys of Matters Deemed to be Sensitive"), that suitable arrangements be made to protect student privacy (that is, the name or other identifying information about a particular student). For such surveys, the District will also follow the procedures set forth in the section entitled: "Notification of and Right to Opt-Out of Specific Events."

Right of Parents to Inspect Instructional Materials: Parents shall have the right to inspect, upon reasonable request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for their child. Reasonable requests for inspection of instructional materials shall be granted within a reasonable period of time after the request is received. Parents shall not have the right to access

academic tests or academic assessments, as such are not within the meaning of the term “instructional materials” for purposes of this policy. The procedures for making and granting a request to inspect instructional materials are as follows: the parent shall make the request, with reasonable specificity, directly to the building principal. The building principal, within five (5) school days, shall consult with the teacher or other educator responsible for the curriculum materials. In the event the request can be accommodated, the building principal shall make the materials available for inspection or review by the parent, at such reasonable times and place as will not interfere with the educator’s intended use of the materials. In the event there is a question as to the nature of the curriculum materials requested or as to whether the materials are required to be provided, the building principal shall notify the parent of such concern, and assist the parent with forming a request which can reasonably be accommodated. If the parent does not formulate such a request, and continues to desire certain curriculum materials, the parent shall be asked to make their request to the Superintendent.

Rights of Parents to be Notified of and to Opt-Out of Certain Physical Examinations or Screenings.

The general policy and practice of the District is to not administer physical examinations or screenings of students which require advance notice or parental opt-out rights under the applicable federal laws, for the reason that the physical examinations or screenings to be conducted by the District will usually fit into one of the following exceptions: (1) hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings; (2) physical examinations or screenings that are permitted or required by an applicable State law; and (3) surveys administered to students in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. For physical examinations or screenings which do not fit into the applicable exceptions, the District will follow the procedures set forth in the section entitled: “Notification of and Right to Opt-Out of Specific Events.”

Protection of Student Privacy in Regard to Personal Information Collected from Students:

The general policy and practice of the District is to not engage in the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information. The District will make reasonable arrangements to protect student privacy to the extent possible in the event of any such collection, disclosure, or use of personal information. “Personal information” for purposes of this policy means individually identifiable information about a student including: (1) a student or parent’s first and last name, (2) home address, (3) telephone number, and (4) social security number. The term “personal information,” for purposes of this policy, does not include information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions. This exception includes the following examples: (i) college or postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment; (ii) book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products; (iii) curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary schools and secondary schools; (iv) tests and assessments used by elementary schools and secondary schools to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about student, or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments, and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments; (v) the sale by student of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities; (vi) student recognition programs.

Parental Access to Instruments used in the Collection of Personal Information: While the general practice of the District is to not engage in the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information, parents shall have the right to inspect, upon reasonable request, any instrument which may be administered or distributed to a student for such purposes. Reasonable requests for inspection shall be granted within a reasonable period of time after the request is received. The procedures for making and granting such a request are as follows: the parent shall make the request, with reasonable specificity, directly to the building principal and shall identify the specific act and the school staff member or program responsible for the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information from students for the purpose of marketing that information. The building principal, within five (5) school days, shall consult with the school staff member or person responsible for the program which has been reported by the parent to be responsible for the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information from students. In the event such collection, disclosure, or use of personal information is occurring or there is a plan for such to occur, the building principal shall consult with the Superintendent for determination of whether the action shall be allowed to continue. If not, the instrument for the collection of personal information shall not be given to any students. If it is to be allowed, such instrument shall be provided to the requesting parent as soon as such instrument can be reasonably obtained.

Annual Parental Notification of Student Privacy Protection Policy: The District shall provide parents with reasonable notice of the adoption or continued use of this policy and other policies related to student privacy. Such notice shall be given to parents of students enrolled in the District at least annually, at the beginning of the school year, and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change in such policies.

Notification to Parents of Dates of and Right to Opt-Out of Specific Events: The District shall directly notify the parents of the affected children, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when any of the following activities are scheduled, or are expected to be scheduled:

The collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information. (Note: the general practice of the District is to not engage in the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information).

Surveys of students involving one or more matters deemed to be sensitive in accordance with the law and this policy; and,

Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance; administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student or of other students. (Note: the general practice of the District is to not engage in physical examinations or screenings which require advance notice, for the reason that the physical examinations or screenings to be conducted by the District will usually fit into one of the following exceptions to the advance notice requirement and parental opt-out right: (1) hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings; (2) physical

examinations or screenings that are permitted or required by an applicable State law, and (3) surveys administered to students in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).

Parents shall be offered an opportunity in advance to opt their child out of participation in any of the above listed activities.

In the case of a student of an appropriate age (that is, a student who has reached the age of 18, or a legally emancipated student), the notice and opt-out right shall belong to the student.

Definition of Surveys of Matters Deemed to be Sensitive: Any survey containing one or more of the following matters shall be deemed to be “sensitive” for purposes of this policy:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student’s parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student’s parent;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the students or the student’s parent;
8. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Section 9 Parental Involvement Policies:

A. General - Parental/Community Involvement in Schools:

Palmyra High School welcomes parental involvement in the education of their children. We recognize that parental involvement increases student success. It is Palmyra High School’s policy to foster and facilitate, to the extent appropriate and in their primary language, parental information about, and involvement in, the education of their children. Policies and regulations are established to protect the emotional, physical and social well-being of all students.

1. Parental involvement is a part of the ongoing and timely planning, review and improvement of district and building programs.
2. Parents are encouraged to support the implementation of district policies and regulations.
3. Parents are encouraged to monitor their student’s progress by reviewing quarterly report cards and attending parent-teacher conferences.
4. Textbooks, tests and other curriculum materials used in the district are available for review by parents upon request.
5. Parents are provided access to records of students according to law and school policy.
6. Parents are encouraged to attend courses, assemblies, counseling sessions and other instructional activities with prior approval of the proper teacher or counselor and

administrator. Parents' continued attendance at such activities will be based on the students' well-being.

7. Testing occurs in this school district as determined to be appropriate by district staff to assure proper measurement of educational progress and achievement.
8. Parents submitting written requests to have their student excused from testing, classroom instruction and other school experiences will be granted that request when possible and educationally appropriate. Requests should be submitted to the proper teacher or administrator within a reasonable time prior to the testing, classroom instruction or other school experience and should be accompanied by a written explanation for the request. A plan for an acceptable alternative shall be approved by the proper teacher and administrator prior to, or as a part of, the granting of any parent request.
9. Participation in surveys of students occurs in this district when determined appropriate by district staff for educational purposes. Parents will be notified prior to the administration of surveys in accordance with district policy. Timely written parental requests to remove students from such surveys will be granted in accordance with district policy and law. In some cases, parental permission must be given before the survey is administered.
10. Parents are invited to express their concerns, share their ideas and advocate for their children's education with board members, administrators and staff.
11. School district staff and parents will participate in an annual evaluation and revision, if needed, of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy.

B. Title I Parental Involvement Policy:

Palmyra High School has a parental involvement policy applicable to parents of all children. The parental involvement policy applicable to parents of all children is not replaced by this Title I Parental Involvement Policy and shall continue to be applicable to all parents, including parents participating in Title I programs.

It is the policy of Palmyra High School to implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in Title I programs consistent with the Title I laws. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

Expectations for Parental Involvement: It is the expectation of Palmyra High School that parents of participating children will have opportunities available for parental involvement in the programs, activities, and procedures of the District's Title I program. The term "parental involvement" means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning; (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school; (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in this parental involvement policy. The District intends to meet

this expectation through the following activities:

1. Involving parents in the joint development of the District's Title I plan and the processes of school review and school improvement.
2. Providing coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
3. Building the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement.
4. Coordinating and integrating parental involvement strategies under Title I with parental involvement strategies under other programs.
5. Conducting, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served under the Title I program, including identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in Title I programs, with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background, and use the findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the parental involvement policies of the District.
6. Involving parents in the activities of the schools served under Title I.

Policy Involvement: Each school served under the Title I program shall:

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under the Title I program and to explain the requirements of the Title I program.
2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening. If sufficient funds are provided for this purpose, the District may assist parental involvement in such meetings by offering transportation, childcare, or home visits.
3. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs.
4. Provide parents of participating children: (1) timely information about programs under Title I, (2) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and (3) if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
5. If the District operates a school-wide program under Title I and such plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parental comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the District.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement: As a component of the District's parental involvement policy, each school served under the Title I program shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under the Title I program a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. Such compact shall: (1) describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under Title I to meet the State's student academic achievement standards and the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, and television watching; volunteering in their child's classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extracurricular time; and (2) address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum: (i) parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement; (ii) frequent reports to parents on their children's progress; and (iii) reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities.

Building Capacity for Involvement: To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the District, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school participating in the Title I program and the District: (1) shall provide assistance to participating parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; (2) shall provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; (3) shall educate teachers, student service personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school; (4) shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teacher Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children; (5) shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand; (6) may involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training; (7) may provide necessary literacy training from funds received under Title I if the District has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training; (8) may pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions; (9) may train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents; (10) may arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences

between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation; (11) may adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement; (12) may establish a district-wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported under Title I; (13) may develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities; and (14) shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Title I as parents may request.

Accessibility: In carrying out the parental involvement activities for this Title I Parental Involvement policy, the District shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Title I in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents understand.

Use, Distribution, and Updating of this Policy: This Title I Parental Involvement Policy shall be incorporated into the District's Title I plan, shall be distributed to parents of participating children, shall be made available to the local community, and shall be updated periodically to meet the changing needs of the parents and the school.

Section 10 Homeless Students Policy:

A. General Policy Statement

The District shall ensure that homeless children and youths shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths.

B. Definitions

“School of Origin” shall mean the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including preschool. School of origin shall also include any designated receiving school for the next grade level for all feeder schools when a student completes the final grade level served by the school of origin.

“Homeless children and youths” shall mean any individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and includes:

1. Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
2. Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
3. Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in

circumstances described in (1-3).

“Unaccompanied youth” shall mean a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

C. School Stability

1. School Selection: Each school shall presume that keeping a homeless child or youth enrolled in the child’s or youth’s school of origin is in the child’s or youth’s best interest,
2. except when doing so is contrary to the request of the child’s or youth’s parent or guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth.
To overcome the presumption that a child or youth should remain in his/her school of origin, the school shall consider student-centered factors including: the impact of mobility on achievement, education, health, and safety of homeless children and youth, giving priority to the request of the child’s or youth’s parent or guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth.
3. Enrollment: Once the school is selected in accordance with the child’s or youth’s best interest, that child or youth shall be immediately enrolled even if the child or youth is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment including, but not limited to, previous academic records, immunization or other health records, proof of residency or has missed any application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.
4. Transportation: If the child or youth continues to attend his or her school of origin, transportation shall be provided promptly even if there is a dispute pending regarding which school is in the child’s or youth’s best interest to attend. Transportation will continue to be provided to and from the school of origin for the remainder of any academic year during which the child or youth becomes permanently housed.

D. Records

Any record ordinarily kept by the school, including immunization or medical records, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records, and evaluations for special services or programs, regarding each homeless child or youth shall be maintained:

1. Such that all records are available, in a timely fashion, when a child or youth enrolls in a new school or school district;
2. Any information about a homeless child’s or youth’s living situation shall be treated as a confidential student education record, and shall not be deemed to be directory information; and
3. In a manner consistent with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

E. Services

The Local Education Agency Liaison shall identify an appropriate staff person to be the Local

Educational Liaison (LEL) for all homeless children and youth attending school in the District. The LEL responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Ensure homeless children and youth are identified through outreach and coordination activities including coordination with the Nebraska Department of Education Homeless Education Liaison, community, and school personnel responsible for education and related services to homeless children and youths;
2. Receive appropriate time and training in order to carry out the duties required by law and this policy;
3. Ensure homeless families and homeless children and youths are referred to health care, dental, mental health, substance abuse, housing and any other appropriate services;
4. Ensure that homeless children and youths:
 - a. Are enrolled in school which includes attending classes and participating fully in school activities
 - b. Have a full and equal opportunity to meet the same challenging State academic standards as other children and youths;
 - c. Receive individualized counseling from counselors to prepare and improve their readiness for college, including college selection, application, financial aid, and on-campus supports.
 - d. Unaccompanied youths are informed of their status as independent students under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and may obtain assistance from the LEL to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
5. Ensure that public notice of the educational rights and available transportation services of the homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such youths and unaccompanied homeless youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form that is easily understandable.
6. Ensure the dispute resolution process identified below is carried out in accordance with the law and district policy.

F. Dispute Resolution

1. The dispute procedure must be available for disputes over eligibility, as well as school selection or enrollment.
2. In the event of a dispute regarding where a child or youth should enroll, the child or youth shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals. The district shall immediately provide the child's parent or guardian or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the youth a written explanation of the decision made regarding the school selection including the right to appeal such decision. Said writing shall be provided in a manner and form understandable to such parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth and also include the LEL contact information.

The LEL shall carry out the dispute resolution process within 30 calendar days from the date of said writing pursuant to 92 Nebraska Administrative Code 19-005.02.

3. Appeals: Any parent, guardian or other person having legal or actual charge of a homeless child or youth that is dissatisfied with the decision of a school district after the dispute resolution process may file an appeal with the Commissioner within thirty calendar days of receipt of the decision by following the process in 92 Nebraska Administrative Code 19-005.03 and 19-005.03C.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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Parent (or guardians) and students are required to sign and return the receipt form below on or before Monday, August, 17, 2020

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian's Name(s)

Mailing Address

Home Phone

Father's Employer

Business Phone

Mother's Employer

Business Phone

Other Person Who May Be Contacted in Case of Emergency

Phone

Choice of Doctor

Phone

**PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM
ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO STUDENTS**

The undersigned are the parent(s), guardian(s), or person(s) in charge of

(the student)

It is necessary that the student receive _____,
(name of drug)

a physician-prescribed drug, during school intervals beginning on _____
(date)

and continuing through _____.
(date)

I hereby request the School District, or its authorized representative, to administer the above-named drug to my child named above, in accordance with the prescribing physician's instructions, and agree to:

1. Submit this request to the teacher.
2. Make certain the Physician's Request for the Administration of Prescription Medication by School Personnel is submitted to the teacher.
3. Make sure personally that the drug is received by the teacher and/or county nursing service administering it, in the container in which it was dispensed by the prescribing physician or licensed pharmacist.
4. Make sure personally that the container in which the drug is dispensed is marked with the drug name, dosage, interval dosage, and date after which no administration should be given.
5. Submit a REVISED STATEMENT signed by the physician prescribing the drug to the teacher IF ANY OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE PHYSICIAN CHANGES.
6. Release the School District and the Board of Education of the School District and all employees, agents, and the representatives of the School District from any liability concerning the giving or non-giving of the drug to the student.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Parent/Guardian

**ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS
PHYSICIAN'S REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIPTION
MEDICATIONS BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

DATE _____

CHILD'S FULL NAME _____ is under my care and must
take medication which I have prescribed during the school day.

Name of medication (as it appears on container in which the drug is stored) _____

Dosage and time _____

Date administration of drug is to begin _____

Possible adverse reactions to be reported to physician _____

Special instructions for the administration and storage of the drug _____

I or my designee (s) have trained school personnel or approved alternative training as adequate to administer the medication, have evaluated the situation, the general administration plan and if applicable, the self administration plan or emergency care plan, and deemed each to be safe and appropriate, and if applicable authorize the use of hypodermic syringes and needles or similar medical terms.

Name of Physician and Designee

Print or Type

Primary Phone Number

Secondary Phone Number

Signature of Physician

**RECORD OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF
SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

Parent's Phone _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Date to Begin _____ Date to End _____

Name of Medication _____

Dosage of Medication _____ Time _____

Doctor _____ Phone #1 _____

Phone # _____

Possible Adverse Reaction: _____

_____ gives permission for _____ our son/daughter

to self administer specific medications at school. This medication cannot be taken at any other non-school time.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Students who are able to self administer specific medication may do so provided:

1. The physician provides a written authorization allowing self administration of said medication.
2. The parent provides a written authorization for self administration of medication.
3. Such medication is transported to the school and maintained under the student's control in the original, properly labeled package and (a) is not opened except when self-administering the medication, (b) is not self-administered during instructional time or in the presence of other students unless medically necessary, and (c) is not shown or exhibited to other students.
4. The student's physician or physicians' designee has evaluated the situation and deemed it to be safe and appropriate; has documented this on the physician's authorization for the student's cumulative health record, and has approved the general administration plan.
5. The student and the student's physician or physician's designee have developed a plan for reporting and supervision of self administration.
6. The principal and appropriate teacher are informed that the student is self-administering prescribed medication.

Doctors Signature _____

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AUTHORIZATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WARNING: SERIOUS CATASTROPHIC AND PERHAPS FATAL INJURY MAY RESULT FROM ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Many forms of athletic competition result in violent physical contact among players, the use of equipment which may result in accidents, strenuous physical exertion and numerous other exposures to risk of injury. Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of those risks. No amount of instruction, precaution or supervision will eliminate these risks. Students have suffered accidents resulting in death, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other very serious permanent physical impairment while playing sports. By granting permission for your student to participate in athletic competition, you, the parent or guardian, acknowledge that such risk exists. Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in athletic competition and in the proper utilization of all equipment worn or used in practice and competition. Students must adhere to that instruction and utilization and must refrain from improper uses and techniques.

I give my consent for my student to accompany the team or organization/class of which he/she is a member on local/out of town trips.

I understand the statement above and I understand that by allowing my student to participate in athletic events, I assume the risk that he/she may be injured, perhaps severely.

Signature of Parent

Printed Name of Parent

Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDUCT CODE

I understand that as a student representing the school district in activities, I am obligated to comply with the athletic handbook, including the code of conduct. **This means that I may not possess, use or be at parties in the presence of alcohol, illicit drugs, or controlled substances at any time during the school term unless I am accompanied by a parent.** I understand that if I violate the code of conduct or other rules in this handbook, I may be suspended from participation in all co-curricular activities and/or school sponsored activities or events.

Signature of Student

Printed Name of Student

Date

I understand that my student is obligated by this handbook, including the statements above.

Signature of Parent

Printed Name of Parent



Rob Hanger
 Superintendent
 District OR-1 Public Schools
 425 F Street
 Palmyra, NE 68418

Geotechnical Services
 Palmyra Sports Complex

May 22, 2020

Project No: 00111853.00
 Invoice No: 157701

Professional Services from March 16, 2020 to May 10, 2020

Task 00002 Construction Observation & Testing

Professional Personnel

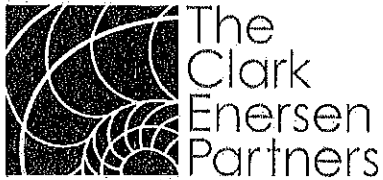
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Senior Field/Lab Technician				
Wells, William	2.00	87.00	174.00	
Field/Lab Technician II				
Cranford, Patrick	2.50	57.00	142.50	
Hergenrader, Marshall	7.50	57.00	427.50	
Totals	12.00		744.00	
Total Labor				744.00

Unit Billing

2016 Chevy Silverado-UIE318 223JPS				
4/27/2020	0.25 Days @	65.00	16.25	
4/29/2020	0.25 Days @	65.00	16.25	
5/7/2020	0.25 Days @	65.00	16.25	
2020 Chevy Silverado-WHY591 23CVHZ				
5/6/2020	0.25 Days @	65.00	16.25	
Compression Test - Cylinder				
4/12/2020	2.0 Tests @	19.00	38.00	
5/10/2020	2.0 Tests @	19.00	38.00	
Handling Charge - Reserve Cylinder				
5/10/2020	2.0 Cylinders @	7.00	14.00	
Single-Use Concrete Cylinder Mold				
5/10/2020	8.0 Each @	3.00	24.00	
Total Units			179.00	179.00
				Total this Task
				\$923.00

Billing Limits

	Current	Prior	To-Date	
Total Billings	923.00	37,024.80	37,947.80	
Limit			43,257.00	
Remaining			5,309.20	
				Total this Invoice
				<u>\$923.00</u>



Robert Hanger
 District OR-1 Public Schools
 PO Box 130
 Palmyra, NE 68418

May 12, 2020
 Project No: 845-002-18.
 Invoice No: 18

Project 845-002-18 District OR-1 Palmyra Sports Complex
For professional services rendered for the period March 28, 2020 to May 1, 2020 for the referenced project.

Fee Earned:

Total Fee	350,000.00			
Percent Complete	97.00	Total Earned	339,500.00	
		Previous Fee Billing	336,000.00	
		Current Fee Billing	3,500.00	
		Total Fee		3,500.00

Reimbursable Expenses

Travel			24.15	
Total Reimbursable Expenses			24.15	24.15

Billing Limits

	Current	Prior	To-Date
Fees	3,500.00	336,000.00	339,500.00
Limit			350,000.00
Remaining			10,500.00
Expenses	24.15	3,555.58	3,579.73
Limit			3,579.73

Total this Invoice \$3,524.15

Melanie D. Stover
 Melanie D. Stover
 Business Manager

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When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.



P O Box 7024
Riverside, CA. 92503

Date	Invoice #
4/23/2020	S18183

Bill To
Palmyra-Bennet Public Schools
Accounts Payable
PO Box 130
Palmyra, Nebraska 68418

Ship To
Palmyra-Bennet Public Schools
Rob Hanger
425 F Street
Palmyra, Nebraska 68418

P.O. No.	Terms	Due Date
RH200421	Net 30	5/23/2020

Item	Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
BBBSWING	1	BBBSWING Sandlot Portable Backstop	2,323.22	2,323.22
Freight		Freight	0.00	0.00

We appreciate your business!

Subtotal	\$2,323.22
Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
Total	\$2,323.22

Phone # 951-351-1313
Fax # 951-637-8406
Contractors License # 676578
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INVOICE

BILL TO

Palmyra Jr-Sr High School
 425 F St
 Palmyra, NE 68418 usa

INVOICE # 15575
DATE 06/01/2020
DUE DATE 06/01/2020
TERMS Due on receipt

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
09/18/2019	Balance Forward	\$268.00
	Other payments and credits after 09/18/2019 through 05/31/2020	0.00
06/01/2020	Other invoices from this date	0.00
	New charges (details below)	1,952.00
	Total Amount Due	\$2,220.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	LAST MILE DAILY	0.50	2,100.00	1,050.00
	DAILY LAST MILE NETWORKS PROJECT: Wednesday, May 20 FIBER REPAIR			
	GROUND VAULT	1	788.00	788.00
	GROUND VAULT			
	misc	3	38.00	114.00
	MISC. EQPT. & SUPPLIES			

TOTAL OF NEW CHARGES 1,952.00
BALANCE DUE \$2,220.00

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- CONTRACTOR

FROM (CONTRACTOR): Nemaha Landscape Const., Inc.
541 S 1st ST
Lincoln, NE 68503

ARCHITECT'S
PROJECT NO:

CONTRACT FOR: Palmyra Sports Complex

CONTRACT DATE: 2/28/2019

CONTRACTOR'S APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

Application is made for Payment, as shown below, in connection with the Contract Continuation Sheet, AIA Type Document is attached.

The Undersigned Contractor certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information and belief, the work covered by this application for Payment has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents, that all amounts have been paid by the Contractor for Work for which previous Certificates for Payment were issued and payments received from the owner, and that current payment shown herein is now due.

CONTRACTOR: Nemaha Landscape Const., Inc.
541 S 1st ST Lincoln, NE 68508

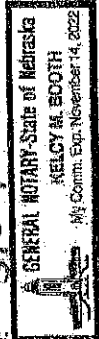
1. ORIGINAL CONTRACT SUM	\$	4,833,000.00
2. Net Change by Change Orders	\$	0.00
3. CONTRACT SUM TO DATE (Line 1 + 2)	\$	4,833,000.00
4. TOTAL COMPLETED AND STORED TO DATE	\$	4,647,096.22
5. RETAINAGE:		
a. 5.00 % of Completed Work	\$	232,354.81
b. 0.00 % of Stored Material	\$	0.00
Total retainage (Line 5a + 5b)	\$	232,354.81
6. TOTAL EARNED LESS RETAINAGE	\$	4,414,741.41
(Line 4 less Line 5 Total)		
7. LESS PREVIOUS CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT (Line 6 from prior Certificate)	\$	4,279,841.41
8. CURRENT PAYMENT DUE	\$	134,900.00
9. BALANCE TO FINISH, INCLUDING RETAINAGE (Line 3 less Line 6)	\$	418,258.59

By: [Signature] Date: 5/26/2020

State of: NE
County of: Lancaster

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 20th Day of May 2020

Notary Public: [Signature]
My Commission Expires: 11/11/20



ARCHITECT'S CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT

In Accordance with the Contract Documents, based on on-site observations and the data comprising the above application, the Architect certifies to owner that to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief the Work has progressed as indicated, the quality of the work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and the Contractor is entitled to payment of the AMOUNT CERTIFIED.

AMOUNT CERTIFIED: \$ 134,900.00

(Attach explanation if amount certified differs from the amount applied. Initial all figures on this Application and on the Continuation Sheet that are changed to conform to the amount certified.)

ARCHITECT: [Signature] Date: 5/31/20

This Certificate is not negotiable. The AMOUNT CERTIFIED is payable only to the Contractor named herein. Issuance, Payment and acceptance of payment are without prejudice to any rights of the Owner or Contractor under this Contract.

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS
Total changes approved in previous months by Owner	0.00	0.00
Total approved this Month	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	0.00	0.00
NET CHANGES by Change Order	0.00	

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Lincoln, NE 68510

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1	Allowance	50,000.00	31,096.22	0.00	0.00	31,096.22	62.19	18,903.78	1,554.81
2	Mobilizations	39,000.00	39,000.00	0.00	0.00	39,000.00	100.00	0.00	1,950.00
3	General Conditions	196,000.00	186,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	191,000.00	97.45	5,000.00	9,550.00
4	Bonds & Insurance	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	0.00	55,000.00	100.00	0.00	2,750.00
5	SWPPP, Temp Fence, Traffic Control	40,000.00	39,000.00	0.00	0.00	39,000.00	97.50	1,000.00	1,950.00
6	Demo/Earthwork	320,000.00	310,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	315,000.00	98.44	5,000.00	15,750.00
7	Site Utilities (Water, Sanitary, Drainage)	196,000.00	181,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	192,000.00	97.96	4,000.00	9,600.00
8	Field Subdrainage and Fabric	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	65,000.00	100.00	0.00	3,250.00
9	Concrete, Rebar, Sealants and Pavement Markings	880,000.00	720,000.00	112,000.00	0.00	832,000.00	94.55	48,000.00	41,600.00
10	CMU	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	100.00	0.00	1,300.00
11	Metals (Structural Steel; Railings, Stairs/Grating, Etc.)	54,000.00	48,000.00	0.00	0.00	48,000.00	88.89	6,000.00	2,400.00
12	Metal Roofing/Walls/Gutters	33,000.00	33,000.00	0.00	0.00	33,000.00	100.00	0.00	1,650.00
13	Rough Carpentry	52,000.00	52,000.00	0.00	0.00	52,000.00	100.00	0.00	3,100.00
14	Insulation	5,900.00	5,900.00	0.00	0.00	5,900.00	100.00	0.00	295.00
15	Windows and Doors	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	100.00	0.00	2,000.00
16	Wall/Ceiling Finishes	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	100.00	0.00	1,000.00
17	Flooring and Resilient Base	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	100.00	0.00	375.00
18	Tiling	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	0.00	22,000.00	100.00	0.00	1,100.00
19	Casework and Countertops	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00	0.00	23,000.00	100.00	0.00	1,150.00
20	Restroom Accessories, Partitions, Marker Boards and Signage	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,000.00	100.00	0.00	850.00

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21	Paint	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	100.00	0.00	900.00
22	Flagpole	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	100.00	0.00	225.00
23	Scoreboards	32,000.00	32,000.00	0.00	0.00	32,000.00	100.00	0.00	1,500.00
24	Playground Structure	53,000.00	53,000.00	0.00	0.00	53,000.00	100.00	0.00	2,650.00
25	Athletic Equipment, Sand Pits and Nailer	98,000.00	95,000.00	0.00	0.00	95,000.00	96.94	3,000.00	4,750.00
26	Bleachers	94,000.00	94,000.00	0.00	0.00	94,000.00	100.00	0.00	4,700.00
27	Plumbing and Drinking Fountains	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	80,000.00	100.00	0.00	4,000.00
28	HVAC	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	0.00	22,000.00	100.00	0.00	1,100.00
29	Electrical	790,000.00	790,000.00	0.00	0.00	790,000.00	100.00	0.00	39,500.00
30	Asphalt	155,000.00	155,000.00	0.00	0.00	155,000.00	100.00	0.00	7,750.00
31	Bulpen Construction and Synthetic Turf	16,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	50.00	8,000.00	400.00
32	Track & Field Aggregates	215,000.00	215,000.00	0.00	0.00	215,000.00	100.00	0.00	10,750.00
33	Ballfield Fine Grading, Infields, Warning Tracks and Sod	185,000.00	155,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	160,000.00	86.49	25,000.00	8,000.00
34	Fencing, Backstops, Dugouts and Top-Rail Cap	190,000.00	160,000.00	0.00	0.00	160,000.00	84.21	30,000.00	8,000.00
35	Irrigation	98,000.00	91,000.00	0.00	0.00	91,000.00	92.86	7,000.00	4,550.00
36	Site Fire Grading/Seed/Sod/Restoration	45,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	66.67	15,000.00	1,500.00
37	Landscaping Items	35,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	71.43	10,000.00	1,250.00
38	Alternates F3-F3C (Synthetic Turf)	394,300.00	394,300.00	0.00	0.00	394,300.00	100.00	0.00	19,715.00
39	Alternate F-10D (Track Surfacing)	158,900.00	158,900.00	0.00	0.00	158,900.00	100.00	0.00	7,945.00

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40	Alternate E-1 (Electrical MC Cabling)	-2,100.00	-2,100.00	0.00	0.00	-2,100.00	100.00	0.00	-105.00
REPORT TOTALS		\$4,833,000.00	\$4,505,096.22	\$142,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,647,096.22	96.15	\$185,903.78	\$232,354.81

Community RelationsAnnual Report and School Improvement

The Superintendent shall prepare and distribute each year an Annual Report in accordance with Rule 10, Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Schools. The Annual Report shall be distributed to residents of the School District by the Superintendent distributing it to the members of the Board of Education and to the parents of students enrolled in the School District each school year and making it available to other residents. The report shall include information required by Rule 10. The results of the annual report shall be used to plan and make needed changes to improve instruction for all students. The report is to include:

- A. Student academic performance. The report shall include results of student success in achieving the state standards set forth in Appendices A through D of Rule 10 or local content standards approved by the Department, on a building basis. Individual test scores shall be kept confidential. If the school has fewer than ten students in the grades being reported, or if reporting would allow for the identification of students because they all had comparable scores, no public reports of student performance shall be provided for those grades.
- B. School system demographics.
- C. School improvement goals and progress.
- D. School system financial information.

The Superintendent shall further ensure that the School District implements a systematic on-going process that guides planning, implementation, and evaluation and renewal of school improvement activities to meet local and statewide goals and priorities. The school improvement process shall focus on improving student learning and include a periodic review by visiting educators who provide consultation to the local school/community in continued accomplishment of plans and goals. The school improvement process shall further include the following activities at least once within each five years:

- A. Review and update of the mission and vision statements.
- B. Collection and analysis of data about student performance, demographics, learning climate, and former high school students.
- C. Selection of improvement goals. At least one goal is directed toward improving student academic achievement.
- D. Development and implementation of an improvement plan which includes procedures, strategies, actions to achieve goals, and an aligned professional development plan.
- E. Evaluation of progress toward improvement goals.

The school improvement process shall further include a visitation by a team of external representatives to review progress and provide written recommendations. A copy of the school system's improvement plan and the written recommendations shall be provided to the Department. The external team visits shall be conducted at least once each five years.

Legal Reference: NDE Rule 10.01, 10.5.02, 10.9 and 10.10

Date of Adoption: May 8, 2017

Date of Revision: June 8, 2020

StudentsStudent Discipline

- A. Development of Uniform Discipline System. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop and maintain a system of uniform discipline. The discipline which may be imposed includes actions which are determined to be reasonably necessary to aid the student, to further school purposes, or to prevent interference with the educational process, such as (without limitation) counseling and warning students, parent contacts and parent conferences, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling upon written consent of the parent or guardian, or in-school suspension. The discipline may also include out-of-school suspension (short-term or long-term) and expulsion.
1. Short-Term Suspension: Students may be excluded by the Principal or the Principal's designee from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (short-term suspension) on the following grounds:
 - a. Conduct that constitutes grounds for expulsion, whether the conduct occurs on or off school grounds; or
 - b. Other violations of rules and standards of behavior adopted by the Board of Education or the administrative or teaching staff of the school, which occur on or off school grounds, if such conduct interferes with school purposes or there is a nexus between such conduct and school.

The following process will apply to short-term suspensions:

- a. The Principal or the Principal's designee will make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. A short-term suspension will be made upon a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.
- b. Prior to commencement of the short-term suspension, the student will be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student. The student will be advised of what the student is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and be afforded an opportunity to explain the student's version of the facts.
- c. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Principal or administrator will send a written statement to the student and the student's parent or guardian describing the student's conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or standard and the reasons for the action taken.
- d. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with the Principal or administrator ordering the short-term suspension before or at the time the student returns to

- school. The Principal or administrator shall determine who in addition to the parent or guardian is to attend the conference.
- e. A student who is on a short-term suspension shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of the Principal.
2. Long-Term Suspension: A long-term suspension means an exclusion from school and any school functions for a period of more than five school days but less than twenty school days. A student who is on a long-term suspension shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of the Principal. A notice will be given to the student and the parents/guardian when the Principal recommends a long-term suspension. The notice will include a description of the procedures for long-term suspension; the procedures will be those set forth in the Student Discipline Act.
 3. Expulsion:
 - a. Meaning of Expulsion. Expulsion means exclusion from attendance in all schools, grounds and activities of or within the system for a period not to exceed the remainder of the semester in which it took effect unless the misconduct occurred (a) within ten school days prior to the end of the first semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect through the second semester, or (b) within ten school days prior to the end of the second semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for summer school and the first semester of the following school year, or (c) unless the expulsion is for conduct specified in these rules or in law as permitting or requiring a longer removal, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for the period specified therein. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period. A student who has been expelled shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of the Principal. A notice will be given to the student and the parents/guardian when the Principal recommends an expulsion. The notice will include a description of the procedures for expulsion; the procedures will be those set forth in the Student Discipline Act.
 - b. Suspensions Pending Hearing. When a notice of intent to discipline a student by long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment is filed with the superintendent, the student may be suspended by the principal until the date the long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment takes effect if no hearing is requested or, if a hearing is requested, the date the hearing examiner makes the report of his or her findings and a recommendation of the action to be taken to the superintendent, if the principal determines that the student must be suspended immediately to prevent or substantially reduce the risk of (a) interference with an educational function or school purpose or (b) a personal injury to the student himself or herself, other students, school employees, or school volunteers.

- c. Summer Review. Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year will be automatically scheduled for review before the beginning of the school year in accordance with law.
 - d. Alternative Education: Students who are expelled may be provided an alternative education program that will enable the student to continue academic work for credit toward graduation. In the event an alternative education program is not provided, a conference will be held with the parent, student, the Principal or another school representative assigned by the Principal, and a representative of a community organization that assists young people or that is involved with juvenile justice to develop a plan for the student in accordance with law.
 - e. Suspension of Enforcement of an Expulsion: Enforcement of an expulsion action may be suspended (i.e., “stayed”) for a period of not more than one full semester in addition to the balance of the semester in which the expulsion takes effect. As a condition of such suspended action, the student and parents will be required to sign a discipline agreement.
 - f. Students Subject to Juvenile or Court Probation. Prior to the readmission to school of any student who is less than nineteen years of age and who is subject to the supervision of a juvenile probation officer or an adult probation officer pursuant to the order of the District Court, County Court, or Juvenile Court, who chooses to meet conditions of probation by attending school, and who has previously been expelled from school, the Principal or the Principal’s designee shall meet with the student’s probation officer and assist in developing conditions of probation that will provide specific guidelines for behavior and consequences for misbehavior at school (including conduct on school grounds and conduct during an educational function or event off school grounds) as well as educational objectives that must be achieved. If the guidelines, consequences, and objectives provided by the Principal or the Principal’s designee are agreed to by the probation officer and the student, and the court permits the student to return to school under the agreed to conditions, the student may be permitted to return to school. The student may with proper consent, upon such return, be evaluated by the school for possible disabilities and may be referred for evaluation for possible placement in a special education program. The student may be expelled or otherwise disciplined for subsequent conduct as provided in Board policy and state statute.
4. Emergency Exclusion: A student may be excluded from school in the following circumstances:
 - a. If the student has a dangerous communicable disease transmissible through normal school contacts and poses an imminent threat to the health or safety of the school community; or

- b. If the student's conduct presents a clear threat to the physical safety of himself, herself, or others, or is so extremely disruptive as to make temporary removal necessary to preserve the rights of other students to pursue an education.

Any emergency exclusion shall be based upon a clear factual situation warranting it and shall last no longer than is necessary to avoid the dangers described above.

If the emergency exclusion will be for five school days or less, the procedures for a short-term suspension shall be followed. If the Superintendent or his or her designee determines that an emergency exclusion shall extend beyond five days, a hearing is to be held and a final determination made within ten school days after the initial date of exclusion. Such procedures shall substantially comply with the procedures set forth in this policy for a long-term suspension or expulsion, and be modified only to the extent necessary to accomplish the hearing and determination within this shorter time period.

5. Other Forms of Student Discipline: Administrative and teaching personnel may also take actions regarding student behavior, other than removal of students from school, which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation. The actions may also include in-school suspensions. When in-school suspensions, after-school assignments, or other disciplinary measures are assigned, the student is responsible for complying with such disciplinary measures. A failure to serve such assigned discipline as directed will serve as grounds for further discipline, up to expulsion from school.
- B. Student Conduct Expectations. Students are not to engage in conduct which causes or which creates a reasonable likelihood that it will cause a substantial disruption in or material interference with any school function, activity or purpose or interfere with the health, safety, well being or rights of other students, staff or visitors.
 - C. Grounds for Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment. The following conduct has been determined by the Board of Education to have the potential to seriously affect the health, safety or welfare of students, staff and other persons or to otherwise seriously interfere with the educational process. Such conduct constitutes grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, and any other lesser forms of discipline. The conduct is subject to the consequence of long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment where it occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by the school and being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a

school employee or an employee's designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event.

1. Willfully disobeying any reasonable written or oral request of a school staff member, or the voicing of disrespect to those in authority.
2. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, harassment, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes or making any communication that a reasonable recipient would interpret as a serious expression of an intent to harm or cause injury to another.
3. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, repeated damage or theft involving property, or setting or attempting to set a fire of any magnitude.
4. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to any person, including any school employee, school volunteer, or student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision.
5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student or making a threat which causes or may be expected to cause a disruption to school operations.
6. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon or that has the appearance of a weapon or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks.
7. Engaging in selling, using, possessing or dispensing of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, drugs, controlled substance, or an inhalant; being under the influence of any of the above; possession of drug paraphernalia, or the selling, using, possessing, or dispensing of an imitation controlled substance as defined in section 28-401 of the Nebraska statutes, or material represented to be alcohol, narcotics, drugs, a controlled substance or inhalant. Tobacco means any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), electronic nicotine delivery systems, alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation. The term "under the influence" has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol or illegal substances on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant.
8. Public indecency or sexual conduct.
9. Engaging in bullying, which includes any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal, or electronic abuse on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or a school employee's designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events.

10. Sexually assaulting or attempting to sexually assault any person. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if a complaint alleging such conduct is filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.
11. Engaging in any activity forbidden by law which constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if the conduct creates or had the potential to create a substantial interference with school purposes, such as the use of the telephone or internet off-school grounds to threaten.
12. A repeated violation of any rules established by the school district or school officials if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes.
13. Truancy or failure to attend assigned classes or assigned activities; or tardiness to school, assigned classes or assigned activities.
14. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to students or staff members. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, gender, disability, national origin, or religion.
15. Dressing or grooming in a manner which is dangerous to the student's health and safety or a danger to the health and safety of others or repeated violations of the student dress and grooming standards; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that is lewd or indecent, vulgar or plainly offensive; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that school officials reasonably conclude will materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that a reasonable observer would interpret as advocating illegal drug use.
16. Willfully violating the behavioral expectations for riding school buses or vehicles.
17. A student who engages in the following conduct shall be expelled for the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester, and if the expulsion for such conduct takes place during the second semester, the expulsion shall remain in effect for the first semester of the following school year, with the condition that such action may be modified or terminated by the school district during the expulsion period on such terms as the administration may establish:
 - a. The knowing and intentional use of force in causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, school volunteer, or student, except if caused by accident, self-defense, or on the reasonable belief that the force used was necessary to protect some other person and the extent of force used was reasonably believed to be necessary, or
 - b. The knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm.
18. Knowingly and intentionally possessing, using, or transmitting a firearm on school grounds, in a school-owned or utilized vehicle, or during an educational function or event off school grounds, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event. This conduct shall result in an expulsion for one calendar year. "Firearm" means a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, as that statute existed on January 1, 1995. That statute includes the following statement: "The term 'firearm' means

(a) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (b) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (c) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (d) any destructive device.” The Superintendent may modify such one year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis, provided that such modification is in writing.

Bringing a firearm or other dangerous weapon to school for any reason is discouraged; however, a student will not be subject to disciplinary action if the item is brought or possessed under the following conditions:

- a. Prior written permission to bring the firearm or other dangerous weapon to school is obtained from the student's teacher, building administrator and parent.
- b. The purpose of having the firearm or other dangerous weapon in school is for a legitimate educational function.
- c. A plan for its transportation into and from the school, its storage while in the school building and how it will be displayed must be developed with the prior written approval by the teacher and building administrator. Such plan shall require that such item will be in the possession of an adult staff member at all times except for such limited time as is necessary to fulfill the educational function.
- d. The firearm or other dangerous weapon shall be in an inoperable condition while it is on school grounds.

For purposes of this policy, the term “dangerous weapon” includes any personal safety or security device (such as tasers, mace and pepper spray). If a student desires to carry or possess a personal safety or security device, the student must obtain prior approval from the building principal before bringing such device on school grounds. If a student obtains prior approval from the building principal, the student must store the device during the school day in the student’s locker, in the main office or in another secure location designated by the building principal. A student shall not carry a personal safety or security device during the school day.

D. Additional Student Conduct Expectations and Grounds for Discipline. The following additional student conduct expectations are established. Failure to comply with such rules is grounds for disciplinary action. When such conduct occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event, the conduct is grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment.

1. Student Appearance: Students are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school setting. Students should not dress in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of anyone or interferes with the learning environment or teaching process in our school. Following is a list of examples of attire that will not be considered appropriate, such list is not exclusive and other forms of attire

deemed inappropriate by the administration may be deemed inappropriate for the school setting:

- a. Clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin or underwear (midriffs, spaghetti straps, sagging pants) or clothing that is too tight, revealing or baggy, or tops and bottoms that do not overlap or any material that is sheer or lightweight enough to be seen through, or otherwise of an appropriate size and fit so as to be revealing or drag on the ground.
- b. Shorts, skirts, or skorts that do not reach mid-thigh or longer.
- c. Clothing or jewelry that advertises or promotes beer, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.
- d. Clothing or jewelry that could be used as a weapon (chains, spiked apparel) or that would encourage “horse-play” or that would damage property (e.g. cleats).
- e. Head wear including hats, caps, bandannas, and scarves.
- f. Clothing or jewelry which exhibits nudity, makes sexual references or carries lewd, indecent, or vulgar double meaning.
- g. Clothing or jewelry that is gang related.
- h. Visible body piercing (other than ears).

Consideration will be made for students who wear special clothing as required by religious beliefs, disability, or to convey a particularized message protected by law. The final decision regarding attire and grooming will be made by the Principal or Superintendent. In the event a student is uncertain as to whether a particular item or method of grooming is consistent with the school’s guidelines, the student should contact the Principal for approval, and may also review such additional posting of prohibited items or grooming which may be available in the Principal’s office.

Coaches, sponsors or teachers may have additional requirements for students who are in special lab classes, students who are participants in performing groups or students who are representing the school as part of an extracurricular activity program.

On a first offense of the dress code, the student may call home for proper apparel. If clothes cannot be brought to school, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Students will not be allowed to leave campus to change clothes. Continual violations of the dress code will result in more stringent disciplinary actions, up to expulsion. Further, in the event the dress code violation is determined to also violate other student conduct rules (e.g., public indecency, insubordination, expression of profanity, and the like), a first offense of the dress code may result in more stringent discipline, up to expulsion.

2. Academic Integrity.

- a. Policy Statement: Students are expected to abide by the standards of academic integrity established by their teachers and school administration. Standards of academic integrity are established in order for students to

learn as much as possible from instruction, for students to be given grades which accurately reflect the student's level of learning and progress, to provide a level playing field for all students, and to develop appropriate values.

Cheating and plagiarism violate the standards of academic integrity. Sanctions will be imposed against students who engage in such conduct.

b. Definitions: The following definitions provide a guide to the standards of academic integrity:

(1) "Cheating" means intentionally misrepresenting the source, nature, or other conditions of academic work so as to accrue undeserved credit, or to cooperate with someone else in such misrepresentation. Such misrepresentations may, but need not necessarily, involve the work of others. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Tests (includes tests, quizzes and other examinations or academic performances):

(i) Advance Information: Obtaining, reviewing or sharing copies of tests or information about a test before these are distributed for student use by the instructor. For example, a student engages in cheating if, after having taken a test, the student informs other students in a later section of the questions that appear on the test.

(ii) Use of Unauthorized Materials: Using notes, textbooks, pre-programmed formulae in calculators, or other unauthorized material, devices or information while taking a test except as expressly permitted. For example, except for "open book" tests, a student engages in cheating if the student looks at personal notes or the textbook during the test.

(iii) Use of Other Student Answers: Copying or looking at another student's answers or work, or sharing answers or work with another student, when taking a test, except as expressly permitted. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student looks at another student's paper during a test. A student also engages in cheating if the student tells another student answers during a test or while exiting the testing room, or knowingly allows another student to look at the student's answers on the test paper.

(iv) Use of Other Student to Take Test. Having another person take one's place for a test, or taking a test for another student, without the specific knowledge and permission of the instructor.

- (v) Misrepresenting Need to Delay Test. Presenting false or incomplete information in order to postpone or avoid the taking of a test. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student misses class on the day of a test, claiming to be sick, when the student's real reason for missing class was because the student was not prepared for the test.
- (b) Papers (includes papers, essays, lab projects, and other similar academic work):
 - i) Use of Another's Paper: Copying another student's paper, using a paper from an essay writing service, or allowing another student to copy a paper, without the specific knowledge and permission of the instructor.
 - (ii) Re-use of One's Own Papers: Using a substantial portion of a piece of work previously submitted for another course or program to meet the requirements of the present course or program without notifying the instructor to whom the work is presented.
 - (iii) Assistance from Others: Having another person assist with the paper to such an extent that the work does not truly reflect the student's work. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student has a draft essay reviewed by the student's parent or sibling, and the essay is substantially re-written by the student's parent or sibling. Assistance from home is encouraged, but the work must remain the student's.
 - (iv) Failure to Contribute to Group Projects. Accepting credit for a group project in which the student failed to contribute a fair share of the work.
 - (v) Misrepresenting Need to Delay Paper. Presenting false or incomplete information in order to postpone or avoid turning in a paper when due. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student misses class on the day a paper is due, claiming to be sick, when the student's real reason for missing class was because the student had not finished the paper.
- (c) Alteration of Assigned Grades. Any unauthorized alteration of assigned grades by a student in the teacher's grade book or the school records is a serious form of cheating.
- (2) "Plagiarism" means to take and present as one's own a material portion of the ideas or words of another or to present as one's own

an idea or work derived from an existing source without full and proper credit to the source of the ideas, words, or works. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Failure to Credit Sources: Copying work (words, sentences, and paragraphs or illustrations or models) directly from the work of another without proper credit. Academic work frequently involves use of outside sources. To avoid plagiarism, the student must either place the work in quotations or give a citation to the outside source.
 - (b) Falsely Presenting Work as One's Own: Presenting work prepared by another in final or draft form as one's own without citing the source, such as the use of purchased research papers or use of another student's paper.
- (3) "Contributing" to academic integrity violations means to participate in or assist another in cheating or plagiarism. It includes but is not limited to allowing another student to look at your test answers, to copy your papers or lab projects, and to fail to report a known act of cheating or plagiarism to the instructor or administration.
- c. Sanctions: The following sanctions will occur when a student engages in cheating, plagiarism, or contributing to an academic integrity offense:
- (1) Academic Sanction. The instructor will refuse to accept the student's work in which the academic integrity offense took place, assign a grade of "F" or zero for the work, and require the student to complete a test or project in place of the work within such time and under such conditions as the instructor may determine appropriate. In the event the student completes the replacement test or project at a level meeting minimum performance standards, the instructor will assign a grade which the instructor determines to be appropriate for the work.
 - (2) Report to Parents and Administration. The instructor will notify the Principal of the offense and the instructor or Principal will notify the student's parents or guardian.
 - (3) Student Discipline Sanctions. Academic integrity offenses are a violation of school rules. The Principal may recommend sanctions in addition to those assigned by the instructor, up to and including suspension or expulsion. Such additional sanctions will be given strong consideration where a student has engaged in serious or repeated academic integrity offense or other rule violations, and where the academic sanction is otherwise not a sufficient remedy, such as for offenses involving altering assigned grades or contributing to academic integrity violations.

3. Electronic Devices

- a. Philosophy and Purpose. The District strongly discourages students from bringing and/or using electronic devices at school. The use of electronic devices can be disruptive to the educational process and are items that are frequently lost or stolen. In order to maintain a secure and orderly learning environment, and to promote respect and courtesy regarding the use of electronic devices, the District hereby establishes the following rules and regulations governing student use of electronic devices, and procedures to address student misuse of electronic devices.
- b. Definitions.
- (1) “Electronic devices” include, but are not limited to, cell phones, Mp3 players, iPods, personal digital assistants (PDAs), compact disc players, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, lap top computers, and other electronic or battery powered instruments which transmit voice, text, or data from one person to another.
 - (2) “Sexting” means generating, sending or receiving, encouraging others to send or receive, or showing others, through an electronic device, a text message, photograph, video or other medium that:
 - (i) Displays sexual content, including erotic nudity, any display of genitalia, unclothed female breasts, or unclothed buttocks, or any sexually explicit conduct as defined at Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-1463.02; or
 - (ii) Sexually exploits a person, whether or not such person has given consent to creation or distribution of the message, photograph or video by permitting, allowing, encouraging, disseminating, distributing, or forcing such student or other person to engage in sexually explicit, obscene or pornographic photography, films, or depictions; or,
 - (iii) Displays a sexually explicit message for sexual gratification, flirtation or provocation, or to request or arrange a sexual encounter.
- c. Possession and Use of Electronic Devices.
- (1) Students are not permitted to possess or use any electronic devices during class time or during passing time except as otherwise provided by this policy. Cell phone usage is strictly prohibited during any class period; including voice usage, digital imaging, or text messaging.
 - (2) Students are permitted to possess and use electronic devices before school hours, at lunch time, and after school hours, provided that the student not commit any abusive use of the device (see paragraph (d)(1). Administrators have the discretion to prohibit student possession or use of electronic devices on school grounds during these times in the event the administration determines such

further restrictions are appropriate; an announcement will be given in the event of such a change in permitted use.

- (3) Electronic devices may be used during class time when specifically approved by the teacher or a school administrator in conjunction with appropriate and authorized class or school activities or events (i.e., student use of a camera during a photography class; student use of a lap top computer for a class presentation).
- (4) Students may use electronic devices during class time when authorized pursuant to an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Accommodation Plan, or a Health Care Plan, or pursuant to a plan developed with the student's parent when the student has a compelling need to have the device (e.g., a student whose parent is in the hospital could be allowed limited use of the cell phone for family contacts, so the family can give the student updates on the parent's condition).

d. Violations

- (1) Prohibited Use of Electronic Devices: Students shall not use electronic devices for: (a) activities which disrupt the educational environment; (b) illegal activities in violation of state or federal laws or regulations; (c) unethical activities, such as cheating on assignments or tests; (d) immoral or pornographic activities; (e) activities in violation of Board or school policies and procedures relating to student conduct and harassment; (f) recording others (photographs, videotaping, sound recording, etc.) or otherwise transmitting images and/or sounds of another person or persons without direct administrative approval and consent of the person(s) being recorded, other than recording of persons participating in school activities that are open to the public; (g) "sexting;" or (h) activities which invade the privacy of others. Such student misuses will be dealt with as serious school violations, and immediate and appropriate disciplinary action will be imposed, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion from school.
- (2) Disposition of Confiscated Electronic Devices: Electronic devices possessed or used in violation of this policy may be confiscated by school personnel and returned to the student or parent/guardian at an appropriate time. If an electronic device is confiscated, the electronic device shall be taken to the school's main office to be identified, placed in a secure area, and returned to the student and/or the student's parent/guardian in a consistent and orderly way.
 - (i) First Violation: Depending upon the nature of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences at a minimum may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration and a conference between the student and school principal or

- assistant principal. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device.
- (ii) **Second Violation:** Depending upon the nature of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences at a minimum may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration and a conference between the student and his/her parent/guardian and the school principal or assistant principal. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student's parent/guardian personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device.
- (iii) **Third Violation:** Depending upon the nature of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences at a minimum may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration, a conference between the student and his/her parent/guardian and the school principal or assistant principal, and suspension of the student from school. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student's parent/guardian personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device.
- (3) **Penalties for Prohibited Use of Electronic Devices:** Students who receive a "sexting" message are to report the matter to a school administrator and then delete such message from their electronic device. Students shall not participate in sexting or have any "sexting" message on their electronic devices regardless of when the message was received while on school grounds or at a school activity. Students who violate the prohibitions of this policy shall be subject to the imposition of appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion, provided that at a minimum the following penalties shall be imposed:
- (i) Students found in possession of a "sexting" message shall be subject to a one (1) day suspension from school.
- (ii) Students who send or encourage another to send a "sexting" message shall be subject to a five (5) day suspension from school.
- (4) **Reporting to Law Enforcement:** Violations of this policy regarding the prohibited use of electronic devices that may constitute a violation of federal or state laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Nebraska Child Protection Act or

the Nebraska Child Pornography Prevention Act shall be reported to appropriate legal authorities and law enforcement.

- e. Responsibility for Electronic Devices. Students or their parents/guardians are expected to claim a confiscated electronic device within ten (10) days of the date it was relinquished. The school shall not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for any unclaimed electronic devices. By bringing such devices to school, students and parents authorize the school to dispose of unclaimed devices at the end of each semester. The District is not responsible for the security and safekeeping of students' electronic devices and is not financially responsible for any damage, destruction, or loss of electronic devices.
- E. Inappropriate Public Displays of Affection (IPDA): Students are not to engage in inappropriate public displays of affection on school property or at school activities. Such conduct includes kissing, touching, fondling or other displays of affection that would be reasonably considered to be embarrassing or a distraction to others. Students will face the following consequences for IPDA:
1. 1st Offense: Student will be confronted and directed to cease.
 2. 2nd Offense: Student will be confronted, directed to cease, and parents will be notified.
 3. 3rd Offense: Student will be suspended from school for a minimum of 1 day, and parents and student will need to meet with Administrator(s) and/or counselor.
- If this type of behavior continues, or if the IPDA is lewd or constitutes sexual conduct, the student could face long-term suspension or expulsion.
- F. Specific Rule Items: The following conduct may result in disciplinary action which, in the repeated violations, may result in discipline up to expulsion:
1. Students are not given locker passes, restroom passes or telephone passes to leave a classroom or study hall unless special circumstances arise.
 2. Students in the hallway during class time must have a pass with them.
 3. Gum, candy, seeds, etc. are not allowed in the school building or classrooms. The pop machine is closed until after school and pop is to be drunk outside.
 4. Students are expected to bring all books and necessary materials to class. This includes study halls.
 5. Assignments for all classes are due as assigned by the teacher.
 6. Students are not to operate the mini-blinds or the windows.
 7. Classes are ended by the teacher. Students are not to begin to pack up or leave the class until the dismissal bell has rung or the teacher has dismissed the class.
 8. Students are to be in their seats and ready for class on the tardy bell.
 9. Special classes such as Industrial Technology, Art, P.E., and computer courses will have other safety or clean-up rules that will be explained to students by that teacher which must be followed.
 10. Students are not to bring "nuisance items" to school. A nuisance item is something that is not required for educational purposes and which would cause a distraction to the student or others.

11. Students are to stand back from the entry steps and doors in the mornings before school and at noon before the bell so that others may pass in and out of the entry doors.
12. Snow handling is prohibited.

G. Law Violations

1. Any act of a student which is a basis for expulsion and which the principal or designee knows or suspects is a violation of the Nebraska Criminal Code will be reported to law enforcement as soon as possible. Conduct to be reported for law enforcement referral includes conduct that may constitute a felony, conduct which may constitute a threat to the safety or well-being of students or others in school programs and activities, and conduct that the legal system is better equipped to address than school officials. Conduct that does not need to be reported for law enforcement referral includes typical adolescent behavior that can be addressed by school administrators without the involvement of law enforcement. In making the decision of whether to report, consideration should be given to the student's maturity, mental capacity, and behavioral disorders, where applicable. When appropriate, it shall be the responsibility of the referring administrator to contact the student's parent of the fact that the referral to legal authorities has been or will be made.

The foregoing reporting standards shall be reviewed annually by the school board on or before August 1 of each year, be annually reviewed in collaboration with the County Attorney each year, be distributed to each student and his or her parent or guardian at the beginning of each school year, or at the time of enrollment if during the school year, and shall be posted in conspicuous places in each school during the school year.

2. When a principal or other school official releases a minor student to a peace officer (e.g., police officer, sheriff, and all other persons with similar authority to make arrests) for the purpose of removing the minor from the school premises, the principal or other school official shall take immediate steps to notify the parent, guardian, or responsible relative of the minor regarding the release of the minor to the officer and regarding the place to which the minor is reportedly being taken, except when a minor has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse, in which case the principal or other school official shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the minor's parents or guardian.

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Students

Extracurricular Activity

Section 1 Extracurricular Activity Philosophy

Extracurricular activity programs enrich the curriculum of the school by making available a wide variety of activities in which a student can participate. Extracurricular activity programs are considered an integral part of the school's program of education that provide experiences that will help students physically, mentally and emotionally.

The element of competition and winning, though it exists, is controlled to the point it does not determine the nature or success of the program. This is considered to be educationally and psychologically sound because of the training it offers for living in a competitive society. Students are stimulated to want to win and excel, but the principles of good sportsmanship prevail at all times to enhance the educational values of contests. Participation in activities, both as a competitor and as a student spectator, is an integral part of the students' educational experiences. Such participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, team, student body, community and the students themselves. In their play and their conduct, students are representing all of these groups. Such experiences contribute to the knowledge, skill and emotional patterns that they possess, thereby making them better individuals and citizens.

Safety

The District's philosophy is to maintain an activities program which recognizes the importance of the safety of the participants. To ensure safety, participants are required to become fully familiar with the dangers and safety measures established for the activity in which they participate, to adhere to all safety instructions for the activity in which they participate, to inform their coach or sponsor when they are injured or have health problems that require their activities be restricted, and to exercise common-sense.

Warning for Participants and Parents

The purpose of this warning is to bring your attention to the existence of potential dangers associated with athletic injuries. Participation in any intramural or athletic activity may involve injury of some type. The severity of such injury can range from minor cuts, bruises, sprains and muscle strains to more serious injuries to the body's bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, or muscles, to catastrophic injuries to the head, neck and spinal cord. On rare occasions, injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis or death. Even with appropriate coaching, appropriate safety instruction, appropriate protective equipment and strict observance of the rules, injuries are still a possibility.

Section 2 Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct

Purpose of the Code of Conduct. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. The privilege carries with it responsibilities to the school, team, student body, and the community. Participants are not only representing themselves, but also their school and community in all of their actions. Others judge our school on the student participants' conduct and attitudes, and how they contribute to our school spirit and community image.

The student participants' performance and devotion to high ideals and values make their school and community proud. Consequently, participation is dependent upon adherence to this Code of Conduct and the school district's policies, procedures and rules.

Scope of the Code of Conduct.

Activities Subject to the Code of Conduct: The Code of Conduct applies to all extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities means student activities or organizations which are supervised or administered by the school district which do not count toward graduation or grade advancement and in which participation is not otherwise required by the school.

Extracurricular activities include but are not limited to: all sports, cheerleading, dance team, Pep Club, Pep Band, vocal, band, speech and drama, One-Act, FBLA, FCCLA, Spanish Club, Art Club, Student Council, Student Advisory Board, National Honor Society, and other school sponsored organizations and activities. The Code of Conduct also applies to participation in school sponsored activities such as school dances and royalty for such activities.

A participant means a student who participates in, has participated in, or will participate in an extracurricular activity.

When: The Code of Conduct rules apply to conduct which occurs at any time during the school year, and also includes the time frame which begins with the official starting day of the fall sport season established by the NSAA and extends to the last day of the spring sport season established by the NSAA, whether or not the student is a participant in an activity at the time of such conduct.

The rules also apply when a student is participating or scheduled to participate in an extracurricular activity that is held outside the school year or the NSAA season. For example, if an FBLA or FCCLA student plans to participate in a conference in July and commits a Code of Conduct infraction in June, the student may be suspended from participating in the conference. Conduct during the summer months may also affect a student's participation under the team selection and playing time guidelines.

Where: The Code of Conduct rules apply regardless of whether the conduct occurs on or off school grounds. If the conduct occurs on school grounds, at a school function or event, or in a school vehicle, the student may also be subject to further discipline under

the general student code of conduct. A student who is suspended or expelled from school shall not be permitted to participate in activities during the period of the suspension or expulsion, and may also receive an extended activity suspension.

Grounds for Extracurricular Activity Discipline. Students who participate in extracurricular activities are expected to demonstrate cooperation, patience, pride, character, self respect, self-discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect for authority. The following conduct rules have been determined by the Board of Education to be reasonably necessary to aid students, further school purposes, and prevent interference with the educational process. Such conduct constitutes grounds for suspension from participation in extracurricular activities and grounds for other restrictions or disciplinary measures related to extracurricular activity participation:

1. Willfully disobeying any reasonable written or oral request of a school staff member, or the voicing of disrespect to those in authority.
2. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, bullying, harassment or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school or extracurricular activity purposes or making any communication that a reasonable person would interpret as a serious expression of an intent to harm or cause injury to another.
3. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property, repeated damage or theft involving property or setting or attempting to set a fire of any magnitude.
4. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to any person, including a school employee, school volunteer, or student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect another person shall not constitute a violation.
5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of, or with the intent of, obtaining money or anything of value from a student or making a threat which causes or may be expected to cause a disruption to school operations.
6. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (including personal safety or security devices, such as tasers, mace and pepper spray, unless a District administrator gives prior approval) or that has the appearance of a weapon, or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks, on school grounds or at a school function or event, or in a manner that is unlawful or contrary to school activity rules.
7. Engaging in selling, using, possessing or dispensing of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, drugs, controlled substance, or an inhalant; being under the influence of any of the above; possession of drug paraphernalia, or the selling, using, possessing, or dispensing of an imitation controlled substance as defined in section 28-401 of the Nebraska statutes, or material represented to be alcohol, narcotics, drugs, a controlled substance or inhalant. Tobacco means any tobacco product (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco), vapor products (such as e-cigarettes), electronic nicotine delivery systems, alternative nicotine products, tobacco product look-alikes, and products intended

to replicate tobacco products either by appearance or effect. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation. The term "under the influence" has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol or illegal substances on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant.

8. Public indecency.
9. Sexual assault or attempting to sexually assault any person. Engaging in sexual conduct, even if consensual, on school grounds or at a school function or event.
10. Engaging in any activity forbidden by law which constitutes a danger to other students, interferes with school purposes or an extracurricular activity, or reflects a lack of high ideals.
11. Repeated violation of any of the school rules.
12. Truancy or failure to attend assigned classes or assigned activities; or tardiness to school, assigned classes or assigned activities.
13. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to a school employee, school volunteer, or student. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, gender, national origin, or religion.
14. Dressing or grooming in a manner which is dangerous to the student's health and safety or a danger to the health and safety of others or repeated violations of dress and grooming standards; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that is lewd or indecent, vulgar or plainly offensive; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that school officials reasonably conclude will materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school or of an extracurricular activity; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that a reasonable observer would interpret as advocating illegal drug use.
15. Willfully violating the behavioral expectations for those students riding [Name] Public Schools buses or vehicles used for activity purposes.
16. Failure to report for the activity at the beginning of the season. Reporting for one activity may count as reporting on time if there is a change in activity within the season approved by the coach or the supervisor.
17. Failure to participate in regularly scheduled classes on the day of an extracurricular activity or event.
18. Failure to attend scheduled practices and meetings. If circumstances arise to prevent the participant's attendance, the validity of the reason will be determined by the coach or sponsor. Every reasonable effort should be made to notify the coach or sponsor prior to any missed practice or meeting.
19. All other reasonable rules or regulations adopted by the coach or sponsor of an extracurricular activity shall be followed, provided that participants shall be advised by the coach or sponsor of such rules and regulations in writing.
20. Failure to comply with any rule established by the Nebraska School Activities Association, including, but not limited to, the rules relating to eligibility.

All terms used in the Code of Conduct have a less strict meaning than under criminal law and are subject to reasonable interpretation by school officials.

Drug and Alcohol Violations.

Meaning of Terms.

Use or consume includes any level of consumption or use. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation.

Under the influence means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student, or the odor of an illicit drug on the student. Also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant.

Possession includes having control of the substance and also includes being in the same area where the substance is present and no responsible adult present and responsible for the substance. Possession includes situations where, for example:

- (1) Alcohol is in a vehicle in which the student is present. The student is considered to be in possession if the student is aware that the alcohol is in the vehicle, even though the student has not touched or consumed the alcohol; and
- (2) Alcohol is present at a party attended by the student. The student is considered to be in possession if the student is aware that alcohol is at the party and fails to immediately leave the party, even though the student has not touched or consumed the alcohol.

In these situations, a violation would not exist if the alcohol is in the control of a parent or guardian or other responsible adult (age 21 or older) such that students are not allowed to access the alcohol. A violation would also not exist if the student did not know or have a reasonable basis to know that alcohol would be present, and the student leaves the location where the alcohol is present as soon the student could safely do so. (Students are expected to leave immediately, but are not to do so in a manner that would endanger them. For example, you are not to leave in a car being driven by a person who has been drinking just to get away from the alcohol party immediately when there is no other way to get home. Instead, you should call for a safe ride home and, while waiting, clearly distance yourself from the alcohol).

Consequences.

Students may be suspended from practices or participation in interscholastic competition or participation in co-curricular activities for violations of the Code of Conduct. The period of suspension or other discipline for such offenses shall be determined by the school administration.

The disciplinary consequence will be determined based on consideration of the seriousness of the offense, any prior violations, the student's compliance with the self-reporting obligations, the student's level of cooperation and willingness to resolve the matter, and the student's demonstration of a commitment to not commit future violations.

Because of the significance of drug and alcohol violations on the student participants, other students and the school, the following consequences are established for such violations:

Drugs and Alcohol.

An activity participant who violates the drug or alcohol rules (other than steroids) shall be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activity for the following minimum periods:

1. First Violation: 45 days.
2. Second or Any Subsequent Offense: One calendar year.
3. Reduction for Self-Reporting: If the student has self-reported, the first violation shall be reduced to 21 days for the first violation. A commensurate reduction (approximately one-half, as determined by the administration) for a second or subsequent violation shall be given for self-reporting.
4. Reduction for Participation in Chemical Dependency Program: If the student and parents agree to participate in a school-approved program for chemical dependency, the consequence will be reduced to only the next activity in which the student was to participate (including at least one contest) in the case of a first violation, and to a commensurate reduction (approximately 80%, as determined by the administration, for a second or subsequent violation).

The program must be administered by a certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor and be approved by the school authorities. The student will need to successfully complete the approved chemical dependency program. Proof of successful completion of program must be submitted in writing to the Activities Director. Failure to participate and successfully complete the approved chemical dependency program may cause the participating student to be suspended from extracurricular activities for one calendar year. All costs associated with the program are to be borne by the student/parent or guardian.

5. More Serious Violations: In the event of more serious drug or alcohol violations, such as students engaging in use of especially serious drug offenses (cocaine, meth, etc.) or procuring alcohol for minors, the consequence of the violation is not limited by the foregoing, and may be established in the good discretion of the administration.

Steroid Offenses. A student who possesses, dispenses, delivers, or administers anabolic steroids shall be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activity for the following minimum periods:

1. First Violation: 30 consecutive days.
2. Second or Any Subsequent Offense: One calendar year.

When Suspensions Begin. All suspensions begin with the next scheduled activity in which the student is a participant, after the determination by school officials of the sanction to be imposed; provided that the school officials shall have the discretion to establish a time period for the suspension that makes the suspension have a real consequence for the student. During a suspension, participants may be required or

permitted to practice at the sole discretion of the coach or activity sponsor. Suspensions in the Spring will be carried over to the Fall when the suspension has not been fully served or when determined appropriate for the suspension to have a real consequence for the student.

Letters and Post-Season Honors. A student who commits a Code of Conduct violation is:

1. Eligible to letter, provided the student meets the criteria of the coach or sponsor.
2. Not eligible to receive honors during the sport or activity in which they are participating at the time of the offense and/or in sports or activities in which they have been suspended due to a code violation. The coach/sponsor, with the Athletic Director's approval, may make an exception where the student has self-reported or otherwise demonstrated excellence in character allowing for such honors.

Self-Reporting. A student who violates the Code of Conduct must self-report. The self-report must be made to: the principal, athletic director, or the head coach or sponsor of an activity in which the student participates. The student's parent or guardian may initiate the self-reporting process, but the student will be later required to give a written statement of the self-report. The self-report must be made the earlier of: (1) before the end of the next school day after the conduct occurred and (2) before participation in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity.

In making a self-report, the student must identify the events that took place, what conduct the student engaged in, and any witnesses to the student's conduct, and will be required to put this information in a written statement. In the event the student has received a criminal citation, charge, or ticket, and proclaims innocence of a violation, the student will be required to self-report such offense and provide information as to why they should be found innocent, not as it relates to the criminal offense, but as it relates to the Code of Conduct.

All students are expected to be honest and forthright with school officials. In the event the coach or activity sponsor or any school administrator asks a student participant for information pertaining to compliance (or lack of compliance) by the student or other student participants with the Code of Conduct or eligibility conditions for participation in activities, the student is expected to fully, completely, and honestly provide the information. Students may be disciplined for a failure to be honest and forthright.

Determining a Violation Has Occurred. A violation of the Code of Conduct will be determined to have occurred based on any of the following criteria:

1. When a student is cited by law enforcement and school officials have a reasonable basis for determining that grounds for the issuance of the citation exist.
2. When a student is convicted of a criminal offense. Conviction includes, without limitation, a plea of no contest and an adjudication of delinquency by the juvenile court.
3. When a student admits to violating one of the standards of the Code of Conduct.

4. When a student is accused by another person of violating one of the standards of the Code of Conduct and school officials determine that such information is reliable.
5. When school officials otherwise find sufficient evidence to support a determination that a violation has occurred.

Procedures for Extracurricular Discipline. The following procedures are established for suspensions from participation in extracurricular activities:

1. Investigation. The school official(s) considering the suspension will conduct a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances and determine whether the suspension will help the student or other students, further school purposes, or prevent an interference with a school purpose.
2. Meeting. Prior to commencement of the suspension, the school official considering the suspension or their designee will provide the student an opportunity to give the student's side of the story. The meeting for this purpose may be held in person or via a telephone conference.
 - a. The student will be given oral or written notice of what the student is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the school has, and the opportunity to explain the student's version. Detail is not required where the activity participant has made a self-report or otherwise admits the conduct. Names of informants may be kept confidential where determined to be appropriate.
 - b. The suspension may be imposed prior to the meeting if the meeting can not reasonably be held before the suspension is to begin. In that case the meeting will occur as soon as reasonably practicable. The student is responsible for cooperating in the scheduling of the meeting.
3. Notice Letter. Within two school days (two business days if school is not in session), or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Athletic Director or the Athletic Director's designee will send a written statement to the student and the student's parents or guardian. The statement will describe the student's conduct violation and the discipline imposed. The student and parents or guardian will be informed of the opportunity to request a hearing.
4. Informal Hearing Before Superintendent. The student or student's parent/guardian may request an informal hearing before the Superintendent. The Superintendent may designate the Athletic Director or another administrator not responsible for the suspension decision as the Superintendent's designee to conduct the hearing and make a decision.
 - a. A form to request such a hearing must be signed by the parent or guardian. A form will be provided with the notice letter or otherwise be made available by request from the Principal's office.
 - b. The request for a hearing must be received by the Superintendent's office within five days of receipt of the notice letter.
 - c. If a hearing is requested:

- i. The hearing will be held within ten calendar days of receipt of the request; subject to extension for good cause as determined by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.
 - ii. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will notify the participants of the time and place of the hearing a reasonable time in advance to allow preparation for the hearing.
 - iii. Upon conclusion of the hearing, a written decision will be rendered within five school days (ten calendar days if school is not in session). The written decision will be mailed or otherwise delivered to the participant, parents or guardian.
 - iv. A record of the hearing (copies of documents provided at the hearing and a tape recording or other recordation of the informal hearing) will be kept by the school if requested sufficiently in advance of the hearing by the parent/guardian.
5. No Stay of Penalty. There will be no stay of the penalty imposed pending completion of the due process procedures
6. Opportunity for Informal Resolution. These due process procedures do not prevent the student or parent/guardian from discussing and settling the matter with the appropriate school officials at any stage.

Section 3 Attendance

Student participants are expected to meet the following attendance expectations:

1. Attend school regularly. Students who have "excessive absences" as determined under the school's attendance policy are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activity contests or performances. Students who have four or more unexcused absences in the semester of participation will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activity contests or performances.
2. Be on time for all scheduled practices, contests and departure for contests. In the event a participant is unable to attend a practice or contests the participant should contact the coach or sponsor in advance.
3. On the day of a contest, performance or other activity, be in attendance for the full day. A student who is not in attendance the full day is ineligible for the contest, performance, or activity.

Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances, such as doctor/dentist appointments or family emergencies. The exception must be approved by the Principal or Athletic Director.

Every attempt should be made to be in attendance the day of a contest. Sleeping in to rest up for the game will not be considered an extenuating circumstance, nor will going home ill and then returning to play in the contest later that day.

Section 4 Academic Standards

Participation in extracurricular school activities is encouraged and desirable for all students. At the same time, the primary mission and responsibility for each student is to establish a firm academic foundation. A student participating in extracurricular school activities must show evidence of sincere effort towards scholastic achievement. To be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities, students must:

1. Be enrolled in at least 25 credit hours in the semester of participation.
2. Maintain passing grades in all courses. A student who is not passing one or more classes at progress reporting times will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activity contests or performances if the grade remains below passing one week after progress reporting time. The student will remain ineligible until the student is passing all classes.
3. Maintain an overall “C” average to participate in extracurricular activities, except school dances.
4. Academic requirements do not apply to:
 - (A) Instructional field trips which are a part of the scheduled course learning experience; or
 - (B) Activities or events which are a part of the student’s grade requirements.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-254 to 79-296

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StudentsSearch and Seizures

When it is determined based on searches that a person has violated a Board policy, administrative regulation, building rule, student conduct rule or personnel expectation, or the law, the person shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and a report to law enforcement may be made.

Student lockers, desks and other such property are owned by the school. The school exercises exclusive control over school property. Students should not expect privacy regarding items placed in or on school property because school property is subject to search at any time by school officials. Periodic, random searches of student lockers may be conducted in the discretion of the administration.

The following procedures will be used for conducting searches:

1. School officials may conduct a search if there is a reasonable basis to believe that the search will uncover evidence of a crime or rule violation. The search must be conducted in a reasonable manner under the circumstances.
2. Random searches of student lockers, desks, and other similar school property provided for use by students may be conducted in the discretion of the administration.
3. Drug or alcohol tests may be conducted on students based on reasonable suspicion.
4. Drug or alcohol tests may be conducted on a random basis for students participating in extracurricular activities, provided that: a) the student gave consent for testing in advance (attendance at or participation in the extracurricular activity may be withheld in the absence of consent), b) the testing actually be random, c) that the testing procedures limit any intrusion on student privacy, and provide for an appropriate level of confidentiality and accuracy, and d) that the response to positive tests take into consideration student safety and compliance with laws related to reporting and releasing students to law enforcement.
5. School officials may search offices and storage devices provided to or used by employees where permitted by law, such as where reasonable grounds exist for suspecting that a search will turn up evidence that the employee has committed work-related misconduct, or that a search is necessary for a non-investigatory work-related purpose, such as to retrieve a file.
6. Searches of the District's computer system may be conducted in the discretion of the administration at any time.

The following procedures will be used for the removal of personal property:

1. Illegal items or other items reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety of others or a threat to educational purposes may be seized by school officials. Any illegal drugs, firearm or dangerous weapon shall be confiscated and delivered to law enforcement as soon as

practicable. A personal safety or security device (such as a taser, mace or pepper spray) not previously approved by the Administration constitutes a “dangerous weapon.”

2. Items which have been or are reasonably expected to be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be removed from student possession.

The District is not responsible for the security or safety of personal property which employees, students, or other building users may bring to school.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 28-1204.04 (firearms)

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StudentsSafe Pupil Transportation Plan**District OR-1 Public Schools Safe Pupil Transportation Plan**

This Safe Pupil Transportation Plan sets forth the District's plan for providing safe transportation to students being transported in vehicles on regular routes assigned through the district transportation plan.

1. **Weapons.** Vehicles shall not transport any items, animals, materials, weapons or look-a-like weapons, explosive devices or bomb-related materials or equipment which could endanger the lives, health, or safety of the children, other passengers, and the driver. Look-a-like weapons associated with a school-sponsored or approved activity may be transported with written permission of an administrator of the District. Personal safety or security devices (such as tasers, mace or pepper spray) may only be transported with the prior approval of an administrator of the District. If possible, these items should be secured and not visible or accessible to students while in the vehicle.

Upon becoming aware of a weapon aboard a vehicle, the driver will make every attempt to:

- A. Contact dispatch and notify them of the situation *if possible*. If not possible, the driver will make every attempt to contact from a cell phone (after parking on a shoulder or otherwise not moving) or from the nearest safe haven location. Examples of a safe haven include, but are not limited to, any school building site, emergency service station (law enforcement or fire department), community service agency, etc.
 - B. Pull vehicle over to safe and secure area.
 - C. Confiscate weapon (if doing so does not jeopardize student or driver safety).
 - D. Give description of weapon and participating parties to dispatch.
 - E. Dispatch will immediately notify appropriate law enforcement agencies and school administration.
2. **Pupil behavior.** Students are expected to follow student conduct rules while in a vehicle. The pupil transportation driver is responsible for controlling behavior which affects safety and for reporting rule violations to school administration. In the event a student violates Board policy regarding student conduct standards or otherwise engages in behavior that jeopardizes safety, the driver will make every attempt to:
 - A. First seek to resolve incident through discussion with the student(s) involved.
 - B. Contact dispatch and notify them of situation *if possible*. If not possible, the driver will make every attempt to telephone dispatch from a cellular telephone or from the nearest safe haven location.
 - C. Activate emergency flashers.

- D. Bring vehicle to a safe stop. Seek to resolve the incident, using physical force only as necessary to protect students or yourself.
 - E. Report and document discipline problems to the school administrator. Use a Bus Conduct Report/Incident Form, if available.
- 3. Terrorist threats.** A person commits a terroristic threat if the person threatens to commit a crime of violence with the intent to terrorize another or with the intent of causing evacuation of a building, place of assembly or the vehicle or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or evacuation. Upon becoming aware of a terroristic threat relating to a pupil transportation vehicle, the driver will make every attempt to:
- A. Contact dispatch and notify them of situation *if possible*. If not possible, the driver will make every attempt to telephone dispatch from a cell phone or from the nearest safe haven location.
 - B. Make every attempt to keep passengers calm (this may mean complying with the terrorist).
 - C. Dispatch will immediately notify appropriate law enforcement agencies and school administration.
 - D. Driver should wait for instructions from dispatch *if possible*.
- 4. Severe weather.** Upon becoming aware of severe weather while aboard a pupil transportation vehicle, the driver will make every attempt to:
- A. Contact dispatch and notify them of situation *if possible*. If not possible, the driver will make every attempt to telephone dispatch from a cellular telephone or from the nearest safe haven location.
 - B. Return to the school if less than five minutes away and follow the directions of the school administrator.
 - C. If more than five minutes away from school, go to the nearest school and follow the directions of the school administrator.
 - D. If more than five minutes away from the nearest school or there is immediate danger, get to the nearest basement or underground shelter with all students.
 - E. If there is no shelter and there is immediate danger the driver and passengers are to follow evacuation procedures and get everyone off the vehicle into the nearest ditch or culvert at least 100 feet away from the vehicle.
- 5. Hazardous materials and Unattended Items.** Upon becoming aware of a hazardous material aboard a pupil transportation vehicle, the driver will make every attempt to:
- A. Contact dispatch and notify them of situation *if possible*. If not possible, the driver will make every attempt to telephone dispatch from a cellular telephone or from the nearest safe haven location.
 - B. Pull vehicle over to safe and secure area.
 - C. Give description of hazardous materials in question to dispatch.
 - D. Dispatch will immediately notify appropriate law enforcement and school administration.
 - E. Driver should wait for instructions from dispatch *if possible*.

In the event an unattended item is discovered on or near the vehicle, the driver will seek to determine who the item belongs to and whether the item could be hazardous to the safety of those in the vehicle. Any unattended item that would break or could cause injury if tossed about the inside of the vehicle when involved in an accident shall be secured. If it is determined that the item is not hazardous and need not be secured, the driver will not allow the item to distract the driver's attention to the task of operating the vehicle.

6. **Medical emergencies.** Upon becoming aware of a medical emergency aboard a vehicle, the driver will make every attempt to:
 - A. Contact dispatch and notify them of situation *if possible*. If not possible, the driver will make every attempt to telephone dispatch from a cell phone or from the nearest safe haven location.
 - B. Dispatch will immediately notify appropriate medical agencies and school administration.
 - C. Driver should follow instructions from dispatch, school officials, and parents when such information can be obtained quickly enough. If not available, follow emergency first aid procedures.
 - D. *Only if necessary*, the driver should move passengers only enough to get them out of danger of traffic or fire. If moved, the driver and aide are to keep them where placed until a medical agency arrives, unless a parent has taken charge of their child.
 - E. Driver should try to keep student passengers as calm as possible.

7. **Procedures in the event of mechanical breakdowns of the vehicle.** Upon becoming aware of a mechanical breakdown aboard a vehicle, the driver will make every attempt to:
 - A. Pull vehicle over to safe and secure area *if possible*.
 - B. Contact dispatch and notify them of situation *if possible*. If not possible, the driver will make every attempt to telephone dispatch from a cellular telephone or from the nearest safe haven location.
 - C. Activate emergency flashers and place warning flares/reflectors in accordance with safety guidelines, if not in secure area.
 - D. Driver should try to keep student passengers as calm as possible.
 - E. Dispatch will arrange for assistance and a relief vehicle *if needed*.

8. **Procedures in the event the drop-off location is uncertain or appears unsafe to leave students.** In the event the drop-off location is uncertain or appears unsafe to leave students, the driver will make every attempt to:
 - A. Contact or otherwise communicate with dispatch to notify them of the situation *if possible*.

- B. Release children only if an adult responsible for the children is present. If not, keep children who are to be released in the vehicle, continue with route, and return children who were to be released to the school.
 - C. Dispatch will notify appropriate law enforcement agencies and school administration if appropriate given the circumstances.
9. **Documentation under Safe Pupil Transportation Plan.** Each pupil transportation driver is required to complete and submit to the school administration a bus conduct report or incident report involving the pupil transportation vehicle operated by the driver or any pupils transported in it. Documentation is to include the occurrence of any of the following events: weapons, student behavior which affects safety, terroristic threats, severe weather, hazardous materials, or medical emergencies. Documentation of such events shall be completed and submitted as soon as practicable after the incident.
10. **Transportation of Unsafe Items.** Drivers shall not permit pupil transportation vehicles to transport any items, animals, materials, weapons or look-a-like weapons or equipment which in any way would endanger the lives, health or safety of the children or other passengers and the driver. Look-a-like weapons associated with a school sponsored or approved activity may be transported only with written permission of a school administrator. Personal safety or security devices (such as tasers, mace or pepper spray) may only be transported with the prior approval of an administrator of the District. Any items that would break or could produce injury if tossed about inside the pupil transportation vehicle when involved in an accident or sudden stop shall be secured.
11. **Supplemental Information.** A copy of this plan shall be placed in each pupil transportation vehicle, kept at each school building, and made available upon request. Supplemental information with respect to operational and procedural guidelines used to administer this plan can be found in the District's safety and security plan adopted pursuant to 92 NAC10 and in the Nebraska Department of Education Pupil Transportation Guide.
12. **Vehicle drivers of small vehicles on activity trips.** The District will provide drivers of small vehicles with instruction on and guidance for emergency evacuation procedures, first aid, and emergency equipment. Drivers of small vehicles are generally expected to follow this Plan in the event of an emergency evacuation. The District's director of transportation may provide additional guidance for drivers of small vehicles to increase student safety.
13. **Student Instruction.** At least twice during each school year, each pupil who is transported in a school vehicle shall be instructed in safe riding practices and participate in emergency evacuation drills.
14. **Driver Capacity.** To confirm a driver has the ability to conduct daily tasks and emergency evacuations, drivers must: (a) pass a prescribed physical examination administered by a Certified Medical Examiner at least every two years and provide the employer with a copy of the medical certificate; (b) pass a transportation screening every year; (c) participate in required in-service training which includes emergency evacuation

training; and (d) if required, to have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to operate the vehicle, participate in the drug and alcohol testing program as required by federal law. Should a driver have a medical concern throughout the year, the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee will work with the driver to confirm a drivers' ability to conduct the daily tasks and emergency evacuations prior to transporting students.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-318, 79-602, 79-607 and 79-608
Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapters 91 and 92

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InstructionCeremonies, Observances, and the Pledge of Allegiance

Appropriate patriotic exercises suitable to the occasion shall be held under the direction of the Superintendent on George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day, or on the day or week preceding or following such holiday, if the school is in session. In addition, appropriate exercises may be held for Flag Day and State Fire Day.

The flags of the United States of America and the State of Nebraska shall be prominently displayed on the school grounds on each day such school is in session. All flag displays shall be in accordance with the standards prescribed for the display of the flag of the United States of America.

Each of the District's schools shall establish a period of time during the school day, when a majority of the students are scheduled to be present, during which time students will be led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in the presence of the flag of the United States of America. Student participation in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance shall be voluntary. Students not participating in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance shall be permitted to silently stand or remain seated but shall be required to respect the rights of those students electing to participate.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-705; 79-707, 79-708, 79-724; and NDE Rule 10
70 Federal Register 55507 (Constitution Day)

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Concussions: Return to Learn Protocol

Students who sustain a concussion and return to school may need informal or formal accommodations, modifications of curriculum, and monitoring by medical or academic staff until the student is fully recovered.

The school administration of District OR-1 Public Schools adopts the NDE Guidance entitled “Bridging the Gap from Concussion to the Classroom,” (2nd Edition)¹ and accompanying Appendix,² as its return to learn protocol, with the recognition that each student who has sustained a concussion will require an individualized response.

Any student, parent or guardian who suspects that the student sustained a concussion must immediately inform the student’s coach or building administrator. If a student is suspected of having a concussion, the student may not be permitted to participate or practice in any school-sponsored activity.

The District encourages full cooperation and support from both students and parents in each student’s return to learn protocol.

¹ <https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Return-to-Learn-Bridging-the-Gap-7.31.2019.pdf>

² <http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/birsst/Concussion%20Appendix%20final%20February%202014.pdf>.

InstructionClassroom Environment

At all times, teachers are expected to organize, maintain and ensure that their classroom is in a safe, orderly and clean condition for student learning. Classrooms should be free from distractions (such as inappropriate or unprofessional posters or other displays) and other apparatus that may cause student health problems (such as essential oils and/or essential oil diffusers). Teachers who are uncertain as to whether their classroom meets this requirement are encouraged to consult with their building principal in a proactive manner.

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District OR-1: Superintendent Transition Board Update: June 8, 2020

Overview:

Although the Covid-19 situation has certainly had an impact on some of the things planned for my initial pre-entry into the district, Mr. Hanger has been very gracious about providing time to meet with me over the past couple of months to answer questions and provide current updates on district operations. Thank you Mr. Hanger!

Mr. Hanger and I want to reassure the board we are doing everything we can to ensure the responsibilities of the superintendent are transitioned in an organized and efficient manner. I have enjoyed getting to know Mr. Hanger and I greatly appreciate his time. The opportunity for Mr. Hanger to share insight on the district's "continuity of learning" plan, facility updates, district protocols and procedures, graduation options, and ideas for starting school in the fall has been very beneficial for me.

Board Development:

One of the resources provided from your superintendent search work with McPherson and Jacobson is the "Phase 5" follow-up training on developing collective board goals for the incoming superintendent. Dr. Joel and Dr. Lucas indicated that July 8th, July 22nd or July 29th (all Wednesdays) are dates available to schedule this training. The training will last approximately three hours and we can collectively choose a time that works best for all of us. Dr. Lucas suggested that something like 5-8 p.m. or some variation of that would work best. Please look at your calendars to see if any of these dates will work for you. I will coordinate with Mrs. Hatcher to collect information about your preferred dates and times.

Individual Board Member Meetings:

I would like the opportunity to meet with each one of you individually before I "officially" start in the district July 1st. The reason I would like to meet individually is to allow some time to get to know each one of you on a personal level, allow you time to ask me any questions you may have, and talk with you about your ideas regarding the goals and challenges of our district and our community. My last day in the Norfolk district is Friday, June 19th.

I will be in the area on **Tuesday, June 23rd and Wednesday, June 24th** and would be available to meet sometime during those days. I will work with Mrs. Hatcher to establish some time slots for these meetings. I'm thinking 30-45 minutes would be enough time for an initial visit, but I can adjust to whatever works for each of you. Thank you in advance for making time to meet and I look forward to visiting with all of you very soon.

Staff Survey:

Just an FYI: I will be sending an electronic survey to our classified and certified staff members sometime later this week to gain some additional input and insight into the district. This short survey contains questions about the successes and challenges of the district and provides an opportunity for staff to ask questions and provide any additional information they would like. I plan to compile the survey results and share the information with staff near the beginning of the school year.

Administrative Team Planning:

I will be contacting our administrative team very soon to set up times for us to meet as a group. Our time together will be spent getting to know each other, establishing expectations, teambuilding, listening, focusing on district priorities, and continuing to plan for the various "opening of school" contingencies that await us moving forward.

I am excited to be a part of the district and look forward to getting started! Go Panthers!

Have a great rest of your week,
Mike