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STUDENT HANDBOOK

2023-2024
SCHOOL YEAR

Student/Parent Handbook

Stockbridge School District
2023/2024

Welcome to the Stockbridge School District!

It is with great pleasure and honor to be welcoming you to the Stockbridge School District! I hope that this handbook serves as a reference and roadmap to the wonderful experience I am certain you will have here in Stockbridge. All the members of the staff and I are pleased to have you as a student and will do our best to help make your experience here as productive and successful as you wish to make it.

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Stockbridge School 2023-24

5 Staff Service (8/29, 8/30, 8/31, 1/19, 6/3)
PLC Days Dismiss at 12:00

Fall	Parent Teacher Conference	Spring
October 17 4:00 - 7:00 pm		March 5 4:00 - 7:00 pm
October 19 4:00 - 7:00 pm		March 7 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Graduation - May 17, 7:00 pm		

August, 2023

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29 <i>Service Day</i>	30 <i>ACP/Photo</i>	31 <i>Service Day</i>	1

September, 2023

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
4 <i>Holiday</i>	5 <i>First Day</i>	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

October, 2023

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
2	3	4	5	6 <i>12:00 dismiss</i>
9	10	11	12	13
16	17 <i>PTC 4 - 7</i>	18	19 <i>PTC 4 - 7</i>	20 <i>No School</i>
23	24	25	26	27

November, 2023

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
30	31	1	2	3 <i>1st QTR</i>
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23 <i>12:00 dismiss</i>	24 <i>No School</i>
27	28	29	30 <i>Holiday</i>	1

December, 2023

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
4	5	6	7	8 <i>12:00 dismiss</i>
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28 <i>No School</i>	29
<i>No School</i>	<i>No School</i>	<i>No School</i>	<i>No School</i>	<i>No School</i>

January, 2024

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1 <i>No School</i>	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18 <i>Semester</i>	19 <i>Service</i>
22	23	24	25 <i>No School</i>	26

February, 2024

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9 <i>12:00 dismiss</i>
12 <i>No School</i>	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	1

March, 2024

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
4	5 <i>PTC 4 - 7</i>	6	7 <i>PTC 4 - 7</i>	8
11	12	13	14	15 <i>12:00 dismiss</i>
18	19	20	21	22 <i>3rd QTR</i>
25	26	27	28 <i>No School</i>	29 <i>No School</i>

April, 2024

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1 <i>No School</i>	2 <i>No School</i>	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26 <i>12:00 dismiss</i>

May, 2024

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
29	30	1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17 <i>Graduation</i>
20	21	22	23	24
27 <i>Holiday</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>Last Day</i>

June, 2024

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
3 <i>Service Day</i>	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21

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

FOREWORD

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

Because the handbook also contains information about student rights and responsibilities, each student is responsible for knowing its contents. Please take time to become familiar with the following information and keep the handbook available for you and your parents' use. It can be a valuable reference during the school year and a means to avoid confusion and misunderstanding when questions arise. Should you have any questions that are not addressed in this handbook, contact your Principal, Mr. Meshak who you will find listed in the Staff Directory section of the handbook. This handbook supersedes all prior handbooks and other written or oral statements regarding any item in this handbook.

This handbook summarizes many of the official policies and administrative guidelines of the Board of Education and the District. If any of the policies or administrative guidelines referenced herein is revised after June 30, 2020 the language in the most current policy or administrative guideline prevails. The current policies and guidelines are available on the District's website.

NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

It is the policy (Policy 2260) of the District to provide an equal education opportunity for all students. The right of a student to be admitted to school and to participate fully in curricular, extra-curricular, student services, recreational or other programs or activities shall not be abridged or impaired based on the traits of sex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or state civil rights laws (hereinafter referred to as “Protected Characteristics”) or other protected characteristics as well as place of residence within District boundaries, or social or economic background.

Students who have been identified as having an impairment or disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be provided with appropriate educational services. Parents who have questions should contact Mr. Meshak.

It is also the policy (Policy 5517) of the District to maintain an educational environment that is free from all forms of harassment. This commitment applies to all District operations, programs, and activities. All students, administrators, teachers, staff, and all other school personnel share responsibility for avoiding, discouraging, and reporting any form of harassment. This policy applies to conduct occurring in any manner or setting over which the Board can exercise control, including on school property, or at another location if such conduct occurs during an activity sponsored by the Board.

The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate actions to eliminate it, including suspension or expulsion of students and disciplinary action against any other individual in the School District community. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our students.

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

Kati Forstner
District Business Manager
920-439-1158 Ext. 243
katforstner@stockbridge.k12.wi.us

Chad Marx
District Administrator
920-439-1158 Ext. 245
chamarx@stockbridge.k12.wi.us

The complaint procedure is described in Board Policies 2260 and 5517. The policies are available in the School office and on the District’s web page.

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of harassment, time lines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. Once the complaint process is begun, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the complaint being received).

If at any time during the investigation process the investigator determines that the complaint is properly defined as Bullying, under Policy 5517.01 - Bullying, and not harassment under Policy 5517, because the conduct at issue is not based on a student's Protected Characteristics, the investigator shall transfer the investigation to the appropriate building principal.

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

Our School is committed to an educational environment that is free of harassment of any form. Our school will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate action to eliminate it, including suspension or expulsion of students and disciplinary action against any other individual in the School District community. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our students.

Harassment means behavior toward a student or group of students based, in whole or in part on the traits of sex (including transgender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or state civil rights laws (hereinafter referred to as "Protected Characteristics which substantially interferes with the student's school or academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive school environment. Harassment may occur student-to-student, student-to-staff, staff-to-student, male-to-female, female-to-male, male-to-male, or female-to-female. Examples of conduct that may constitute harassment include:

- A. Graffiti containing offensive language;
- B. Name calling, jokes or rumors;
- C. Threatening or intimidating conduct directed at another because of the other's protected characteristic (e.g., sex, race, learning disability);
- D. Notes or cartoons;
- E. Slurs, negative stereotypes, and hostile acts which are based upon another's protected characteristic;
- F. Written or graphic material containing comments or stereotypes which is posted or circulated and which is aimed at degrading individuals or members of protected classes;

- G. A physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, the individual's protected characteristic; or
- H. Other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property, which is motivated by a protected characteristic.

1. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX

The Board of the Stockbridge School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education program or activity and is required by Title IX and its implementing regulations not to discriminate in such a manner. The requirement not to discriminate in its education program or activity extends to admission and employment. The District's Title IX Coordinator(s) is/are:

District Title IX Coordinator:

Chad Marx
District Administrator

Phone Number:

920-439-1158 Ext. 245

Mailing Address:

PO Box 188
110 School St.
Stockbridge, WI 53088

Email Address:

chamarx@stockbridge.k12.wi.us

Any inquiries about the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations to the District may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator(s), the Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both.

The Board has adopted a grievance process that provides for the prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints alleging any action that is prohibited by Title IX and/or its implementing regulations. The grievance process is included in Policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities. The grievance process specifically addresses how to report or file a complaint of sex discrimination, how to report or file a formal complaint of Sexual Harassment, and how the District will respond.

It is a violation of this policy for anyone to knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the sex discrimination complaint process, including intentionally making a false report of sexual harassment, or submitting a false formal complaint. The District will not tolerate such conduct, which is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, its implementing regulations, or Policy 2266, or because the individual made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. Intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination, including charges against an individual for code of conduct violations that do not involve sex discrimination or sexual harassment, but arise out of the same facts or circumstances as a report or complaint of sex discrimination, or a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment, for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, its implementing regulations, or this policy, constitutes retaliation. Retaliation against a person for making a report of sexual harassment, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation, is a serious violation of Board Policy 2266 that can result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions, consequences, and/or other appropriate remedies.

All students, parents, and their representatives are advised to review Board Policy 2266 for more information and detail regarding the District's commitment to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment is prohibited in our school and at school-sponsored activities in accordance with Board Policy 5517. Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

- A. Submission to that conduct or communication is made a term or condition, either explicitly or implicitly, of obtaining an education; or
- B. Submission or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's education; or
- C. That conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's education, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment.

Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- A. Unwelcome verbal harassment or abuse;
- B. Unwelcome pressure for sexual activity;

- C. Unwelcome, sexually motivated or inappropriate patting, pinching or physical contact, other than necessary restraint of students by teachers, administrators or other school personnel to avoid physical harm to persons or property;
- D. Unwelcome sexual behavior or words including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's educational status;
- E. Unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's educational status; or
- F. Unwelcome behavior or words directed at an individual because of their sex or sexual orientation;

Sexual harassment examples include, but are not limited to:

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

It is also the policy of the School that a sexual relationship between staff and students is not permissible in any form or under any circumstances, in or out of the school, in that it interferes with the educational process and may involve elements of coercion by reason of the relative status of a staff member to a student. An inappropriate boundary invasion by a District employee or other adult member of the School District community into a student's personal space and personal life is sexual harassment.

If you wish to report harassment, please contact the District's Title IX Coordinator listed below:

Name: Chad Marx

Title: District Administrator

Office Address: PO Box 188, 110 School St. Stockbridge, WI, 53088

Email Address: chamarx@stockbridge.k12.wi.us

Telephone Number: 920-439-1158 Ext. 245

Any person may report sexual discrimination, including sexual harassment, to the District's Title IX Coordinator listed above, regardless of whether the person is the alleged victim of the reported conduct. The report may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or by email. The report may be made at any time, including during non-business hours.

A copy of Board Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination of the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, including the reporting, investigation, and resolution procedures, is available in the school office and on the District's website. Board Policy 5517 - Student Anti-Harassment, as well as the Board Policy 2266 both contain the complaint, procedures and steps for investigating complaints under these policies.

Any person who is unsure about how to submit a complaint of discrimination, harassment, or sexual harassment is encouraged to immediately contact one of the listed Compliance Officers, a Title IX Coordinator, an administrator, or any trusted member of the staff for assistance in filing a complaint.

Retaliation against a person who files a complaint is prohibited by Board policy and Federal law. Any allegation of retaliation should be filed immediately with assurance that it will be taken seriously and fully investigated by the District.

BULLYING

Bullying is defined as a person willfully and repeatedly exercising power or control over another with hostile or malicious intent. Bullying can be physical, verbal, electronically transmitted, psychological (e.g., emotional abuse), through attacks on the property of another, or a combination of any of these. Examples of bullying include:

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

All complaints about aggressive behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated. If the investigation finds that aggressive behavior has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate discipline, co-curricular sanctions and/or disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

Retaliation against any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning allegations of bullying is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy and independent of whether a complaint is substantiated. Suspected retaliation should be reported in the same manner as bullying.

Making intentionally false reports about bullying for the purpose of getting someone in trouble is similarly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation and intentionally making a false report may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

If a student or other individual believes there has been bullying, regardless of whether it fits a particular definition, s/he should report it and allow the administration to determine the appropriate course of action. (Board Policy 5517.01)

STUDENT HAZING

Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and may in some circumstances be a violation of State law. The Board prohibits all such activities at any time in school facilities, on school property, and at any District-sponsored activity or event.

Hazing is defined as performing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to perform any act of initiation into any class, group, or organization that causes or creates a risk of causing mental, emotional, or physical harm. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.

If hazing or planned hazing is discovered, the students involved shall be informed by the discoverer of the prohibitions contained in this policy and shall be ordered to end all hazing activities or planned activities immediately. All hazing incidents shall be reported immediately to the Principal or to the District Administrator.

Students who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action and may be held personally liable for civil or criminal penalties. Disciplinary action for students may include, but is not limited to, suspension and/or expulsion. [Policy 5516]

SECTION 504/ADA COMPLAINT

Any person who believes that the Stockbridge School or any staff person has discriminated against them in violation of the District's Section 504/ADA Policy 2260.01 may file a complaint. A formal complaint can be made in writing to a District Compliance Officer listed below:

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The complaint procedure is described in AG 2260.01A and AG 2260.01B and are available in the School office and on the District's website.

SCHEDULES

**Elementary School Schedule
(K4- 5th grade)**

8:00 a.m. Classes begin
11:30 a.m. Lunch begins
3:05 p.m. Classes end

*K4 students have the option of a half day

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
(Grades 6th-8th)**

Warning	7:57
1 st Period	8:00 - 9:22
2 nd Period	9:25 - 10:47
LUNCH	10:50 - 11:27
3 rd Period	11:30 - 12:10
4 th Period	12:13 - 1:36
5 th Period	1:39 - 2:30
6 th Period	2:33 - 3:10

**HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE
(Grades 9th-12th)**

Warning	7:57
1 st Period	8:00 - 9:27
2 nd Period	9:30 - 10:57
LUNCH	10:57 - 11:27
3 rd Period	11:30 - 12:57
4 th Period	1:00 - 1:45
5 th Period	1:48 - 2:33
6 th Period	2:36 - 3:10

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Adult students (age eighteen (18) or older) are expected to follow all school rules. If residing at home, adult students should include their parents in their educational program.

STUDENT WELL-BEING

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

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

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

INJURY AND ILLNESS

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

A student who becomes injured or ill during the school day should request permission from the teacher to go to the office. The office staff will determine whether the student should remain in school or go home. No student will be released from school without proper parental permission. (Board Policy 5340)

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

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

Parents should contact the principal regarding procedures for such instruction. (Board Policy 2412)

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

ENROLLING IN THE SCHOOL

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

Students that are new to Stockbridge School District are required to enroll with their parents or legal guardian unless eighteen (18). When enrolling, the parents will need to bring:

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

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

Students enrolling from another school will have their courses and grades evaluated by the school counseling department. The office staff will assist parents in obtaining the official records from the previous school.

During the enrollment process, a parent (or adult student), may present information to the District certifying that the parent (or adult student), his/her child, or a member of the parent's household is a participant in the Safe at Home/Address Confidentiality Program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the District shall use the address designated by the Department of Justice to serve as the student's address for enrollment purposes. The District shall place a copy of any certification provided by the parent in the enrollment files.

Homeless students who meet the Federal definition of homeless may enroll and will be under the direction of the Homeless Liaison with regard to enrollment procedures (Board Policy 5111.01).

Students who meet the Federal definition of children and youth in foster care may enroll and will be under the direction of the Local Point of Contact with regard to enrollment procedures (Board Policy 5111.03).

Adult students (eighteen (18) years of age or older) may enroll themselves, but if residing with their parents, are encouraged to include them in the process. Adult students do carry the responsibilities of both the student and parent and are expected to follow all School rules.

SCHEDULING AND ASSIGNMENT

PK-5th

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

6th-12th

Schedules are provided to each student at the beginning of the school year or upon enrolling. The schedule is based upon the student's needs and available class space. Any changes in a student's schedule should be handled through the student services office. It is important to note that some courses may be denied because of limited space or the need to complete prerequisites courses. Students are expected to follow their schedules. Any variation should be approved with a pass or schedule change.

Foreign students and foreign-exchange students (from recognized and approved student programs) are eligible for admission on the same basis as other non-resident students.

EARLY DISMISSAL

No student will be allowed to leave school prior to dismissal time without a written, or oral request, signed by the parent or a person whose signature is on file in the school office or the parent coming to the school office to request the release. No student will be released to a person other than a custodial parent(s) or guardian without a permission note signed by the custodial parent(s) or guardian. (Board Policies 5200 and 5230)

TRANSFER OUT OF THE DISTRICT

If a student plans to transfer to another school, the parent must notify the Principal. Transfer will be authorized only after the student has completed the arrangements, returned all school materials, and paid any fees or fines that are due. Parents are encouraged to contact building Principal, Mr. Meshak for specific details.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

The School District ("District") participates in the Wisconsin Public School Open Enrollment Program in accordance with applicable law and the relevant policies and rules of the District, all as amended from time-to-time.(Board Policies 5113 and 5113.01)

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

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

IMMUNIZATIONS

Each student must have the immunizations required by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services or must have an authorized waiver. If a student does not have the necessary vaccinations or waivers, s/he may be excluded from school as permitted by law. This is for the safety of all students and staff. Any questions about immunizations or waivers should be directed to the District Secretary. (Board Policy 5320)

II. STUDENT ACCIDENTS/ILLNESS/CONCUSSION

The School District believes that school personnel have certain responsibilities in case of accidents, illness, or concussions that occur in school. Said responsibilities extend to the administration of first aid by persons trained to do so, summoning of medical assistance, and notification of administration personnel, notification of parents, and the filing of accident reports. (Board Policy 5340)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

The Board has established Policy 5341 that requires every student to have an Emergency Medical Authorization Form completed and signed by his/her parent in order to participate in any activity off school grounds. This includes field trips, spectator trips, athletic and other extra-curricular activities, and co-curricular activities.

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

EMERGENCY NURSING SERVICES

To provide for the protection of the students, the District shall make available emergency healthcare services during the regular school day and during all school sponsored student activities. (Board Policy 5310.01)

USE OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS

In those circumstances where a student must take prescribed medication during the School day, the following guidelines of Board Policy 5330 are to be observed.

- A. Parents should, with their physician's advice, determine whether the medication schedule can be adjusted to avoid administering medication during school hours.
- B. The Medication Request and Authorization , must be filed with the Principal before the student will be allowed to begin taking any medication during school hours. The forms are available in the School office.

All medications to be administered during school hours must be registered with the Main office.

Medication that is brought to the Main office will be properly secured.

Medication may be conveyed to school directly by the parent.

For each prescribed medication, the container shall have a pharmacist's label with the following information:

1. Student's name;
2. Practitioner's name;
3. Date;
4. Pharmacy name and telephone;
5. Name of medication;
6. Prescribed dosage and frequency; and
7. Special handling and storage directions.

Medication **MAY NOT** be sent to school in a student's lunch box, pocket, or other means on or about his/her person, except for emergency medications for allergies and/or reactions.

Any unused medication unclaimed by the parent will be destroyed by School personnel when a prescription is no longer to be administered or at the end of a school year.

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

ASTHMA INHALERS AND EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS

Students, with appropriate written permission from the physician and parent, may possess and use a method dose inhaler or dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms.(Board Policy 5330)

Students, who suffer from severe allergic reactions may, possess and use an epinephrine auto-injector when the student is required to carry the epinephrine auto-injector to prevent the onset of an allergic reaction, and the appropriate written permission from the medical practitioner and completed Parent Consent form have been submitted to the Principal.

Inhalers and Epinephrine can be administered by school officials only in accordance with conditions confirmed by the Principal, consistent with the approved plan adopted by the Board and updated annually.

USE OF NONPRESCRIBED DRUG PRODUCTS

Possession, administration, and use of nonprescription drug products shall be in accordance with Board Policy 5330.

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

The Nonprescription Drug Product Request and Authorization Form 5330 Fla 5330 F1b must be filed with the healthcare provider or Principal before the student will be allowed to begin taking any medication during school hours.

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

The parents request to administer a nonprescription drug product shall contain the following information:

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

PK-5th Grade

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

Parents may authorize the school to administer a non-prescribed drug product using a form which is available at the school office. A physician does not have to authorize such medication, but all of the other conditions described above under Use of Prescribed Medications will also apply to non-prescribed medications. The student may be authorized on the request form by his/her parent to self-administer the medication in the presence of a school staff member. No other exceptions will be made to these requirements.

6th-12th Grade

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

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

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

CBD PRODUCTS

In accordance with Board Policy 5330, students and parents are reminded of the following regulation regarding CBD product use, possession, and distribution on District property or at school activities:

No CBD products will be permitted for use at school.

ESSENTIAL OILS

In accordance with Board Policy 5330, students and parents are reminded of the following regulation regarding the use of essential oils on District property or at school activities:

All students wishing to use essential oils in the school must seek prior approval from administrators.

HEAD LICE

If a child in the District is found to have lice, the child's parent will be contacted to have the child treated and to pick him/her up at the end of the school day and/or to pick him/her up at the parent's earliest convenience. After treatment with an FDA-approved pediculicide/ovicide and upon returning to school, the child will be examined by the school health staff or principal. The District practices a policy of "no live lice" as a criteria for return to school.(Board Policy 8451)

CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Because a school has a high concentration of people, it is necessary to take specific measures when the health or safety of the group is at risk. In accordance with Board Policy 8450, a teacher, nurse, or Principal may send home a student who is suspected of having a communicable disease and will notify the parent of such action and the reason(s) it was taken. School officials may be required to notify local health officials if they suspect a student has a covered communicable disease. School officials will comply with notification requirements of the Department of Health Services in addition to notifying the student's parent.

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

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

DIRECT CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

In the case of non-casual-contact communicable diseases, the school still has the obligation to protect the safety of the staff and students. In these cases, the person in question will have his/her status reviewed by a panel of resource people to ensure that the rights of the person affected and those in contact with that person are respected. The school will seek to keep students and staff in school unless there is definitive evidence to warrant exclusion.(Board Policy 8453)

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

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

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act provide that no individual will be discriminated against on the basis of a disability (Board Policy 2260.01). This protection applies not just to the student, but to all individuals who have access to the District's programs and facilities.

A student can access Special Education services through the proper evaluation and placement procedure. Parent involvement in this procedure is generally required. More important, the school encourages parents to be active participants. To inquire about Special Education programs and services, a parent should contact Mr. Meshak, Special Education Coordinator at 920-439-1158 (Board Policy 2460)

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

SERVICE ANIMALS AND OTHER ANIMALS ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

Students, parents, and other members of the public may be accompanied at school by a service animal in accordance with Federal and State law and Board Policy 8390.

Other animals permitted in schools and elsewhere on District property shall be limited to those necessary to support specific curriculum-related projects and activities as approved by the principal.

An emotional support animal is not granted the same access to school buildings and classrooms, as service animals. The District is not required to grant students' requests that they be permitted to bring an emotional support animal to classes or on school grounds for any purpose.

Therapy dogs which meet the certification and documentation requirements in Policy 8390 may be allowed limited access to the schools to perform their educational purpose as determined by the principal.

STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

The District recognizes that there may be students enrolled whose primary language is not English. The District provides appropriate identification and transition services for students who possess limited English language proficiency. The purpose of these services is to develop English language skills that will enable the students to function successfully in an all English classroom and complete the District's required curriculum. (Board Policy 2260.02)

To inquire about programs and services for students with limited English language proficiency, a parent should contact Mr. Meshak at 920-439-1158 (telephone).

STUDENT RECORDS

The origination and maintenance of appropriate student records are essential to the effective operation of the District and meeting the educational interests of students. The rights and responsibilities of students, parents and the District with respect to student records are governed by State and Federal law (Board Policy 8330). Many student records are kept by teachers, counselors, and administrative staff. There are two (2) basic kinds of student records - directory information and confidential records.

Directory information can be given to any person or organization when requested, unless the parents of the student object in writing to the disclosure as required under school policy and State and Federal law. Directory information is specified in Policy 8330 and includes a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, date of graduation, name of school most recently previously attended, and awards received. Directory information also includes a student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by the student when accessing or communicating in a District's electronic systems, if, standing alone, it cannot be used to access student education records, (i.e. a pin number, password, or other factor is also needed).

If parents and eligible students do not submit such written notification to the District, directory information may be utilized by the District Administrator in District-wide publications, on the cable television educational access channel, or on the District's website. The directory information used will be properly verified and approved by the District Administrator.

Student records are generally considered confidential under State and Federal law and may not be released to third parties unless the student's parents consent in writing. However, there are exceptions to confidentiality, and requests for records within these exceptions may be granted without a parent's written consent. If you have questions about the confidentiality of student records and/or the release of student records to third-parties, please contact District Administrator or consult the Board's Policy 8330 - Student Records and associated Administrative Guidelines.

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

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

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

Consistent with the PPRA and Board policy, parents may inspect any materials used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation. Please contact District Administrator to inspect such materials.

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

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

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

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

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

Informal inquiries may be sent to the Family Policy Compliance Office via the following email addresses:

FERPA@ED.Gov; and
PPRA@ED.Gov.

ARMED FORCES RECRUITING

The School must provide at least the same access to the high school campus and to student directory information as is provided to other entities offering educational or employment opportunities to those students. “Armed forces” means the armed forces of the United States and their reserve components and the United States Coast Guard.

In accordance with Federal and State law, the school shall release the names, addresses, **District assigned e-mail addresses (if available)**, and telephone listings of secondary students to a recruiting officer for any branch of the United States Armed who requests such information. A secondary school student, or parent of the student, may request in writing that the student's name, address, **District assigned e-mail address (if available)**, and telephone listing not be released without prior consent of the parent(s)/eligible student.

The Board shall ensure that students and parents are notified of the provisions of the opportunity to deny release of directory information. Public notice shall be given regarding right to refuse disclosure to any or all directory information including in the armed forces of the United States and the service academies of the armed forces of the United States. (Board Policy 8330)

If parents and eligible students do not submit such written notification to the District, directory information may be utilized by the District Administrator in District-wide publications, on the cable television educational access channel, or on the District's website. The directory information used will be properly verified and approved by the District Administrator.

Annually the Board will notify male students age eighteen (18) or older that they are required to register for the selective service.

STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

Fees will be charged for the following non-curricular activities and programs.

School Fees:

- K4 - 4th \$20.00
- 5th - 8th \$25.00
- 9th - 12th \$35.00
- Chrome Book Fee (5th-8th) \$25.00

Class Fees:

The following class fees are due on or before the first day of school or the first day of second semester depending on your child's schedule:

High School Art	\$5.00	World of Technology	\$5.00
Electricity & Electronics	\$5.00	Small Engines	\$5.00
Basic Home Maintenance	\$5.00	Residential Construction	\$5.00
Welding & Metal Fab.	\$15.00	Chemistry/Biology	\$5.00
Technology Projects	\$5.00	Choir (9 th – 12 th)	\$10.00
Band (6 th – 12 th)	\$10.00	Digital Photograph (HS)	\$10.00

High School Athletic Fees:

High School Athletic Fees of \$10 per sport are due at the start of the sports season. There is a maximum of \$20.00 per student or \$50.00 per family. The sports are: Soccer, Volleyball, Dance, Boys/Girls Basketball.

Hot Lunch Prices:

Hot lunches are to be paid prior to students eating. Prices are as follows:

K4 - 5th	\$2.85 per meal	6th - 12th	\$3.20 per meal
Adult Guest	\$4.05 per meal	Extra Entre'	\$1.50

Fees or charges are determined by the cost of materials, freight/handling fees, and add-on fees for loss or damage to school property (Board Policy 6152). The school and staff do not make a profit.

Fees may be waived in situations where there is financial hardship.

Students using school property and equipment can be fined for excessive wear and abuse. The fine will be used to pay for the damage, not to make a profit.

Late fines for Library Media Center materials can be avoided when students return checked-out materials promptly. Their use may be needed by others.

Students who fail to pay fines, fees, or charges may be denied participation in graduation ceremonies. (Board Policy 5460)

STUDENT FUND-RAISING

Students participating in school-sponsored groups and activities will be allowed to solicit funds from other students, staff members, and members of the community in accordance with school guidelines (Board Policy 5830). The following general rules will apply to all fund-raisers.

- A. Students involved in the fund-raiser are not to interfere with students participating in other activities in order to solicit funds.
- B. For fundraisers by student clubs and organizations that involve the sale to students food items and/or beverage that will be consumed on campus, the food and/or beverages items to be sold must comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the Smart Snack Rules. Each student organization shall be permitted two (2) fundraising exceptions per school year where foods and beverages that are not allowable under the Smart Snack Rules can be sold. If approved, fundraisers that involve the sale, to students, of food items or beverages to be consumed on District property shall not compete directly with the sale of reimbursable meals.
- C. A student will not be allowed to participate in a fund-raising activity for a group in which s/he is not a member without the approval of the student's teacher or counselor.

- D. No student may participate in fundraising activities off school property without proper supervision by approved staff or other adults.
- E. House-to-house canvassing by any student is not allowed for any fundraising activity.
- F. If the fundraising activity will involve students under age twelve (12) such students' parents must provide written permission for the student to participate in the fundraising activity. Any student under nine (9) years of age, or each group containing one (1) or more students under nine (9) years of age, must be physically accompanied by a parent or a person at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- G. Any fund-raisers that require students to exert themselves physically beyond their normal pattern of activity, such as "runs for", will be monitored by a staff member in order to prevent a student from overextending himself/herself to the point of potential harm.
- H. No student may participate in a fund-raising activity conducted by a parent group, booster club, or community organization on school property without the approval of the Principal.
- I. Fundraising by students on behalf of school-related organizations whose funds are not managed by the District may be permitted on school grounds by the District Administrator.

STUDENT VALUABLES

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

REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Any parent who wishes to review instructional materials or observe classroom instruction should contact the Principal to make the appropriate arrangements. Parents have the right to review any instructional materials related to the human growth and development curriculum and may also observe instruction in classes dealing with such subject matter (Board Policy 2414). Parents' rights to review teaching materials and instructional activities are subject to reasonable restrictions and limits.

MEAL SERVICE

The school participates in the National School Lunch Program and makes lunches available to students for a fee (Board Policy 8500). Ala carte items are available for Middle and High School students only. Students may also bring their own lunch to school to be

eaten in the school's cafeteria. No student shall be allowed to leave school premises during the lunch period without specific written permission granted by the Principal.

Applications for the school's Free and Reduced-Priced Meal program are distributed to all students (Board Policy 8531). Extra applications can be obtained in the School office.

The following nondiscrimination statement applies to all programs administered by the District that are funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA):

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:

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

1. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
2. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

All verbal or written civil rights complaints regarding the school nutrition programs that are filed with the District must be forwarded to the Civil Rights Division of USDA Food and Nutrition Service within three (3) days.

FIRE DRILLS, TORNADO DRILLS, LOCKDOWN DRILLS

The school has a comprehensive School Safety Plan (Board Policy 8420) that includes specifications for fire drills, tornado drills, and lockdown drills.

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

Tornado drills will be conducted during the tornado season using the procedures provided by the State. The alarm system for tornadoes is different from the alarm system for fires. The tornado alarm consists of buzzer, and the fire alarm consists of siren.

Lock down drills in which the students are restricted to the interior of the school building and the building secured may occur during the school year. The alarm system for a School lock down is a mass notification message via an internal system.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

If the school must be closed or the opening delayed because of inclement weather or other conditions, the school will use the following notification process:

<u>RADIO</u>	<u>TV</u>
WAPL 105.7 FM	WBAY TV-2
WHBY 1150 AM	WFRV TV-5
WOSH 1490 AM	WLUK TV-11
WVBO 103.9 & 103.1 FM	WGBA TV-26

Remind App Directions:

To Join the Remind App. please follow the steps below.

1. Enter <https://www.remind.com/join> into any internet web browser or download the Remind App in either app stores?
2. Follow the directions within the site to sign up for a specific class.
3. Repeat the process for each class you would like to join.

Elementary School- ed23bg

Middle School- hdkg69k

High School- fk32e2

Stockbridge School District Facebook Page:

@Stockbridgeschools

Parents and students are responsible for knowing about emergency closings and delays. (Board Policy 8220)

PREPAREDNESS FOR TOXIC AND ASBESTOS HAZARDS

The School is concerned for the safety of students and attempts to comply with all Federal and State Laws and Regulations to protect students from hazards that may result from industrial accidents beyond the control of school officials or from the presence of asbestos materials used in previous construction. A copy of the School

District's Toxic Hazard Policy and asbestos management plan will be made available for inspection at the District office upon request. (Board Policies 8431 and 8431.01)

VISITORS

Visitors, particularly parents, are welcome at the School. In order to properly monitor the safety of students and staff, each visitor must report to the office upon entering the school to register and obtain a pass. Any visitor found in the building without a pass shall be reported to the Principal and/or law enforcement.

If a person wishes to confer with a member of the staff, s/he should call for an appointment prior to coming to the school, in order to prevent any loss of instructional time. Visitors access to classrooms and instructional activities are subject to reasonable restrictions and limits. Please consult with the Principal regarding these restrictions. Students may not bring visitors to school without first obtaining written permission from the Principal. (Board Policies 7440 and 9150)

In accordance with 120.13(35), Wis. Stats., the District Administrator has the authority to establish conditions for entering or remaining in a District building, prohibit the entry of any person to a school of this District, or to require a visitor to leave when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be or is detrimental to the good order of the school. If such an individual refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, administrators are authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

USE OF THE MEDIA CENTER

The media center is available to students throughout the school day. Passes may be obtained from a student's teacher or from the media center staff. Books on the shelves may be checked out for a period of four days. To check out any other materials, contact the media center staff.

To avoid late fees, all materials checked out of the media center must be returned to the media center within two weeks.

USE OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

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

LOST AND FOUND

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

STUDENT SALES

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

USE OF SCHOOL TELEPHONES

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

Telephones are available in the school for students to use when they are not in class. Students are not to use telephones to call parents to receive permission to leave school. Office personnel will initiate all calls on behalf of a student seeking permission to leave school.

USE OF CELL PHONES, OR PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Students will be allowed to have phones and/or electronic devices out and in use during passing time between classes, before and after the start of the student's school day. Students will not be allowed to use phones at any time during class without teacher permission. When a student enters the classroom he/she shall turn off or silence their device. All cell phones and devices must be stored in district provided storage locations. If a device is heard during class, it will be considered a violation of the policy. Students are not permitted to leave class for the purpose of using a cell phone or non-school provided device. If a device is confiscated by a staff member it will be secured in a safe place until it is taken to the office, where it will be stored in a secure location until available for pickup.

Cell phones/Electronic Devices, with camera or any other recording devices, including but not limited to audio, photo or video, may not be activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include, but are not limited to gymnasiums, locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms and any other area where student or others may change clothes or be in any stage of disrobing or changing. School administrators are authorized to determine other specific locations and situations where use of cell phone/electronic device is prohibited.

Below outlines the consequence path for breaking cell phone/ non- school provided device policy:

- **First offense:** If a student is using a phone in the classroom, or at anytime other than passing time, or before or after school, the phone will be confiscated and taken to the office. The student will surrender the phone between 8:00 AM & 3:10 PM for five (5) school days. Parents will be notified of the infraction.
- **Second offense:** If a student is using a phone in the classroom, or at anytime other than passing time, or before or after school, the phone will be confiscated

and taken to the office. The student will surrender the phone between 8:00 AM & 3:10 PM for Thirty (30) school days. Parents will be notified of the infraction.

- **Third offense:** If a student is using a phone in the classroom, or at anytime other than passing time, or before or after school, the phone will be confiscated and taken to the office. The student will surrender the phone between 8:00 AM & 3:10 PM for the remainder of the school year. Parents will be notified of the infraction.

NOTE: Refusal to surrender a device will result in ISS.

Exceptions to Cell Phone/ Non- School Provided Device Policy:

If a student needs such a device for medical, school, educational, vocational or other legitimate purpose, permission must be obtained from the Principal of Schools. Permission can be obtained by submitting a signed, written explanation justifying the need and purpose of such a device.

Whenever this policy is revised by the Board, the District Administrator shall submit a copy of the revised policy to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

PCDs, with cameras or any other recording capabilities, may not be activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include, but are not limited to, classrooms, gymnasiums, locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms, and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes. The District Administrator and building principals are authorized to determine other specific locations and situations where use of a PCD is absolutely prohibited.

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of PCDs on school premises/property.

Students may not use a PCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, or intimidated. See Policy 5517.01 – Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior. In particular, students are prohibited from using PCDs to: (1) transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon their race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation/transgender identity), disability, age, religion, ancestry, or political beliefs; and (2) engage in "sexting" - i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails or other materials of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form. Violation of these prohibitions shall result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, such actions will be reported to local law enforcement and child services as required by law.

Students are also prohibited from using a PCD to capture, record, and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using PCDs to receive such information.

Possession of a PCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extra-curricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the PCD. The building principal will also refer the matter to law enforcement or child services if the violation involves an illegal activity (e.g., child pornography, sexting). Discipline will be imposed on an escalating scale ranging from a warning to an expulsion based on the number of previous violations and/or the nature of or circumstances surrounding a particular violation. If the PCD is confiscated, it will be released/returned to the student's parent after the student complies with any other disciplinary consequences that are imposed, unless the violation involves potentially illegal activity in which case the PCD may be turned over to law enforcement. A confiscated device will be marked in a removable manner with the student's name and held in a secure location in the building's central office until it is retrieved by the parent or turned over to law enforcement. School officials will not search or otherwise tamper with PCDs in District custody unless they reasonably suspect that the search is required to discover evidence of a violation of the law or other school rules. Any search will be conducted in accordance with Policy 5771 - Search and Seizure. If multiple offenses occur, a student may lose his/her privilege to bring a PCD to school for a designated length of time or on a permanent basis.

A person who discovers a student using a PCD in violation of this policy is required to report the violation to the building principal.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their PCDs. The Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage to, or misuse or unauthorized use of, PCDs brought onto its property. [Board Policy 5136]

"Sexting" is prohibited at any time on school property or at school functions. Sexting is the electronic transmission of sexual messages or picture, usually through cell phone text messaging. Such conduct not only is potentially dangerous for the involved students, but can lead to unwanted exposure of the messages and images to others, and could result in criminal violations related to the transmission or possession of child pornography. Such conduct will be subject to discipline and possible confiscation of the PCD.

WEAPONS

The Board prohibits students from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the District including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the District, a school-sponsored event, or in a District vehicle, to the extent permitted by law.

This prohibition does not apply to cased, unloaded firearms in a locked vehicle driven or parked in any part of school grounds used as a parking facility, and ammunition for such firearms.

The term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons

include, but are not limited to, firearms (including, but not limited to, firearms as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)), guns of any type whatsoever, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives (subject to the exceptions below), razors with unguarded blades, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, chemical agents, ammunition, and explosives.

The District Administrator is authorized to establish instructional programs on weapons and reporting and dealing with violations of this policy.

The District Administrator will refer any student who violates this policy to the student's parents and may also make a referral to law enforcement. The student may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

Policy exceptions include:

- A. weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel while on duty, or qualified former law enforcement officers, off duty law enforcement officers, or out-of-state law enforcement officers;
- B. items pre-approved by a principal as part of a class or individual presentation under adult supervision, including, but not limited to Hunters' Education courses, if used for the purpose and in the manner approved (working firearms, except those protected at all times by a cable or trigger lock, and live ammunition will never be approved);
- C. theatrical props used in appropriate settings; and
- D. a knife lawfully used for food consumption or preparation, or a knife used for a lawful purpose within the scope of the student's class work.

Any student who has reason to believe that a person has or will violate this policy shall report to the District Administrator or the supervisor of the activity immediately. The report should include as much detail as possible concerning the person(s) involved, the weapon, the location of the person(s), and how this information was obtained.

No student is to confront the person possessing the weapon, but a staff member has the option of confronting the person if the staff member believes the risk of injury to self or others is minimal or if immediate action is necessary to prevent injury to any person.

This policy will be published annually in all District student and staff handbooks. Publication is not a precondition to enforcement of this policy.

ADVERTISING OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

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

The school has a bulletin board located in the Main Lobby which may be used for posting notices after receiving permission from the Principal.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

The Board of Education has authorized the use of video surveillance and electronic monitoring equipment at various school sites throughout the school. Any person who takes action to block, move, or alter the location and/or viewing angle of a video camera shall be subject to disciplinary action. (Board Policy 7440.01)

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety of our students requires the following precautions that are conducted in accordance with Board Policy 7440 and the School Safety Plan:

- A. All visitors must enter through the designated visitor entrance and report to the School office when they arrive at School.
- B. All visitors are given and required to wear a visitor pass while they are in the building.
- C. The staff is expected to question people in the building whom they do not recognize and who are not wearing a visitor pass, and to question people who are "hanging around" the building after hours.
- D. Students and staff are expected to immediately report to a teacher or administrator any suspicious behavior or situation that makes them uncomfortable.
- E. All outside doors, except the main entrance, are locked during the School day.
- F. Portions of the building that will not be needed after the regular school days are closed off.
- G. A person is stationed at the main entrance of the building to greet visitors and guide them to the office.
- H. All District employees are to wear photo-identification badges while on District property.

STUDENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Students who develop ideas, concepts, or materials which may carry with them intellectual property characteristics may pursue protection of those rights on their own. No District staff may take steps to claim intellectual property rights relative to any work product created by student(s), except as expressly approved by the District Administrator and agreed to by participating students prior to the commencement of any projects. The District does not determine the protectable nature of any particular work. (Board Policy 5870)

SECTION II - ACADEMICS

COURSE OFFERINGS

All Class offerings may be found on the Stockbridge School District website or at the attached link.

<https://www.stockbridge.k12.wi.us/acp/acp-courses.cfm>

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING

Academic and career planning services, including individualized support and access to software tools and staff assistance, is provided to students in grades 6 to 12. The mission of academic and career planning is to provide a comprehensive plan, which will be developed and maintained by a student, that includes the student's academic, career, personal, and social goals and the means by which the student will achieve those goals both before and after high school graduation. (Board Policy 2411)

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are academic activities that are held off school grounds. There are also other trips that are part of the school's co-curricular and extra-curricular program. No student may participate in any school-sponsored trip without parental consent. (Board Policy 2340)

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

GRADES

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

The School uses the following grading system:

4K-2nd Grade:

Evaluation codes printed on report Card

3rd-5th Grade:

100-95	A	Middle School (6th-8th)		High School		
94-93	A-	100-95	A	(9th-12th)		
92-89	B+	94-93	A-	100 -95	A	4.000
88-85	B	92-90	B+	94 - 93	A-	3.667
84-83	B-	89-87	B	92 - 90	B+	3.333
82-79	C+	86-85	B-	89 - 87	B	3.000
78-75	C	84-83	C+	86 - 85	B-	2.667
74-73	C-	82-80	C	84 - 83	C+	2.333
72-69	D+	79-78	C-	82 - 80	C	2.000
68-65	D	77-76	D+	79 - 78	C-	1.667
64-63	D-	75-72	D	77 - 76	D+	1.333
		71-70	D-	75 - 72	D	1.000
				71 - 70	D-	0.667

Grade Point Average

To calculate a grade point average (G.P.A.), assign a point value to each course grade and divide by the total number of credits. For partial-credit courses use the fractional value of the grade. For example, a half-credit course with an earned grade of C would be $.5 \times 2=1$. Then add this to the other grades earned for total points earned. This total is then divided by the total credits earned for the G.P.A. This can be done by grading period, semester, year, or for a series of school years.

Grading Periods

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

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

PROMOTION, PLACEMENT, AND RETENTION

Board Policy 5410 and related guidelines provide the framework for promotion, placement, and retention decisions.

The Board of Education recognizes that the personal, social, physical, and educational growth of children will vary and that they should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their needs at the various stages of their growth.

It shall be the policy of the Board that each student be moved forward in a continuous pattern of achievement and growth that is in harmony with his/her own development.

Such pattern should coincide with the system of grade levels established by this Board and the instructional objectives established for each.

A student will be promoted to the succeeding grade level when s/he has:

- A. Completed the course requirements at the presently assigned grade;
- B. In the opinion of the professional staff, achieved the instructional objectives set for the present grade;
- C. Demonstrated sufficient proficiency to permit him/her to move ahead in the educational program of the next grade;
- D. Demonstrated the degree of social, emotional, and physical maturation necessary for a successful learning experience in the next grade.

Following sound principles of child guidance, the Board discourages the skipping of grades.

The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines for promotion, placement, and retention of students which:

- A. Ensure students who are falling seriously behind their peers or who may not be promoted receive the special assistance they may need to achieve the academic outcomes of the District's core curriculum;
- B. Require the recommendation of the relevant staff members for promotion, placement, or retention;
- C. Require that parents are informed in advance of the possibility of retention of a student at a grade level;
- D. Assure that efforts are made to remediate the student's difficulties before s/he is retained;
- E. Assign to the principal the final responsibility for determining the promotion, placement, or retention of each student.

Promotion from Grade 4 and Grade 8. For Unified, Common and K-8 Districts

The Board directs the District Administrator to prepare a list of specific criteria for promoting students from the 4th and 8th grades. The criteria shall include the student's score on the 4th and 8th grade examination, unless the student has been excused from taking the examination; the student's academic performance; the recommendations of teachers which shall be based solely on the student's academic performance; and any other academic criteria recommended for Board consideration.

High School

A student's progress toward graduation and receiving a diploma is determined by completing required coursework, earning the necessary credits and passing appropriate tests. A student is only promoted when the necessary requirements are met or the student has completed the goals and objectives of an Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.). It is the student's responsibility to keep in contact with his/her counselor and teachers to ensure that all requirements are being met. Information about credit and course requirements is available in the school counseling office and a counselor will be pleased to answer any questions.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Diploma

Normally, a student will complete graduation requirements in four (4) years. In order to receive a diploma and graduate, a student will need to meet the District's requirements for basic course work and earn the total number of required credits.

Specific course requirements are:

A student must earn a minimum of thirty (30) credits, including the credit requirements set by State statute, to be eligible to receive a diploma, provided all other requirements as determined by the State and the Board is met. The Board requires the following credit requirements for a diploma:

English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits
Health	1.0 credits
Information processing/Careers	1.0 credit
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Personal Finance	1.0 credit
Electives	12.5 credits

In recognizing its responsibility to uphold the minimum educational standards of the State of Wisconsin, the Board has established a policy and criteria regarding the acceptance of credits for students transferring to the high school from nonpublic schools, whether they are private schools, as defined by law, or other types of schools. For credit or course-work to be accepted for courses taken in such schools, assurance of compliance with minimum requirements established by the State must be provided.

Accepted credits from nonpublic schools will be entered on the student's transcript with a notation of the school at which the credits were earned.

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

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

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

A student may be denied participation in graduation activities for disciplinary reasons and/or for nonpayment of fees. (Board Policy 5460)

Complete explanations of the requirements for graduation are listed in the High School Course Selection Guide.

CHILDREN AT-RISK OF NOT GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

The Board of Education shall establish programs to serve children in the District who are identified as "children at-risk" in compliance with State statutes.

The District shall identify all children at-risk enrolled in the District and assure that a plan is developed for each such student that describes how the District will meet each student's needs. Each plan shall be completed on or before August 15th of each year. All programs and services developed for "children at-risk" shall be designed to improve and expand educational opportunities for these children on an individualized basis, through a variety of means (e.g., additional instruction, differentiation, intervention), and provide alternative courses or program modifications which satisfactorily meet the District's graduation requirements.

Principals are responsible for identifying and addressing barriers to learning through a variety of strategies. The plan will communicate the structure, strategies, and program offerings for students at-risk which will vary by individual. Strategies for support, interventions, programs, and alternative educational options are made available to all students and at all levels as needed. (Board Policy 5461)

EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

Any student in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade may enroll in the Early College Credit Program providing s/he meets the requirements established by law and by the District and subject to the approval of the Board of Education on an annual basis. A student or his/her parent must also complete and submit the Intent To Participate Form available from the Student Services Office or the Department of Public Instruction to the high school administration by February 1st if the student intends to enroll in the summer session, by March 1st if the student intends to enroll in the next fall semester, and by October 1st if s/he intends to enroll in the spring semester. Any interested student should contact the Student Services office to obtain the necessary information. (Board Policy 2271)

START COLLEGE NOW PROGRAM

Any student in 11th or 12th grade may enroll in a course at a Wisconsin Technical College System campus through the Start College Now Program providing s/he meets the requirements establish by law and by the District and subject to approval of the Board of Education on an annual basis. A student or his/her parent must also complete the application form and submit it to the high school Student Services Office by March 1st if the student intends to enroll in the next fall semester or by October 1st if s/he intends to enroll in the spring semester. Any interested student should contact Student Services office to obtain the necessary information. (Board Policy 2271.01)

PART-TIME OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Board of Education will provide students enrolled in the District with the ability to take up to two (2) courses at any given time in a non-resident public school district. Any interested student should contact building Principal to obtain the necessary information. (Board Policy 5113.01)

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Students who have displayed significant achievements during the course of the year are recognized for their accomplishments. Areas that may merit recognition include academics, athletics, performing arts, citizenship, and volunteerism. Recognition for such activities is initiated by the staff and coordinated by the student services department.

Honor Roll

Middle School (Grades 6th through 8th)

Students making the Regular Honor Roll (GPA 3.00-3.49) and/or the High Honor Roll (GPA 3.50-4.00) for the first three quarters in the new school year will receive an honor roll award at the end of the school year.

High School (Grades 9th through 12th)

To be eligible for High Honor Roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA. Students who maintain at least a 3.0 GPA will be eligible for Regular Honor Roll. To be eligible for either honor roll, a student must not receive any D=s or F=s.

Athletic Awards

Requirements for athletic awards are developed by each head coach with the approval of the Athletic Director. These requirements will be reviewed with interested students by the appropriate coach.

Special Awards

Regular attendance at school is a responsibility that is a minimum expectation and should be shared by parents, students, and the school. Attendance is sometimes interrupted due to excused, unexcused or truancy absences..

To recognize the importance of attendance, two levels of awards recognizing attendance are endorsed by the Board of Education. These two levels are Perfect and Honors. The criteria for each is listed below:

Perfect Attendance (2020-21 year excluded)

1. Students receiving this recognition must attend school every day, all day, or in the presence of a teacher/coach at a school function.
2. Students may receive this recognition if they are attending a college or other school of higher education during a regular school day for the purpose of taking placement tests (or other similar tests) that are administered only during specific days/times. In order for this excuse to apply for this award, paperwork from the higher institution must be provided before acquiring a pre-planned absence form from the principal's office.
3. This award is available to students if they must visit a prospective institution of higher learning only if these visitation days are during the school day. Once again, proof of this must be provided at the time of receiving a pre-planned absence form.
4. No other reasons are acceptable to be eligible for this award.

Honors Attendance (2020-21 year excluded)

1. Students receiving this recognition are expected to be in school everyday. It is understood that sometimes students have to be absent from school due to valid reasons.
2. A non-inclusive list of valid reasons for being absent from school and still retain eligibility for this award include:
 - a. Death in the immediate family (parents, step-parents, siblings, grandparents et al). A copy of the obituary must be provided to the principal immediately upon return.

- b. Medical emergency (student's or close relative). A physician's signed statement must be provided upon return to school.
- c. Legal/court appearances. Proper paperwork should be provided to the administration prior to receiving a pre-planned absence form.
- d. Religious holidays. Once again, proper paperwork must be provided.
- e. Unique and unexpected needs that are in the "spirit of Honors Attendance" and have the approval of the administration.

HOMEWORK

The assignment of homework can be expected. Student grades will reflect the completion of all work, including outside assignments. Homework is also part of the student's preparation for the standardized tests and graduation.

Homework will not be used for disciplinary reasons but only to enhance the student's learning.

Students in 6th-8th grade have 14 days to turn in late work to receive full credit, and students in grades 9th-12th will have 7 days to turn in late work to receive full credit.

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY

Students are encouraged to use the school's technology resources for educational purposes. Use of such resources is a privilege, not a right. Students must conduct themselves in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. Users are required to refrain from actions that are illegal (such as libel, slander, vandalism, harassment, theft, plagiarism, inappropriate access, and the like) or unkind (such as personal attacks, invasion of privacy, injurious comment, and the like). Unauthorized or inappropriate use, including any violation of the District's policies and administrative guidelines, may result in cancellation of the privilege, disciplinary action consistent with the School's rules, and civil or criminal liability. Smooth operation of the School's network relies upon users adhering to the District's policies and administrative guidelines. Prior to accessing the Internet at School, students must sign the Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement each year.

Violation of the Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement may result in disciplinary consequences up to and including expulsion from the District, civil liability and/or referral to law enforcement.

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

Use of District technology resources to engage in "cyberbullying" is prohibited. "Cyberbullying" involves the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group, which is intended to harm others."

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to the following:

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

To the extent permitted by the First Amendment, instances of cyberbullying off school grounds that disrupt the school environment or interfere with the learning process will be considered violations of the Student Code of Conduct. (Board Policy 7440.03)

Students shall be permitted to access social media for educational use in accordance with their teacher's approved plan for such use

STUDENT ASSESSMENT

To measure student progress, students will be tested in accordance with State standards and District policy. (Board Policy 2623)

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

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

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

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

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

College entrance testing information can be obtained from the School's Counseling office.

SECTION III - STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Students have the opportunity to broaden their learning through curricular-related activities. A curricular-related activity may be for credit, required for a particular course, and/or contain school subject matter.

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

Grades 9th – 12th

Boys / Girls Basketball
Dance
Drama
Fishing Club
Forensics
Girls Volleyball

Golf
National Honor Society
Soccer
Student Council
Trap Club
Yearbook

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

All students are permitted to participate in the activities of their choosing, as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. (Board Policy 2430)

NONSCHOOL-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Nonschool-sponsored student groups organized for religious, political, or philosophical reasons may meet during non-instructional hours. The application for permission can be obtained from the Principal. The application must verify that the activity is being initiated by students, attendance is voluntary, no School staff person is actively involved in the event, the event will not interfere with School activities, and nonschool persons do not play a regular role in the event. School rules will still apply regarding behavior and equal opportunity to participate.

Membership in any fraternity, sorority, or any other secret society as proscribed by law is not permitted. All groups must comply with School rules and must provide equal opportunity to participate.

Non-sponsored organization may use the name of the School or the School mascot or logo with prior board approval. (Board Policy 5730)

SCHOOL SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS AND PRODUCTIONS

The Board of Education sponsors student publications and productions as a means by which students learn, under adult direction/supervision, the rights and responsibilities inherent when engaging in the public expression of ideas and information in our democratic society. (Board Policy 5722)

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For purposes of this policy, "school-sponsored student media" shall include both student publications and productions. "Student publications" shall include any written materials, (including, but not limited to, banners, flyers, posters, pamphlets, notices, newspapers, playbills, yearbooks, literary journals, books, and t-shirts and other school-sponsored clothing), as well as material in electronic or on-line form (including, but not limited to, websites, web logs ("blogs"), video or audio clips, and newsletters or announcements transmitted by e-mail, wireless broadcast or other similar distribution/dissemination). "Student productions" shall include vocal and theatrical performances, impromptu dramatic presentations, or any electronic media (including, but not limited to, radio and television programs, podcasts, and other video or audio productions that are recorded for re-broadcast or broadcast in real time using any available broadcast technology). Further, the term "publication" shall include distribution and dissemination of a student publication; and the term "performance" shall include presentation and broadcast of a student production.

The following speech is unprotected and prohibited in all school-sponsored student publications and productions: speech that is defamatory, libelous, obscene or harmful to juveniles; speech that is reasonably likely to cause substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities or the educational process; speech that infringes upon the privacy or rights of others; speech that violates copyright law; speech that promotes activities, products or services that are unlawful (illegal) as to minors as defined by State or Federal law; and speech that otherwise violates school policy and/or State or Federal law. The Board authorized the administration to engage in prior review and restraint of school-sponsored publications and productions to prevent the publication or performance of unprotected speech.

All school-sponsored student publications and productions are nonpublic forums. While students may address matters of interest or concern to their readers/viewers, as nonpublic forums, the style and content of the student publications and productions can be regulated for legitimate pedagogical, school-related reasons. School officials shall routinely and systematically review and, if necessary, restrict the style and/or content of all school-sponsored student publications and productions prior to publication/performance in a reasonable manner that is neutral as to the viewpoint of the speaker. Legitimate pedagogical concerns are not confined to academic issues, but include the teaching by example of the shared values of a civilized social order, which consists of not only independence of thought and frankness of expression but also discipline, courtesy/civility, and respect for authority. School officials may **further** prohibit speech that is grammatically incorrect, poorly written,

inadequately researched, biased or prejudiced, vulgar or profane, or unsuitable for immature audiences.

School-sponsored student media may not be published/performed outside the school community (i.e. publication/performance is limited to students, staff and parents/family members) except with prior written approval of the building principal.

The Board expressly authorizes the publication/performance of student media outside the school community (i.e. to the general public). See Board Policy 9160.

The building principal shall designate one or more professional staff members to serve as advisors for the purpose of establishing guidelines for appropriate subject matter for publication and with responsibility for compliance with established guidelines. The staff member shall review proposed content and promptly notify the student writers whether their proposed article will or will not be published.

Advertising is permitted in all school-sponsored student publications/productions.

Advertisements submitted for publication or inclusion in a production shall be reviewed by the class/activity advisor for a determination that they are appropriate for juveniles. The District Administrator retains the final authority to determine whether an advertisement is appropriate and will be included in a publication/production. Advertisements may be rejected for legitimate pedagogical school-related reasons unrelated to the viewpoint of the advertiser (e.g., the advertisement encourages action that would endanger the health and safety of students).

General Prohibitions

Regardless of their status as non-public or limited-purpose public *forums*, the Board prohibits publications, productions and advertisements that:

- A. promote, favor, or oppose any candidate for election or the adoption of any bond issue, proposal, or question submitted at any election;
- B. fail to identify the student or organization responsible for the publication/performance;
- C. solicit funds for nonschool organizations or institutions when such solicitations have not been approved by the Board.

ATHLETICS

A variety of athletic activities are available in which students may participate providing they meet eligibility requirements that may apply. The list of activities currently being offered can be found on page 52. For further information, contact Wes Bunnell, Athletic Director at 920-439-1158 Ext.242

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT (K-12)

Extra-Curricular is defined as any activity that is sponsored by the school and conducted outside of the school day. A credit or grade is not received for participation in this activity.

1. **Scholastic Eligibility**

- A. Students must earn passing grades for all grading quarters. All students earning any “F” or “Incomplete” grades will be subject to the following (except for incomplete grades beyond our control; et. on-line, youth options, etc.):
- B. Will be suspended from competition for a period of fifteen consecutive school days and nights. No participation in games or events will be allowed during this fifteen consecutive day period. Students will be encouraged to participate in practices. Should a competition not be scheduled within the 15 days, the suspension will be extended to include the first scheduled competition.
- B. After fifteen consecutive days the principal will check with the teacher/s involved to see if the student now has passing grades. The student will complete a grade verification form (Exhibit A) and return it to the office by the end of the day. If the student has passing grades, the student will be re-admitted to the extracurricular event.
- C. If the student is still failing after fifteen consecutive days, he/she will be removed from the extracurricular event for the remainder of the quarter.
- D. If the student is still failing any subject at the quarter or semester, he/she will then be ineligible for that sport or event for the current school year.
- E. For mid quarter/term only – A student may be re-admitted to the extra-curricular event as soon as all grade(s) are passing. The completed grade verification form (exhibit A) will be submitted to the office as proof of passing grades.
- F. The principal will follow the above rules to disqualify a student or to put the student back on the scholastic eligibility system. The principal will contact the athlete, parent, coach and athletic director as to the eligibility of the athlete.
- G. This code of conduct is enforceable on a continuous year-round (12 month) basis. Suspensions will start with the current extra-curricular event or with the next extracurricular event the student participates in.
- H. Students in Special Education or At Risk programs follow their Individual Education Plans (IEP). In these cases, the IEP will control the testing, grading, and promotion.

- I. Students with an IEP may be exempted from these requirements if participation has been deemed to be in the student's best interest based on their IEP. If not included in the IEP, the student may also be exempted if in consultation with the school counselor, athletic director, student's parents, and student's teachers and it has been determined that the student has worked up to his/her potential and is a student in good standing. Administration will make the final determination.

2. Alcohol and other Drugs, Smoking, and all Tobacco Products

This violation includes, but is not limited to, the use, possession, purchase, attempting to purchase, selling and/or obtaining for other individuals. The consequence of this violation will be:

- A. First Offense - Immediate suspension for three games/events. Students will be encouraged to participate in practices.
- B. Second Offense - Immediate suspension from the current sport/event that the student is involved in.
- C. Third Offense - Immediate suspension from all sports/events for the rest of the school year.

3. Attendance at School

- A. In order to participate in practice or to participate in an event/game, the student must attend three periods of class on the afternoon of the practice/game/event. In the event of a student leaving school because of an emergency, the principal and athletic director will decide if the student is eligible to participate.
- B. All absences must be excused absences to participate in the activity.
- C. Suspension from School - Any student, while suspended from school, may not participate in or be in attendance at any sport or activity during that time.

4. Games or Events:

- A. Participants must attend all games and events. If it is necessary to miss because of illness, a parent must notify the coach/advisor before the game/event.

5. Unexcused

- A. First Offense - miss next event.
- B. Second Offense - immediate suspension from that activity.

6. Travel:

- A. All students/athletes are expected to travel to and from all activities in a school provided vehicle. A student will not be permitted to travel with anyone but his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Exceptions to this policy will be permitted only if an "Athletic Alternative Transportation" form is completed and approved.

7. Conduct:

- A. Student/athletes must be well dressed and well mannered while participating in and representing our school in any school sponsored activity. Any behavior which can be determined to be negative to our school will be dealt with on an individual basis with the student/s involved. Any punishment given is subject to the appeal process.
- B. This code of conduct is enforceable on a continuous year-round (12 month) basis.

8. Due Process Procedure:

- A. The accused student/athlete has the following rights.
- B. The right to be informed of the charges being brought against him/her.
- C. The right to be present with his/her parents when the charges are presented.
- D. The right to contest the charges and present evidence for his/her defense.

9. Appeal Process

- A. Meet with coach/advisor.
- B. Meet with coach/advisor and parent.
- C. Meet with Principal.
- D. Meet with Superintendent.
- E. Meet with the Board of Education.

This section of the extra-curricular code of conduct must be on file with the coach/advisor before a student/athlete is permitted to participate as a member of the Stockbridge Public Schools Athletic Team or in school sponsored extracurricular activities.

If you feel your son or daughter cannot fulfill these standards, he or she should not participate in the programs offered at Stockbridge Public Schools.

“Coaches and Advisors have a special relationship with their student/athlete and should try to become a force in their lives. Kids learn from people they respect. Create an atmosphere in which cheating, lying, stealing and breaking the rules are unacceptable. All of us will be the better for that relationship.”

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The school does not encourage students to take jobs outside of school that could interfere with their success in the academic program. If a student believes that s/he must maintain a job in addition to going to school, s/he must first make contact with his/her counselor to discuss any legal requirements and obtain any needed documents. (Board Policy 5895)

Work permits may be obtained in the District office. Please bring the following items when you go to the District office:

1. Driver's License, Birth Certificate or WI I.D.
2. Social Security Card
3. Letter from employer describing the job you will be performing. Letter must include the employer's name, address and phone number.
4. Letter from parent/guardian giving permission to work. Must be signed by parent/guardian.
5. \$10.00 fee

SECTION IV - STUDENT CONDUCT

III. ATTENDANCE

The District requires all students to attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of Wisconsin and Board Policy 5200. The school's educational program is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. The regular contact of students with one another in the classroom and

their participation in a well-planned instructional activity under the guidance of a competent teacher are vital to this purpose.

Compulsory Student Attendance

All children between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age shall attend school regularly during the full period and hours, religious holidays accepted, that the school is in session. All students must attend until the end of the term, quarter or semester of the school year in which the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age unless they fall under an exception outlined in the Policy 5200. A child who is enrolled in five (5) year-old kindergarten shall attend school regularly, religious holidays accepted, during the full period and hours that kindergarten is in session until the end of the school term.

Attendance is also defined as participation in the various forms of distance learning including videoconference, satellite, Internet or other electronic information and telecommunications technologies. Discuss these alternatives with your school counselor since the approval of the building principal may be required prior to enrollment in a distance learning program.

Excuse for Absence

A parent of a student who is absent shall provide **either** a written or oral notification stating the reason for or the time period of the absence. This statement must be submitted prior to the absence if the absence is foreseeable. If the absence is not foreseeable, the statement must be provided prior to the student's readmission to school. The statement shall be submitted to the school office and filed in the student's school record. The District reserves the right to verify statements and investigate absences from school.

Release of Students to Authorized Persons

If only one (1) parent is permitted to make educational decisions or to approve absences of the student by Court order, the responsible parent shall provide the school with a copy of the Court order. Absent such notice, the school will presume that the student may be released into the care of either parent.

No student who has a medical disability which may be incapacitating may be released without a person to accompany him/her.

No student shall be released to anyone who is not authorized by a parent with authority to do so.

Excused Absences

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

Physical or Mental Condition

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

Obtaining Religious Instruction

Students may wish to obtain religious instruction outside the school during the required school period. The time period or periods of absence shall be determined by the building principal. Such absences must be at least 60 minutes but not more than 180 minutes per week. Requests for absence under this paragraph shall be denied if the student fails to attend religious instruction after requesting to be absent from his or her regular school. The supervisor of such religious instruction shall report monthly, to the principal of the school regularly attended, the names of the students who attended such weekly religious instruction. See Policy 5223 - Religious Instruction for further details.

Permission of Parent or Guardian

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

- a. Professional and other necessary appointments (e.g., medical, dental, and legal) that cannot be scheduled outside the school day
- b. To attend the funeral
- c. Legal proceedings that require the student's presence

- d. College visits
- e. Job fairs
- f. Vacations: Parents are encouraged not to take their child out of school for vacations. When a family vacation must be scheduled during the school year, the parents should discuss the matter with the Principal and the student's teacher(s) to make necessary arrangements.
- g. Religious Holiday: The student wishes to observe a religious holiday consistent with the student's creed or belief.
- h. Suspension or Expulsion: The student has been suspended or expelled.
- i. Program or Curriculum Modification (*high school only*): Students may be excused from regular school attendance to participate in a program or curriculum modification leading to high school graduation or a high school equivalency diploma as provided by State law.
- j. High School Equivalency – Secured Facilities [*high school only*]: A student may be excused from regular school attendance to participate in a program leading to a high school equivalency diploma in a secured correctional facility, a secured child caring institution, a secure detention facility, or a juvenile portion of a county jail. The student and his/her parent or guardian must agree that the student will continue to participate in such a program.
- k. Child at Risk [*high school only*]: The student is a “child at risk” as defined under State law and is participating in a program at a technical college on either a part-time or full-time basis leading to high school, as provided under State law.
- l. Election Day Official (*High School Only*): A high school student age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) is permitted to be excused to serve as an election official provided that the following criteria are met: (1) the student has the permission of his/her parent to serve as an election official on election day; (2) the student has signed up and the municipal clerk has informed the principal that the student has been assigned to serve in this capacity; and (3) the student has at least a 3.0 grade point average or equivalent, or has met alternative criteria established by Board, if any. The principal shall promptly notify the municipal clerk or the board of election commissioners of the municipality that appointed the child as an election official if the child no longer has at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent, or no longer meets the established alternative requirements. A student's absence to serve as an election official under this policy shall be treated as an excused absence. Where possible students are encouraged to provide advance notice as much as possible. Students are responsible for completing any missed school work and responsible for making appropriate arrangements to do so.

- m. Virtual Access: The student is unable to access virtual instruction programming due to a temporary disruption in the student's access to necessary technological systems (i.e. internet outage, computer failure, software malfunction, etc.) as communicated by the student's parent.

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

- a. Quarantine
- b. Quarantine of the student's home by a public health officer.
- c. Illness of an Immediate Family Member
- d. The illness of an immediate family member.
- e. Emergency
- f. An emergency that requires the student to be absent because of family responsibilities or other appropriate reasons.
- g. Work at Home Due to Absence of Parents
- h. To work at home due to the absence of the student's parents. Absences under this section shall not exceed 10 days nor be granted to any student younger than 13 years of age.
- i. School Sponsored Event

Truancy

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

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

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences demonstrate a deliberate disregard for the educational program and are considered a serious matter. The Principal will determine on a case-by-case

basis the appropriate methods to deal with unexcused absences. The following methods may be considered:

Wisconsin State Law on School Attendance:

118.5 Compulsory School Attendance - (a) unless the child has a legal excuse, any person having under his or her control a child between the ages of 6 and 18 years shall cause such child to attend school regularly during the period and hours, religious holidays excepted, that the public or private school in which such child should be enrolled is in session, to the end of the school term, quarter or semester of the school year in which he or she becomes 18 years of age or such child graduates before his or her eighteenth birthday. Compulsory school attendance does not apply to any child who is not in proper physical or mental condition to attend school, to any child exempted for good cause by the school board of the district in which the child resides, or to any child who has completed the full four-year high school course.

1. The administration will determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused.
2. Unexcused absences will be documented and consequences handled by administration.

Habitual truancy:

Per Wisconsin Statute 118.16 (1)(a), habitual truancy is defined as a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable reason for part or all of 5 or more days on which school is held during a school semester.

1. A habitual truant student will be referred to the Calumet County Sheriff's Department.
2. Consequences for unexcused absences may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Verbal reprimand, parent notification, detention, referral to police-liaison officer for a citation, referral to guidance counselor, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension.

Administrative action to address unexcused absences shall be in accord with due process as defined in Policy 5611, the Student Code of Conduct, and other applicable Board Policies.

Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

It is necessary that a student be in attendance throughout the school day in order to benefit fully from the educational program of the District.

The Board recognizes, however, that from time-to-time compelling circumstances require that a student be late to school or dismissed before the end of the school day.

If a student must be absent, please follow the following procedures:

On the day of absence, a parent or guardian must call the school office by 8:30a.m. (439-1158) establishing the student's absence.

1. Please state the reason why the student will not be attending. A written note explaining the absence and signed by the parent or guardian must be brought to the school office before classes begin on the day the student returns to school. The reason for being absent must be mentioned on the note.
2. Excuses for medical appointments will be accepted as excused absences only with written permission from the doctor's office confirming the appointment.
3. Any student entering late, leaving, or returning to the building during the school day must be excused from and admitted to school through the school office. Students must sign in and out with the office.
4. Requests for early dismissal must be brought to the office before school begins. Students must receive a pass from the office indicating the time they will be leaving campus.
5. Students in grades 6-12 with a pre-planned absence must obtain pre-arranged absent form to fill out and returned to the office prior to the absence date(s). To obtain the form you must have written parental permission for your absence.
6. Students participating in athletics must be in attendance during the entire afternoon session (office excused appointments for doctor, dentist, etc. are acceptable).
7. Any student, who is not with their class or in their classroom at the beginning of each scheduled class period, will be marked tardy.
8. Students must make up any school work that is missed, and should see their teacher upon returning to school. Students who are excused from school must return to class if they return to the building, they may not return for a social visit. Early release will not be permitted if a student is having tardiness or attendance problems. Any excused or unexcused absences will be determined by the administration.

Habitual Truancy

A student is considered a habitual truant if he or she is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five (5) or more days on which school is held during a school semester.

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

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

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

Student Responsibilities.

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

The Board will issue a Truancy Plan based upon the recommendations of the County Truancy Committee convened under State law, the Board's policies and procedures, and applicable provisions of State law. The Board will review and, if appropriate, revise the Truancy Plan at least once every two (2) years.

The Truancy Plan will include, at a minimum, the following:

- A. Procedures to be followed for notifying the parents of the unexcused absences of a student who is truant or a habitual truant and for meeting and conferring with such parents
- B. Plans and procedures for identifying truant children of all ages and returning them to school, including the identity of school personnel to whom a truant child shall be returned
- C. Methods to increase and maintain public awareness of and involvement in responding to truancy within the School District
- D. A provision addressing the immediate response to be made by school personnel when a truant child is returned to school
- E. The types of truancy cases to be referred to the District Attorney and the time periods within which the District Attorney will respond to and take action on the referrals
- F. Plans and procedures to coordinate the responses to the problems of habitual truants, as defined under Sec. 118.16(1)(a), Wis. Stats., with public and private social services agencies
- G. Methods to involve the truant child's parent in dealing with and solving the child's truancy problem

A student will be considered truant if s/he is absent part or all of one (1) or more days from school during which the School Attendance Officer, principal, or a teacher has not been notified of the legal cause of such absence by the parent of the absent student. A student who is absent intermittently for the purpose of defeating the intent of the Wisconsin Compulsory Attendance Statute Sec. 118.15, Wis. Stats., will also be considered truant.

Students Leaving School During the School Day

No staff member shall permit or cause any student to leave school prior to the regular hour of dismissal except with the knowledge and approval of the Principal and with the knowledge and approval of the student's parents.

No student will be released to any government agency without proper warrant or written parental permission except in the event of an emergency as determined by Principal.

Make-Up Course Work and Examinations

A student whose absence from school was excused or unexcused shall be permitted to make-up course work and examinations missed during the absence when they return to school. It is the student's responsibility to contact his or her teachers to determine what course work and examinations must be made-up. Teachers shall have the discretion to assign substitute course work and examination. Teachers shall also have the discretion to specify where and when examinations and course work shall be completed, including outside regular school hours. The time for completing the work shall be commensurate with the length of the absence, unless extended by the Principal based upon extenuating circumstances.

Unexcused Absences

Credit in a course or subject shall not be denied solely because of a student's unexcused absence from school.

A student whose absence from school was unexcused shall be permitted to make-up course work and quarterly, semester or grading period examinations missed during the absence if the student is at risk of receiving no credit in a course or subject if the work is not made up.

Subject to the immediately preceding two paragraphs, credit may, but is not required to be given for the completion of make-up work. Further, credit for make-up work may be given only after the student has satisfied consequences imposed for unexcused absences. The extent to which make-up credit is given shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Principal and the respective teachers.

If make-up work is allowed, it is the student's responsibility to contact his or her teachers to determine what course work and examinations must be made-up. Teachers shall have the discretion to assign substitute course work and examinations. Teachers shall also have the discretion to specify where and

when examinations and course work shall be completed, including outside regular school hours. The time for completing the work shall be commensurate with the length of the absence, unless extended by the Principal based upon extenuating circumstances.

Tardiness:

- a. Students who are not in their homeroom or in class when the late bell rings are considered tardy.
- b. Students who attend any part of the class shall be recorded as present.
- c. All students who are tardy to school must report to the main office to sign in.
- d. When a teacher detains a student after class, s/he shall issue a late pass for the student's next class.
- e. Teachers are requested to refer cases of chronic tardiness to the principal.
- f. When a High School/Middle School student has been tardy to homeroom or to a class on 10 occasions, an appropriate consequence will be assigned by the building principal or designee.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

The school encourages students to attend as many school events held after school as possible, without interfering with their school work and home activities. Enthusiastic spectators help to build School spirit and encourage those students who are participating in the event. (Board Policy 5855)

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

The school will continue to provide adequate supervision for all students who are participants in a school activity.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

A major component of the educational program is to prepare students to become responsible workers and citizens by learning how to conduct themselves properly and in accordance with established standards.

Expected Behaviors

The following rules and expectations are established to ensure safety and to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning for all students. Each student has a right to learn. Therefore, failure to meet these behavioral standards will result in consequences.

1. Move quietly in the hallways.
2. Respect both school and personal property. Borrow and use others possessions only when granted permission by the owner.
3. Cheating on homework, quizzes, or tests will result in a grade of zero and notification of parents. If it occurs a second time, a student will receive an in-school suspension and will lose their extra-curricular privileges.
4. The use of foul, vulgar, or abusive language or gestures is not allowed and will not be tolerated. "In your face" vulgarities will be dealt with severely and immediately by the liaison officer.
5. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
6. Students using or carrying tobacco, alcohol, or any other illegal drug will have their parents immediately contacted and will receive penalties. Legal authorities will be contacted.
7. No public display of affection will be allowed in school or on school grounds. (Includes kissing, holding hands, etc.)
8. No one shall possess, use or store a weapon (including a look-alike weapon) in or on school property. A dangerous weapon is defined in state statutes and may include any object that is used or intended to be used in a manner that is capable of inflicting bodily harm or endangering the health and safety of students or staff. Any weapons (including look-alike weapons) confiscated from a student shall be reported to parents/guardians and to law enforcement authorities. Disciplinary measures shall include immediate suspension and referral to the Board of Education for expulsion from school.

K – 12 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

It is expected that students shall follow the expectations and values of the Stockbridge School District at all times.

A primary goal of the District is to ensure *Effective Schools* that establish and maintain an academic school culture focused on teaching and learning. Effective learning can only occur in classrooms where student behavior does not interfere with the ability of

the teacher to teach effectively or the ability of other students to participate in classroom learning activities.

Teachers are expected to create a positive learning climate for students in their classrooms and to maintain proper order. Students are expected to behave in the classroom in such a manner that teachers are able to effectively teach all students and fellow students are able to participate in classroom activities. Inappropriate student behavior shall not be tolerated.

A teacher may remove a student from class for demonstrating behavior that is dangerous, disruptive or unruly, or that interferes with the teacher's ability to teach effectively. Such behaviors are outlined in this Code of Conduct. The principal shall be accountable for the implementation of this code. It is recognized that the severity of some behaviors may warrant immediate removal from the classroom setting and may result in other disciplinary measures, i.e., behaviors that endanger the health and safety of others. However, it is expected that the classroom teacher will have implemented prior behavioral interventions for lesser offenses before a student is removed under this policy.

While this Code of Conduct does allow for removal of a student from the classroom, the Code does not preclude other disciplinary measures or any staff member from sending a student to the office for such. Disciplinary measures, including but not limited to detentions, suspension or expulsion may be pursued or implemented by administration for conduct for which the student has been removed. Such disciplinary measures may, at times, be considered an alternative placement option.

The Code of Conduct shall be made available annually to all parents/guardians and be filed in the Superintendent's office. Additionally, the Code of Conduct shall be printed annually in both staff and student handbooks at all levels, including elementary, middle and high school.

The Code of Conduct is applicable to all students and in all "classroom" situations of student participation under the control or direction of school authorities both in and out of school and during or outside of classroom hours. A student with a disability may be removed from class and placed in an alternative setting only to the extent authorized by state and federal laws and regulations.

Any student who engages in behavior that is dangerous, disruptive or unruly or that interferes with the teacher's ability to teach effectively may be subject to removal from class and alternative placement as outlined below.

STUDENT REMOVAL PROCEDURES

A. Student Behaviors Warranting Removal

Behaviors considered dangerous, disruptive or unruly, or behavior that interferes with the ability of the teacher to teach effectively include any of the following:

1. *Criminal acts and/or behaviors which endanger the health, safety or welfare of self and/or others.* Examples of such behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Alcohol, drug and/or weapons violations
- b. Violence toward others
- c. Causing bodily harm
- d. Starting fights
- e. Conspiring with other students with the intent to commit a crime
- f. Stalking a teacher/student
- g. Destruction of property
- h. Theft.

2. *Harassments, hazing and/or acts of intimidations.* Examples of such behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Malicious verbal attacks
- b. Threats
- c. Bullying/taunting
- d. Sexual misconduct

3. *Behavior that interferes with the ability to teach effectively.* Examples of such behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Repeated rules violations
- b. Continued disruptive behavior
- c. Acts intended to sabotage an activity
- d. Continual tardiness
- e. Persistent argumentation
- f. Refusal to comply with a direct request
- g. Disrespectfulness

4. *Gross and/or inappropriate behavior.* Examples of such behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Foul, inappropriate language
- b. Crude habits
- c. Obscene dress

B. Student Removal in excess of one day.

1. Student removal from class
 - a. The teacher shall send the student to the building principal or designee and inform him/her of the reason for the student's removal from class.
 - b. The office shall be informed that a student is on the way to the office. The student shall be escorted to the office.

c. A written explanation of the reason for removal shall be sent to the principal by the end of the day.

2. Written documentation and due process

a. The building administrator or designee shall inform the student of the reason(s) for the removal from class and shall afford the student due process. In all cases the student shall be given the opportunity to present his/her version of the situation.

b. A teacher shall prepare a more detailed written explanation within twenty-four (24) hours of the student's removal. The teacher's written explanation(s) shall serve as appropriate documentation of the incident and shall be kept on file in the principal's office.

C. Alternative Placement

1. The building administrator or designee shall place a student who has been removed from a class by a teacher in one of the following alternative educational settings:

a. Another class in the school or another appropriate place in the school.

b. Another instructional setting.

c. The class from which the student was removed if, after weighing the interests of the removed student and the teacher, the principal or designee determines that readmission to the class is the best or only alternative.

d. An alternative education program approved by the Board.

2. When making placement decisions, the building administrator or designee shall consider the following factors:

a. The reason the student was removed from class.

b. The type of placement options available for students in that particular school and any limitations on such placements.

c. The estimated length of time of placement, the student's individual needs and interests.

d. The frequency of rules violations.

e. The relationship of the placement to any disciplinary action.

f. Severity of offense.

g. Likelihood of students continuing to demonstrate inappropriate behaviors.

3. All placement decisions shall be made consistent with established Board policies and in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

4. The parent/guardian of a student shall be notified of a student's placement in an alternative educational setting as outlined below.

This Code recognizes that most student removals from a classroom setting will be for a short duration and may be considered in addition to prior behavioral interventions. Removals for repeated rules violations may lead to lengthier placement option considerations.

The principal or designee may consult with other appropriate school personnel as the principal or designee deems necessary when making or evaluating placement decisions. A student's parent/guardian may also be consulted regarding student placement decisions when determined by the principal or designee to be in the best interests of the persons involved or when required by law.

D. Parent/Guardian Notification

1. The building principal or designee will attempt to notify the parent/guardian as soon as possible by phone that the student has been removed from the classroom.

2. The building principal or designee shall mail the teacher's written explanation(s) as to reasons for removal under this policy and the administration placement decision within twenty four (24) hours of the removal.

3. The written explanation to the parent shall indicate which portion of the Conduct Code was violated.

4. If the removal from class and change in educational placement involves a student with a disability, parent/guardian notification shall be made consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

5. If the student removed from a class is also subject to disciplinary action for the particular classroom conduct (i.e., suspension or expulsion), the student's parent/guardian shall also be notified of the disciplinary action in accordance with legal and policy requirements.

A. Definitions For the purpose of this Code:

1. "Classroom" is defined as any class, meeting or activity which students attend, or in which they participate while in school or out of school, and under the control or direction of school authorities. This definition includes, without limitation, regular classes, special classes, resource room session, labs, library time, counseling groups, assemblies, study halls and co-curricular activities, field experiences, either during or outside of school hours.

2. "Teacher" is defined as a person holding a license or permit issued by the state superintendent whose employment by a school district requires that he or she hold that license or permit.

3. "Time Frame" – For this purpose is defined as a school day.

B. School Sponsored Events

Teachers who remove students from the "classroom" whenever "classroom" is an activity occurring under the control or direction of school authorities which occur out of school and/or outside of school hours, shall implement fully the steps outlined in Section I of this Code immediately upon return to school. However, in situations involving serious behavioral misconduct, supervisory staff shall make every attempt to notify the parent by phone as soon as possible.

1. Any district employee or adult volunteer within the school building may enforce the school rules or policies at any school related function.

Dress and Grooming

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

Students should consider the following questions when dressing for school:

Does my clothing expose too much? (No)

Does my clothing advertise something that is prohibited to minors? (No)

Are there obscene, profane, drug-related, gang-related, or inflammatory messages on my clothing? (No)

Am I dressed appropriately for the weather? (Yes)

Do I feel comfortable with my appearance? (Yes)

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

The following styles or manners of dress are prohibited:

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools.

Accordingly, the District Administrator shall establish such grooming guidelines as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes. Such guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

A. present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school, including by way of communicating threats of harm or depictions of harmful conduct directed at others;

- B. interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program, including dress that promotes or depicts illegal activity, such as illegal drug use, underage alcohol consumption, or similar activities;
- C. cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
- D. prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Such guidelines shall also apply to the dress requirements for members of the athletic teams, bands, and other school groups when representing the District at a public event. Where appropriate, a uniform or specific dress requirement shall be used for students when representing the District as described.

In enforcing the dress code, the following procedures shall be used:

- A. the principal shall serve as the initial arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building;
- B. before taking action to enforce dress code requirements, including by requiring that a student remove, cover, or otherwise conceal the item or depiction at issue, the principal shall determine whether the item constitutes protected speech in so far as the item independently makes a statement of a discernible nature to the observer by depiction, words, or combination of the two that does not require separate explanation.

Expressive dress may not be protected speech if it involves:

1. Obscenity
2. Language or depictions intended to incite violence or foment hatred of others

Dress that is speech may still be prohibited if it is likely to cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment. This may include dress that includes the use of vulgarity, discriminatory language including racial or ethnic slurs, negative stereotypes, violence, or other communication when the clear intent is to invoke strong reactions in observers so as to impair the ability of teachers and/or students to engage in educational pursuit.

No protected speech may be prohibited on the basis of disagreement by District officials with the specific point of view expressed if the topic is otherwise permitted (e.g. permitting depictions of support for one political party, but prohibiting depictions of support for the other).

Students who violate the foregoing rules will not be admitted to class and may be subject to additional consequences.

If the clothing cannot be removed or concealed, the student may be sent home after contact is made with the student's parent/guardian or required to wear school provided attire.

Students who are representing our school at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands, and other such groups. (Board Policy 5511)

Care of Property

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

Damage to or loss of school equipment and facilities wastes taxpayers' money and undermines the school program. Therefore, if a student damages or loses school property, the student or his/her parents will be required to pay for the replacement or damage. If the damage or loss was intentional, the student will also be subject to discipline according to the Code of Conduct, and may be referred to law enforcement. (Board Policy 5113)

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

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

As the educational institution of this community, our school strives to prevent drug abuse and help drug abusers by educational, rather than punitive, means.

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

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

The use, possession, concealment, or distribution of any drug, drug look-alike and any drug-paraphernalia at any time on school property or at any school-related event is prohibited. Disciplinary sanctions, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution, will be imposed on students who violate the school's drug abuse guidelines. (Board Policy 5530)

USE OF TOBACCO/NICOTINE IS PROHIBITED

The Board of Education is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with a tobacco and smoke-free environment. The negative health effects of tobacco and nicotine use for both users and non-users, particularly in connection with second hand smoke, are well-established. In addition, students less than twenty one (21) years of age are generally prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing cigarettes, vape and other tobacco products.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" means to chew or maintain any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco, as well as all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, any other matter or substances that contain tobacco, in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes and/or the smoking of electronic, "vape," or other substitute or simulated forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes and any other lighted smoking devices for burning tobacco or any other substance. The use of other products containing nicotine, such as nicotine patches and nicotine gum is also prohibited except when a student provides documentation from a licensed medical practitioner that the student's use of non-tobacco nicotine products is being medically supervised for the cessation of a nicotine addiction and the student complies with Policy 5330 - Administration of Medication. Accordingly, the Board prohibits students from using or possessing tobacco or nicotine in any form on District premises, in District vehicles, within any indoor or outdoor facility owned or while leased or contracted for by the District and used to provide education or library services to children, and at all District-sponsored events. (Board Policy 5512)

A. STUDENT CODE OF CLASSROOM CONDUCT

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

Such rules of behavior include a prohibition on knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during a sex discrimination complaint process, including intentionally making a false report of sexual harassment or submitting a false formal complaint. Providing false information is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

To ensure adherence to these expectations and principles, the Board of Education has adopted this Code of Classroom Conduct, which applies to all students. (Board Policy 5500)

Grounds for Removal of a Student from Class

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

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

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

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

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

Procedure for Student Removal From Class

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

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

Student Placement

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

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

Parent/Guardian Notification Procedures

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

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

Students with Disabilities

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

Definitions

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

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

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

include, by example and without limitation, District sponsored field trips, after-school clubs, and sporting activities.

OTHER FORMS OF DISCIPLINE

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

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

Informal Discipline

Informal discipline takes place within the school. It includes:

- A. Change of seating or location;
- B. Lunch and/or after-school detention;
- C. In-school restriction
- D. Loss of recess

Detentions

A student may be detained after school or asked to come to school early by a teacher, after giving the student and his/her parents one day's notice. The student or his/her parents are responsible for transportation.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Board Policy 5610 authorizes the use of suspension and/or expulsion as follows:

A. Suspension

1. Duration and Grounds for Suspension

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

- a. Noncompliance with school or School Board rules;
- b. Knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives;

- c. Conduct by the student while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health or safety of others;
- d. Conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority;
- e. Conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health or safety of any employee or School Board member of the School District in which the student is enrolled.
- f. Under paragraphs c, d, and e above, conduct that endangers a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property.

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

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

2. **Suspension Procedure**

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

The Principal, within his or her discretion, may also inform the student’s parents or guardian of the reason for the proposed suspension prior to suspending the student.

3. **Notice of Suspension**

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

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

Generally, the student should remain in school on the day of the suspension until school is dismissed for the day. Except as provided below, if the situation requires that the student be removed from the premises before school is dismissed, the Principal shall attempt to contact the student’s parent or guardian to request that s/he pick up the student.

If the parent/guardian is unable to pick up the student, the student should remain under the school's supervision until school is dismissed, or in the event law enforcement is involved, under law enforcement supervision.

5. **Opportunity to Complete School Work**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Co-Curricular or Extra-Curricular Participation

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

B. Expulsion

1. Grounds for Expulsion

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

Repeatedly refused or neglected to obey the rules established by the School District;

Knowingly conveyed or caused to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives;

Engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that endangered the property, health or safety of others;

Engaged in conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority or endangered the property, health or safety of any employee or School Board member of the School District in which the student is enrolled; or

Was at least sixteen (16) years old and had repeatedly engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that disrupted the ability of school authorities to maintain order or an educational atmosphere at school or at an activity supervised by a school authority and that such conduct did not otherwise constitute grounds for expulsion.

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

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

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

3. **Expulsion Hearing**

Prior to expelling a student, the School Board shall provide the student with a hearing. Prior written notice of the expulsion hearing must be sent separately both to the student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) if the student is a minor; otherwise just to the student. The notice will comply with the requirements of State law.

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

4. **Expulsion Order**

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

5. **Student Records**

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

Discipline of Disabled Students

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

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

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

Students are provided lockers, desks, and other equipment in which to store materials. It should be clearly understood that this equipment is the property of the school and may be searched at any time if there is reasonable suspicion that a student has violated the law or school rules. Locks are to prevent theft, not to prevent searches.

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

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

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

The Principal may arrange for a breath test for blood-alcohol to be conducted on a student whenever s/he has individualized reasonable suspicion to believe the student has consumed or is under the influence of an alcoholic beverage while on school premises or while participating in a school-sponsored activity. If the student refuses to take the test, the Principal will inform the student that refusal to participate implies admission of guilt leading to disciplinary action consistent with this handbook.

Anything that is found in the course of a search that may be evidence of a violation of school rules or the law may be taken and held or turned over to the police. The school reserves the right not to return items which have been confiscated. (Board Policy 5771)

STUDENT'S RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION

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

- A. A material cannot be displayed if it:
 - 1. is obscene to minors, libelous, indecent, or vulgar;
 - 2. advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law;
 - 3. intends to be insulting or harassing;
 - 4. intends to incite fighting or presents a likelihood of disrupting school or a school event; or
 - 5. presents a clear and present likelihood that, either because of its content or manner of distribution or display, it causes or is likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of school or school activities, a violation of school regulations, or the commission of an unlawful act.

- B. Materials may not be displayed or distributed during class periods, or during passing times between classes. Permission may be granted for display or distribution during lunch periods and after school in designated locations, as long as exits are not blocked and there is proper access and egress to the building.

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

Distribution or display by any student of prohibited nonschool-sponsored material or in violation of the school's approval process will be halted, and the student(s) involved will be subject to disciplinary action.

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

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The school has established grooming guidelines as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes.

Accordingly, the school prohibits student dress or grooming practices which:

- A. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school, including by way of communicating threats of harm or depictions of harmful conduct directed at others;
- B. Interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program, including dress that promotes or depicts illegal activity, such as illegal drug use, underage alcohol consumption, or similar activities;
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If the clothing cannot be removed or concealed, the student may be sent home after contact is made with the student's parent/guardian.(Board Policy 5511)

STUDENT SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

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

When concerns or grievances arise, the best way to resolve the issue is through communication. No student will be harassed by any staff member or need fear reprisal for the proper expression of a legitimate concern. As with suggestions, concerns and grievances may be directed to the Principal. (Board Policy 5710)

STUDENT DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

The Board recognizes the importance of safeguarding a student's constitutional rights, particularly when subject to the District's disciplinary procedures.

To better ensure appropriate due-process is provided a student, the Board establishes the following guidelines in Policy 5611:

A. Students subject to suspension:

The suspended student, and if a minor, the parent of the suspended minor student shall be given prompt notice of the suspension and the reason for the suspension. The student or the student's parents may within five (5) school days following the beginning of the suspension, have a conference with the District Administrator. This conference will serve as the opportunity for the student to respond to the charges against him/her. If the District Administrator finds that the student was suspended unfairly or unjustly or that the student suffered undue consequences as the result of suspension, the student's record shall be expunged.

B. Students subject to expulsion:

Prior to expelling a student, the Board must hold a hearing. A student and his/her parent must be given written notice of the intention to expel and the reasons therefore, at least five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing. The hearing is the opportunity for the student and his/her parent to appear with a representative or legal counsel before the Board to answer the charges. The Board will keep written minutes of the hearing. The hearing will be closed. The student and/or his/her parent may appeal the expulsion consistent with Chapter 120.13, Wis. Stats.

SECTION V - TRANSPORTATION

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL

Bus transportation is provided for all eligible students. The bus schedule and route is available by contacting the district secretary at 920-439-1158.

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

A change in a student's regular assigned bus stop may be granted for a special need, if a note from a parent is submitted to the Principal stating the reason for the request and the duration of the change and the Principal approves. (Board Policy 8600)

BUS CONDUCT

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

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

The following behaviors are expected of all students:

Prior to Loading:

Each student shall:

Be on time at the designated loading zone.

Stay off the road at all times while walking to and waiting for the bus;

Line up single file off the roadway to enter;

Wait until the bus is completely stopped before moving forward to enter;

Refrain from crossing a highway until the bus driver signals it is safe;

Go immediately to a seat and be seated.

It is the parents' responsibility to inform the bus driver when their child will not be boarding the bus. The bus will not wait.

During the trip

Each student shall:

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

Leaving the bus

Each student shall:

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

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

CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Education has authorized the installation of cameras on school buses for purposes of monitoring student behavior.

If a student is reported to have misbehaved on a bus and his/her actions were recorded on the bus camera, the recording will be submitted to the Principal and may be used as evidence of the misbehavior. Since these recordings are considered part of a student's record, they can be viewed only in accordance with State and Federal law. (Board Policy 8600)

PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS

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

SELF-TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL

Driving on school property is a privilege which can be revoked at any time. Students who are provided the opportunity to ride school transportation are encouraged to do so. Students and their parents assume full responsibility for any transportation to and from school not officially provided by the school.

If a student's parking permit is suspended or revoked, no fees will be refunded. Failure to comply with these administrative guidelines may result in loss of privileges and/or disciplinary actions for the student.

The following rules shall apply.

The Board regards the use of motor vehicles for travel to and from school by students as an assumption of responsibility on the part of those students -- a responsibility in the care of property, in the observation of safety rules, and in the display of courtesy and consideration toward others.

The Board will permit the use of motor vehicles by students, in accordance with the rules of this District, provided that such students are licensed drivers.

The Board will not be responsible for motor vehicles which are lost, stolen, or damaged.

No student who does not possess a valid motorcycle safety education certificate will be allowed to ride or park a motorcycle on school property.

The Board will permit the use of snowmobiles by legally qualified individuals for travel to and from school provided that the snowmobile is operated only within designated areas.

The District Administrator shall establish standards for the granting of permits which shall contain the warning that infraction of the rules may result in the revocation of the permit.

- **Notice of Nondiscrimination and Internal Complaint Procedure (Including Title VI, Title VII, and Title IX) Form 2260 F2**
- **Memorandum to Parents Regarding School Board Policy on Drug-Free Schools Form 5530 F2**
- **Annual Student Records Notice Form 8330 F9**
- **Parent Notification Letter (Blood-Borne Pathogens) Form 8453.01 F5**
- **Student Handbook Certification Form 5500 F1**
- **Authorization for Prescribed Medication or Treatment Form 5330 F1**
- **Authorization for Nonprescription Drug Products or Treatment (Secondary Version) Form 5330 F1a**
- **Authorization for Nonprescription Drug Products or Treatment (Elementary Version) Form 5330 F1b**
- **Request to Inspect Survey Form 2416 F2**
- **Request That Directory Information not be Released to Recruiters Without Prior Written Consent. Form 8330 F13**

In addition a copy of State and Federal statutes must be available to the public in each school's main office.

Student Handbook Acknowledgement Agreement

I have reviewed a digital copy of the Student/Parent Handbook. I have reviewed the handbook and understand all the rules and expectations. I agree to be responsible for following all of the rules and expectations of the school and understand the consequences for failing to follow the requirements. I understand that this handbook may be amended during the year without notice. This handbook in the latest version will be available on the district website ([www.https://www.stockbridge.k12.wi.us/](http://www.stockbridge.k12.wi.us/)) and is applicable to all students upon the implementation of any change.

The administration will notify all parents and students of any changes to the handbook if required changes are necessary throughout the school year.

Print Student(s) Name:

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____