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Instruction

Educational Philosophy and Objectives

We, the members of the Center Cass School District School Board of District No. 66, as legal officials of the State of Illinois, duly elected by the people of our District, are obligated to the youth and young adults of our District to ensure that their educational needs are met in the best possible manner. We will exhibit leadership in all endeavors to improve the District's educational program and facilities.

We will strive to provide the citizens of this community with the most complete educational program possible. Every effort will be made:

1. To make the best use of the physical plant that was provided by the taxpayers.
2. To secure in the judgment of the School Board the best personnel available.
3. To advise and inform the lay public of all school activities and to seek their advice.
4. To provide the highest moral, ethical, and professional leadership.
5. To inform the employees of any actions of the School Board pertinent to their particular interests.

In order for the School Board to monitor whether the educational program is attaining these objectives and to be knowledgeable of current and future resource needs, the Superintendent shall prepare an annual report that includes:

CROSS REF: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 3:10 (Goals and Objectives), 6:15 (School Accountability), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)

Adopted: June 13, 1995

Reviewed: January 13, 2009

Instruction

School Accountability

According to the Illinois General Assembly, the primary purpose of schooling is the transmission of knowledge and culture through which students learn in areas necessary to their continuing development and entry into the world of work. To fulfill that purpose, the State Board of Education prepared State Goals for Learning with accompanying Illinois Learning Standards.

The School Board gives priority in the allocation of resources, including funds, time, personnel, and facilities, to fulfilling this purpose.

Quality Assurance

The School Board continuously monitors student achievement and the quality of the District's work. The Superintendent shall supervise the following quality assurance components, in accordance with State Board of Education rules, by:

1. Preparing each school's annual recognition application and quality assurance appraisal, whether internal or external, to monitor each school's process for continuous school improvement.
2. Submitting School Improvement Plans for Board approval that comply with State law and contain:
 - District student learning objectives;
 - Assessment systems for measuring students' progress in the fundamental learning areas; and
 - Reporting systems for informing the community and the State of assessment results.
3. If applicable, preparing and implementing a No Child Left Behind Act plan, according to federal law, and seeking the School Board's approval where necessary or advisable.
4. Continuously monitoring whether the District and its schools are making adequate yearly progress as defined by State law. If the District and/or any of its schools fail to make adequate yearly progress, the Superintendent shall take the actions provided in State law as well as other responses designed to increase the likelihood that the District and/or schools will make adequate yearly progress the following year. The Superintendent shall seek the School Board's approval where necessary or advisable.
5. Publishing a school report card in accordance with State law.

The Superintendent shall make regular assessment reports to the Board, including projections whether the District and each school is or will be making adequate yearly progress as defined in State law. The Superintendent shall seek Board approval for each District and/or school improvement plan and otherwise when necessary or advisable.

School Choice for Students Enrolled in a School Identified for Improvement, Corrective Action, or Restructuring

This section applies to only those students enrolled in a school identified by the School Board for school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring according to federal law. Those students may transfer to another public school within the District, if any, that has not been so identified. If there are no District schools available into which a student may transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent practicable, establish a cooperative agreement with other districts in the area. A student who transfers to another school under this policy may remain at that school until the student completes the highest grade at that school. The District shall provide transportation only until the end of the school year in which the transferring school ceases to be identified for school improvement or

subject to corrective action or restructuring. All transfers and notices provided to parents/guardians and transfer requests are governed by State and federal law.

If any District school or the District itself is identified for improvement, the Superintendent or designee shall identify, develop, or revise a school and/or District plan for improvement in accordance with federal law. This school and/or District plan shall be presented to the Board for approval.

Students from low-income families shall be provided supplemental educational services as provided in federal law if they attend any District school that: (1) failed to make adequate yearly progress for 3 consecutive years, or (2) is subject to corrective action or restructuring.

LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act, §1116, 20 U.S.C. §6316.
34 C.F.R. §§200.32, 200.33, 200.42, and 200.43.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.63, 5/2-3.64, 5/10-21.3a, and §5/27-1.
23 Ill. Admin. Code §§1.10, 1.20, and 1.30.

CROSS REF.: 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)

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Instruction

School Year Calendar and Day

School Calendar

The School Board, upon the Superintendent's recommendation and subject to State regulations, annually establishes the dates for opening and closing classes, teacher institutes and in-services, the length and dates of vacations, and the days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have a minimum of 185 days to ensure 176 days of actual student attendance.

Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students shall devote a portion of the school day on each commemorative holiday designated in The School Code to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The Board may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

School Day

The Board establishes the length of the school day with the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to State law requirements. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that observances required by State law are followed during each day of school attendance.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-24.46, 5/18-8.05, 5/18-12, 5/18-12.5, 5/24-2, 5/27-3, 5/27-18, 5/27-19, 5/27-20, 5/27-20.1, 5/27-20.2, and 20/1.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(f).
Metzl v. Leininger, 850 F.Supp. 740 (N.D. Ill., 1994), *aff'd* by 57 F.3d 618 (7th Cir., 1995).

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 7:90 (Release During School Hours)

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Instruction

Organization of Instruction

The School District has instructional levels for grades pre-school through 8. The grouping and housing of instructional levels in school facilities shall be according to plans developed by the Superintendent and approved by the School Board.

Students, for instructional purposes, may be placed in groups within a school which do not necessarily follow grade level designations. For purposes of attendance reporting and other records, however, each student must be identified as to grade-level placement.

CROSS REF.: 7:30

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Instruction

Curriculum Development

Adoption

The Superintendent shall recommend a comprehensive curriculum that is aligned with:

1. The District's educational philosophy and goals.
2. Student needs as identified by research, demographics, and student achievement and other data.
3. The knowledge, skills, and abilities required for students to become life-long learners.
4. The minimum requirements of State and federal law and regulations for curriculum and graduation requirements.
5. The curriculum of non-District schools that feed into or from a District school, provided that the necessary cooperation and information is available.
6. The Illinois State Learning Standards and any District learning standards.
7. Any required State or federal student testing.

The School Board will adopt, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a curriculum that meets the above criteria.

Development

The Superintendent shall develop a curriculum review program to monitor the current curriculum and promptly suggest changes to make the curriculum more effective, to take advantage of improved teaching methods and materials, and to be responsive to social change, technological developments, student needs, and community expectations.

The curriculum review program shall:

1. Ensure regular evaluations of the curriculum and instructional program.
2. Ensure the curriculum continues to meet the stated adoption criteria.
3. Include input from a cross-section of teachers, administrators, parents, and students, representing all schools, grade levels, disciplines, and specialized and alternative programs.
4. Coordinate with the process for evaluating the instructional program and materials.

Experimental Educational Programs and Pilot Projects

The Superintendent may recommend experimental educational programs and/or pilot projects for Board consideration. Proposals must include goals, material needs, anticipated expenses, and an evaluation process. The Superintendent shall submit to the Board periodic progress reports for programs that exceed one year in duration and a final evaluation with recommendation upon the program's completion.

Curriculum Guides and Course Outlines

The Superintendent shall develop and provide subject area curriculum guides to appropriate staff members.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.8 and 5/10-19.

CROSS REF.: 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 6:80 (Teaching About Controversial Issues), 6:90 (Kindergarten), 6:100 (Using Animals in the Educational Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights)

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Instruction

School Wellness

Student wellness, including good nutrition and physical activity, shall be promoted in the District's educational program, school activities, and meal programs. This policy shall be interpreted consistently with Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004.

Goals for Nutrition Education

The goals for addressing nutrition education include the following:

- Schools will support and promote good nutrition for students.
- Schools will foster the positive relationship between good nutrition, physical activity, and the capacity of students to develop and learn.
- Nutrition education will be part of the District's comprehensive health education curriculum. See School Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*.

Goals for Physical Activity

The goals for addressing physical activity include the following:

- Schools will support and promote an active lifestyle for students.
- Physical education will be taught in all grades and shall include a developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development of movement skills, enhances health-related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle. See Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*.
- During the school day, all students will be required to engage in a daily physical education course, unless otherwise exempted. See Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*.
- The curriculum will be consistent with and incorporate relevant Illinois Learning Standards for Physical Development and Health as established by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available in Schools During the School Day

Students will be offered and schools will promote nutritious food and beverage choices consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and Food Guidance System published jointly by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture. In addition, in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity, the Superintendent or designee shall control food sales that compete with the District's non-profit food service in compliance with the Child Nutrition Act. Food service rules shall restrict the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value, as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in the food service areas during the meal periods and comply with all applicable rules of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Guidelines for Reimbursable School Meals

Reimbursable school meals served shall meet, at a minimum, the nutrition requirements and regulations for the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Monitoring

The Superintendent or designee shall provide periodic implementation data and/or reports to the Board concerning this policy's implementation sufficient to allow the Board to monitor and adjust the policy.

Community Input

The Superintendent or designee will invite suggestions and comments concerning the development, implementation, and improvement of the school wellness policy from community members, including parents, students, and representatives of the school food authority, school administrators, and the public.

LEGAL REF.: Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, PL 108-265, Sec. 204.
Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1771 et seq.
National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §1758.
42 U.S.C. §1779, as implemented by 7 C.F.R. §210.11.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.139.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 305, Food Program.
ISBE's "School Wellness Policy" Goal, adopted Oct. 2007.

CROSS REF.: 4:120 (Food Services)

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Instruction

Curriculum Content

The curriculum shall contain instruction on subjects required by State statute or regulation as follows:

1. In kindergarten through grade 8, subjects include: (a) language arts, (b) reading, (c) other communication skills, (d) science, (e) mathematics, (f) social studies, (g) art, (h) music, and (i) drug and substance abuse prevention. A reading opportunity of 60 minutes per day will be promoted for all students in kindergarten through grade 3 whose reading levels are one grade level or more lower than their current grade level.
2. In grades 7 through 8, as well as in interscholastic athletic programs, steroid abuse prevention must be taught.
3. In kindergarten through grades 8, provided it can be funded by private grants or the federal government, violence prevention and conflict resolution must be stressed, including: (a) causes of conflict, (b) consequences of violent behavior, (c) non-violent resolution, and (d) relationships between drugs, alcohol, and violence.
4. In all grades, age-appropriate Internet safety must be taught, the scope of which shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee. The curriculum must incorporate policy 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks* and, at a minimum, include: (a) education about appropriate online behavior, (b) interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and (c) cyberbullying awareness and response.
5. In all grades, character education must be taught including respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness, and citizenship in order to raise students' honesty, kindness, justice, discipline, respect for others, and moral courage.
6. In all schools, citizenship values must be taught, including: (a) patriotism, (b) democratic principles of freedom, justice, and equality, (c) proper use and display of the American flag, (d) the Pledge of Allegiance, and (e) the voting process.
7. In all grades, physical education must be taught including a developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development of movement skills, enhances health-related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle. Unless otherwise exempted, all students are required to engage daily during the school day in a physical education course. For exemptions and substitutions, see policies 6:310, *Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitution*, and 7:260, *Exemption from Physical Activity*.
8. In all schools, health education must be stressed, including: (a) proper nutrition, (b) physical fitness, (c) components necessary to develop a sound mind in a healthy body, and (d) dangers and avoidance of abduction. The Superintendent shall implement a comprehensive health education program in accordance with State law.
9. In all schools, career/vocational education must be taught, including: (a) the importance of work, (b) the development of basic skills to enter the world of work and/or continue formal education, (c) good work habits and values, (d) the relationship between learning and work, and (e) if possible, a student work program that provides the student with work experience as an extension of the regular classroom. A career awareness and exploration program must be available at all grade levels.

10. In all schools, conservation of natural resources must be taught, including: (a) home ecology, (b) endangered species, (c) threats to the environment, and (d) the importance of the environment to life as we know it.
11. In all schools, United States history must be taught, including: (a) the principles of representative government, (b) the Constitutions of the U.S. and Illinois, (c) the role of the U.S. in world affairs, (d) the role of labor unions, and (e) the role and contributions of ethnic groups, including but not limited to, the African Americans, Albanians, Asian Americans, Bohemians, Czechs, French, Germans, Hispanics (including the events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression), Hungarians, Irish, Italians, Lithuanians, Polish, Russians, Scots, and Slovaks in the history of this country and State.

In addition, all schools shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on Constitution Day, each September 17, commemorating the September 17, 1787 signing of the Constitution. However, when September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week.
12. In grade 7 courses concerning U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and American government, students must view a Congressional Medal of Honor film made by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, provided there is no cost for the film.
13. In all schools, the curriculum includes a unit of instruction on the Holocaust and crimes of genocide, including Nazi atrocities of 1933-1945, Armenian Genocide, the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine, and more recent atrocities in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Sudan.
14. In all schools, the curriculum includes a unit of instruction on the history, struggles, and contributions of women.
15. In all schools, the curriculum includes a unit of instruction on Black History, including the history of the African slave trade, slavery in America, and the vestiges of slavery in this country, as well as the struggles and contributions of African-Americans.
16. In all schools, instruction during courses as determined by the Superintendent or designee on disability history, awareness, and the disability rights movement.

LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 465/3 and 465/3a.
20 ILCS 2605/2605-480.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.80(e) and (f), 5/27-3, 5/27-3.5, 5/27-5, 5/27-6, 5/27-7, 5/27-12, 5/27-12.1, 5/27-13.1, 5/27-13.2, 5/27-20.3, 5/27-20.4, 5/27-20.5, 5/27-21, 5/27-22, 5/27-23, 5/27-23.3, 5/27-23.4, 5/27-23.7, 5/27-23.8, 5/27-24.2, 435/, and 110/3.
625 ILCS 5/6-408.5.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.420, 1.430, and 1.440.
Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 108-447, Section 111 of Division J.
Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Pub. L. No. 110-385, Title II, 122 stat. 4096 (2008).
47 C.F.R. §54.520.

CROSS REF.: 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:190 (Student Discipline); 7:260 (Exemption from Physical Activity)

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Instruction

Administrative Procedure - Comprehensive Health Education Program

The major educational areas of the District's comprehensive health education program are described below:

1. In all elementary and secondary schools the health program shall include human ecology and health; human growth and development; the emotional, psychological, physiological, hygienic, and social responsibilities of family life (including sexual abstinence until marriage); prevention and control of disease, and course material and instruction to advise students of the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act. The program shall include information about cancer, including without limitation, types of cancer, signs and symptoms, risk factors, the importance of early prevention and detection, and information on where to go for help.
2. The grades 6-8 health program shall include the prevention, transmission and spread of AIDS; public and environmental health; consumer health; safety education and disaster survival; mental health and illness; personal health habits; alcohol and drug use and abuse (including the medical and legal ramifications of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use, abuse during pregnancy); sexual abstinence until marriage; tobacco; nutrition; and dental health. Secondary schools shall include sexual assault awareness.
3. The following areas may also be included as in the curricula: basic first aid (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver); heart disease; diabetes; stroke; the prevention of child abuse, neglect, and suicide.
4. In grades 5-8, the health program shall include instruction on alcohol and drug use and abuse, including the consequences of drug and substance abuse.
5. In grades K-8, students should be provided with age-appropriate information about the dangers of drug abuse. The District's educational program shall offer drug education units that are integrated into the curricula and are designed to promote effective methods for the prevention and avoidance of drug and substance abuse.
6. In grades 7-8, the program shall include the prevention of abuse of anabolic steroids. In addition, coaches and sponsors of interscholastic athletic programs shall provide instruction on steroid abuse prevention to students participating in these programs.
7. The family life and sex education program shall be developed in a sequential pattern and related in depth and scope to the students' physical, emotional, and intellectual maturity level. Family life courses offered in grades 6-8, shall include information regarding the alternatives to abortion and information regarding the prevention, transmission, and spread of AIDS. Course content shall be age-appropriate.

Class sessions which deal exclusively with human sexuality may be conducted separately for males and females.
8. The health program in grades K-8 shall include annual instruction on the danger of and how to avoid abduction as part of the District's regular curriculum. Students shall be given, as appropriate, information on child sexual abuse.
9. Students shall be provided parenting education in grades 6-8.
10. Students shall be provided safety education in all grades.

No student shall be required to take or participate in any class or course on AIDS, family life instruction, sex abuse, or organ/tissue transplantation, if his or her parent/guardian submits a written objection to the Building Principal. Parents/guardians of students in grades kindergarten through 8 shall be given at least 5 days written notice before instruction on avoiding sex abuse begins. Refusal

to take or participate in any such course or program shall not be reason for disciplinary action or academic penalty.

Parents/guardians shall be provided the opportunity to preview all print and non-print materials used for instructional purposes.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1, 5/27-9.2, 5/27-13.2, 5/27-17, 5/27-23, 5/27-23.1, 5/27-23.3, 5/27-23.5, 5/27-26, and 110/3.

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Instruction

Student Social and Emotional Development

Student social and emotional development shall be incorporated in the District's educational program and shall be consistent with the social and emotional development standards to be contained in the Illinois Learning Standards. The objectives for addressing the needs of students for social and emotional development through the educational programs are to:

1. Enhance students' school readiness, academic success, and use of good citizenship skills;
2. Foster a safe, supportive learning environment where students feel respected and valued;
3. Teach social and emotional skills to all students;
4. Partner with families and the community to promote students' social and emotional development; and
5. Prevent or minimize mental health problems in students.

LEGAL REF.: Children's Mental Health Act of 2003, 405 ILCS 49/1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 6:270 (Guidance and Counseling Program), 7:100 (Health Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students), 7:250 (Student Support Services)

First Reading: August 10, 2004

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Adopted: August 24, 2004

Instruction

Teaching About Religions

The School District's curriculum may include the study of religions as they relate to geography, history, culture, and the development of various ethnic groups. The study of religions shall give neither preferential nor derogatory treatment to any single religious belief or to religion in general. The study of religions shall be treated as an academic subject with no emphasis on the advancement or practice of religion.

LEGAL REF.: School District of Abington Twp v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203 (1963).

Allegheny County v. ACLU Pittsburgh Chapter, 492 U.S. 573, 109 S.Ct. 3086, 106 L.Ed.2d 472 (1989).

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:255 (Assemblies and Ceremonies)

First Reading: October 10, 2006

Second Reading: October 24, 2006

Adopted: October 24, 2006

Instruction

Teaching About Controversial Issues

The Superintendent shall ensure that all school-sponsored presentations and discussions of controversial or sensitive topics in the instructional program, including those made by guest speakers, are:

- Age-appropriate. Proper decorum, considering the students' ages, should be followed.
- Consistent with the curriculum and serve an educational purpose.
- Informative and present a balanced view.
- Respectful of the rights and opinions of everyone. Emotional criticisms and hurtful sarcasm should be avoided.
- Not tolerant of profanity or slander. Disruptive conduct is prohibited and may subject a student to discipline.

The District specifically reserves its right to stop any school-sponsored activity that it determines violates this policy, is harmful to the District or the students, or violates State or federal law.

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:255 (Assemblies and Ceremonies)

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Second Reading: October 24, 2006

Adopted: October 24, 2006

Instruction

Kindergarten

The District maintains a half-day kindergarten with an instructional program that fulfills the District's curriculum goals and objectives and the requirements of the State law.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19a, 5/10-20.37, and 5/10-22.18.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420.

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 7:100 (Health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students)

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Instruction

Using Animals in the Educational Program

Animals may be brought into school facilities for educational purposes according to procedures developed by the Superintendent assuring: (a) the animal is appropriately housed, humanely cared for, and properly handled, and (b) students will not be exposed to a dangerous animal or an unhealthy environment.

Experiments on living animals are prohibited; however, behavior studies that do not impair an animal's health or safety are permissible. The dissection of dead animals or parts of dead animals shall be allowed in the classroom only when the dissection exercise contributes to or is a part of an illustration of pertinent study materials. All dissection of animals shall be confined to the classroom and must comply with The School Code.

Students who object to performing, participating in, or observing the dissection of animals are excused from classroom attendance without penalty during times when such activities are taking place. No student will be penalized or disciplined for refusing to perform, participate in, or observe a dissection. The Superintendent or designee shall inform students of: (1) their right to refrain from performing, participating in, or observing dissection, and (2) which courses contain a dissection unit and which of those courses offers an alternative project.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.122, 5/27-14, and 112/1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 6:40 (Curriculum Development)

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Instruction

Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, maintain, and supervise a program for students at risk of academic failure or dropping out of school. The program shall include education and support services addressing individual learning styles, career development, and social needs, and may include:

- Parent-teacher conferences
- Counseling services by social workers and/or guidance counselors
- Counseling services by psychologists
- Psychological testing
- Truants' alternative and optional education program
- Alternative school placement
- Community agency services
- Alternative learning opportunities program, in conformity with the Alternative Learning Opportunities Law, as it may be amended from time to time

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/2-3.41, 5/2-3.66, 5/2-3.66b, 5/13B-1 et seq., 5/26-2a, 5/26-13, 5/26-14, and 5/26-16.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 210.

CROSS REF.: 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy)

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Adopted: January 25, 2011

Instruction

Education of Children with Disabilities

The School District shall provide a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment and necessary related services to all children with disabilities enrolled in the District, as required by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and implementing provisions of The School Code, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans With Disabilities Act. The term “children with disabilities,” as used in this policy, means children between ages 3 and 21 (inclusive) for whom it is determined, through definitions and procedures described in the Illinois State Board of Education’s *Special Education* rules, that special education services are needed.

It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be disabled within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act even though they do not require services pursuant to the IDEA.

For students eligible for services under IDEA, the District shall follow procedures for identification, evaluation, placement, and delivery of services to children with disabilities provided in the Illinois State Board of Education’s *Special Education* rules. For those students who are not eligible for services under IDEA, but, because of disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need or are believed to need special instruction or related services, the District shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards. The safeguards shall cover students’ identification, evaluation, and educational placement. This system shall include notice, an opportunity for the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s) to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with opportunity for participation by the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s), representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

The District may maintain membership in one or more cooperative associations of school districts that shall assist the District in fulfilling its obligations to the District’s disabled students.

If necessary, students may also be placed in nonpublic special education programs or education facilities.

LEGAL REF.: Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.
 Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq.
 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 29 U.S.C. §794.
 105 ILCS 5/14-1.01 et seq., 5/14-7.02, and 5/14-7.02a.
 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 226.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

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Instruction

Administrative Procedure - Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities

In its continuing commitment to help school districts and special education cooperatives comply with ISBE requirements for procedure, the special education committee of the Ill. Council of School Attorneys prepared model special education procedures. ISBE has approved these procedures as conforming to 23 Ill.Admin.Code §226.710. This ISBE rule contains the requirements for special education procedures that must be adopted by each school district and cooperative entity. The IASB/ISBE model procedures are approximately 80 pages and are available on the IASB website: <http://iasb.com/law/icsaspeded.cfm>.

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Instruction

Administrative Procedure - Care of Students with Diabetes

The Ill. Council of School Attorneys prepared material for implementing the Care of Students with Diabetes Act (105 ILCS 145/, added by P.A. 96-1485). This material includes:

1. Sample procedures for the care of students with diabetes
2. Answers to FAQs on: process for selecting a delegated care aide; training; developing a diabetes care plan; classroom management; and sample authorization, release, and acknowledgement

The material is posted on the IASB website, iasb.com/law/diabmats.cfm.

School officials should periodically check the IASB website for updates to the material that are made in response to legislation or other developments.

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**NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS
AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINTS FILED
REGARDING IDENTIFICATION, OR EDUCATIONAL
PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

It is the policy of the Board of Education of School District No. 66 to provide a free appropriate public education to all students who are identified as disabled within the meaning of *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, regardless of the nature or severity of the student's disability. In providing educational services to students with identified disabilities, the School District will reasonably accommodate the student's individual educational needs. Such accommodation may include, but is not limited to, the provision of regular and special education and related aids and services.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

A. PUBLIC NOTICE/CHILD FIND

The School District shall annually notify the public of available services for students with disabilities and how to access them through two local newspaper announcements. Other methods utilized by the School District to identify and locate students with disabilities who reside within the District may include dissemination of information about District programs and distribution through school/District/Cooperative publications of the periodic early childhood screening dates.

B. REFERRALS

Referrals for consideration for Section 504 eligibility may result from child find efforts, and direct referrals by parents or guardians (hereinafter generically referred to as "parents") or school personnel or other persons having knowledge of the child, the child, or the State Board of Education. These direct referrals may be made at any time. The District shall maintain an organized and written referral process that will be communicated to all professional personnel within the system and to persons within the community. A referral must be made in writing, dated at the time the request is made, and include the reason for the referral. The referral must be given to the District's (administrator).

C. EVALUATION, DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICE PLAN

The primary purpose of conducting an individual assessment of a student initially referred for a Section 504 evaluation is to gather information sufficient to permit a group of persons knowledgeable about the child to determine whether the student has a disability within the meaning of Section 504. The evaluation procedures shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of 34 C.F.R. Section 104.35. An evaluation completed pursuant to 23 Illinois Administrative Code Section 226.110 is one means of meeting this evaluation requirement under Section 504. The evaluation shall be completed within 60-days of the date of referral.

The District's ADA/504 Coordinator/Director of Special Education or designee will convene a Section 504 meeting for a student whose evaluation has been completed. The meeting will be conducted within 60 school days of the date of referral for consideration of Section 504 eligibility. The meeting will involve a group of persons knowledgeable about the child, including the child's parents. The team may include the child's teacher, members of the evaluation team, a School District administrator, a Cooperative administrator, and parents. Notice of Section 504 conference shall be sent to all participants at least 10 calendar days prior to the conference. The team will be responsible for making the determination of eligibility under Section 504 and determining what services and/or

accommodations, if any, are needed to meet the child's needs as they relate to the educational setting. The team chair will complete the conference summary form documenting the evaluation findings, eligibility, and, as necessary, the educational services/accommodations to be provided. The conference summary will become a part of the student's temporary record and the parents will be given a copy. Recommendations made at the Section 504 conference shall be made by consensus of the participating public school staff.

If it is determined that the student is not disabled under Section 504 and will not be receiving any special services or accommodations, a written notice of the findings shall be provided to the parents, as well as notice of their right to request an impartial hearing to contest this determination. (See the following section on grievance procedures.) If a student is determined to be eligible for services under Section 504, the conference summary will also serve as the Section 504 Service Plan by describing the necessary educational services and/or reasonable accommodations to be made. The services and reasonable accommodations described shall be based on a composite understanding of the student's characteristics and how the physical and mental condition substantially limits one or more major life activities. The services/accommodations may be provided within the regular education program and be of a consultative/monitoring nature. Direct services may include, but are not limited to, modification of the standard curriculum, alternative teaching techniques, adapted materials, adapted classroom environment, alternative/individualized assignments, and/or a behavior management system.

D. ANNUAL REVIEW

On an annual basis, a group of persons knowledgeable about the child will review the Section 504 Service Plan to determine continued eligibility and whether the same type and intensity of services are to be continued.

E. REEVALUATION

The District's ADA/504 Coordinator/Director of Special Education will ensure that a reevaluation of each Section 504 eligible child is conducted every three (3) years or more frequently if conditions warrant. A notice and consent form will be sent to the student's parents or guardians prior to initiating any reevaluation. No reevaluation shall be conducted without the prior written consent of the student's parents or guardians. The reevaluation will include a review of the components of the most recent evaluation.

F. TERMINATION OF SERVICES

A meeting with a group of persons knowledgeable about the student shall recommend the termination of special services provided to a student if it is determined, after a reevaluation and a review of all pertinent information, that (1) the student no longer requires any specialized services to meet the identified needs, (2) the student no longer requires any special accommodations within the regular classroom, or (3) the student can be appropriately educated in a regular classroom environment without special services or reasonable accommodations.

G. PARENTS' RIGHT TO NOTICE, RECORDS REVIEW AND REPRESENTATION

Written notice will be sent 10 calendar days prior to the suggested date for any conference convened in accordance with the foregoing provisions. The student's parents have a right to review their child's records and have the right to legal representation at such conferences.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

A. COMPLAINT

1. If a student's parents disagree with the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of the student, they have a right under Section 504 to file a complaint with the School District's ADA/504

Coordinator/Director of Special Education. The complaint must be a written statement of the specific facts and/or perceived wrongful act to be investigated. If a person who is unable to write wishes to file a complaint, assistance may be obtained by contacting the ADA/504 Coordinator.

2. The District's ADA/504 Coordinator/Director of Special Education shall promptly investigate the complaint. The Coordinator/Director of Special Education shall make all reasonable efforts, including but not limited to convening a conference with the parents to discuss the complaint and the results of the investigation, to resolve the matter informally.

B. HEARING

3. In the event the complaint cannot be resolved informally, the District's ADA/504 Coordinator/Director of Special Education will advise the parents of their right to an impartial hearing and to legal representation at that hearing. The following complaint procedures will be adhered to:

(a) The request for an impartial hearing shall be submitted in writing to the Coordinator/Director of Special Education. If a parent is unable to write and no designated agent is available, the parent can receive assistance in filing his or her hearing request by contacting the Coordinator/Director of Special Education.

(b) Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the written request for a hearing, the Coordinator/Director of Special Education shall provide the parent with a list of impartial hearing officers. The parent shall indicate his or her first three choices of hearing officers in order of preference and return the list with preferences indicated to the Coordinator/Director of Special Education.

(c) The Coordinator/Director of Special Education shall promptly notify the first choice hearing officer of the pending case. In the event that the first choice hearing officer cannot hear the case, the second choice officer shall be contacted. In the event that the second choice officer cannot hear the case, the Coordinator/Director of Special Education shall contact the parent's third choice officer. If none of the officers contacted can hear the case, the Coordinator/Director of Special Education and the parent will mutually agree to an alternate hearing officer. After selection of a hearing officer, the Coordinator/Director of Special Education shall contract with the hearing officer for the purpose of hearing the case.

(d) The hearing shall be scheduled by the hearing officer in consultation with the parent and the Coordinator/Director of Special Education.

(e) The School District and the parent shall have the right to present evidence relevant to the issue(s) raised by the parent. The parties shall have the right to be represented at the hearing by legal counsel. The hearing officer shall ensure that a verbatim record of the hearing is made, either by tape recording or by a court reporter, at no cost to the parent.

(f) The hearing officer shall limit the decision to the issue(s) presented by the parent or the School District in the written request for a hearing. The hearing officer's decision must be written and shall include a summary of the evidence, the reasons for the decision, an order with respect to the remedial steps or actions, if any, to be taken by the School District, and the procedures, if any, necessary to ensure timely compliance with the order within thirty (30) calendar days unless exceptional circumstances exist that, in the hearing officer's judgment, warrant delay in implementation.

(g) The hearing officer's decision shall be made within ten (10) calendar days following the conclusion of the hearing. The hearing officer shall send a copy of the decision by certified mail to the parent and the Coordinator/Director of Special Education.

C. REVIEW

4. If either party remains aggrieved following the hearing officer's decision, they may request a review (appeal) as follows:

(a) The request for review of the decision must be in writing and filed by mail or personal service with the Superintendent of the School District no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the hearing officer's decision.

(b) Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt by the superintendent of the request for review, the Superintendent and the parent shall mutually agree on a review officer from a list of review officers furnished by the District.

(c) Once the review officer has been determined, the Superintendent shall transmit the entire file (i.e., the original complaint and hearing request, record of the hearing, records and documents, etc.) to the review officer.

(d) If oral argument is not requested, the review officer will review the entire record and render a written decision within ten (10) school days of receipt of the record. If oral argument is requested, and at the review officer's discretion, oral argument may be scheduled at which both parties may be represented by counsel. A decision shall be rendered in accordance with the procedures set forth in Paragraphs 3(f) and (g) above.

(e) The review officer's ruling shall be final.

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Adopted: September 8, 2009

Instruction

Program for the Gifted

To the extent possible within the resources available, all gifted and talented students shall have an opportunity to participate in appropriate educational programs.

The term “gifted and talented students” means students whose mental development is accelerated beyond the average or who have demonstrated a specific aptitude or talent to the extent they need and can benefit from specially planned educational services. “Gifted and talented students” include students with exceptional ability in academic subjects, high-level thought processes, divergent thinking, creativity, and the arts.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to provide a gifted program which includes:

1. A system for the early identification of gifted and talented students;
2. An identification system based upon multiple techniques which ensures all students equal access to gifted and talented programs, regardless of social, economic, linguistic and ethnic background;
3. Educational programs which include access at all grade levels and which encompass all of the fundamental areas of learning;
4. Educational programs which provide for continuity among grade levels with programs consistent with the District’s long-range goals;
5. Qualified instructional and administrative personnel with appropriate knowledge, training and experience to implement the program;
6. Staff development programs addressing the need for all teachers to be knowledgeable about the characteristics and learning needs of gifted and talented students;
7. Procedures to foster cooperative relationships among classroom teachers, parents, and the teachers assigned to the gifted program;
8. Procedures to foster parental involvement in all aspects of the program;
9. Procedures to continually evaluate the placement and progress of students in the gifted program with periodic progress reports issued to parents.

An annual report on the status of the District’s gifted program shall be submitted to the School Board by the Superintendent.

Eligibility to participate in the gifted program shall not be conditioned upon race, religion, sex, disability, or any factor other than the student’s identification as gifted or talented.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS, 5/2-3.61, 5/2-3.62, and 5/14A-1 et seq.

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Instruction

Education of Homeless Children

Each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, as provided to other children and youths, including a public pre-school education. A “homeless child” is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and State law. The Superintendent shall act as or appoint a Liaison for Homeless Children to coordinate this policy’s implementation.

A homeless child may attend the District school that the child attended when permanently housed or in which the child was last enrolled. A homeless child living in any District school’s attendance area may attend that school.

The Superintendent or designee shall review and revise rules or procedures that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, consideration shall be given to issues concerning transportation, immunization, residency, birth certificates, school records and other documentation, and guardianship. Transportation shall be provided in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and State law. The Superintendent or designee shall give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youths who are not currently attending school. If a child is denied enrollment or transportation under this policy, the Liaison for Homeless Children shall immediately refer the child or his or her parent/guardian to the ombudsperson appointed by the Regional Superintendent and provide the child or his or her parent/guardian with a written explanation for the denial. Whenever a child and his or her parent/guardian who initially share the housing of another person due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar hardship continue to share the housing, the Liaison for Homeless Children shall, after the passage of 18 months and annually thereafter, conduct a review as to whether such hardship continues to exist in accordance with State law.

LEGAL REF.: McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.
105 ILCS 45/1-1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 4:110 (Transportation), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:30 (Student Assignment), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students)

ADMIN. PROC.: 6:140-AP (Education of Homeless Children)

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Instruction

Administrative Procedure - Education of Homeless Children

Actor	Action
<p>Superintendent Preliminary Steps</p>	<p>Serve as or designate an appropriate staff person, who may also be a coordinator for other federal programs, to serve as a Liaison for Homeless Children. 42 U.S.C. §11432 (g)(1)(J)(ii).</p> <p>Under the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. §11434a), “homeless children” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of Section 11302(a)(1)). The term includes: 42 U.S.C. §11434a.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement; 2. Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of Section 11302(a)(2)(C); 3. Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and 4. Migratory children (Sec. 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless under this subtitle because the children are living in clauses (1) through (3) above. <p>Under State law, 105 ILCS 45/1-5, “homeless person, child, or youth” includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime place of abode. 2. An individual who has a primary nighttime place of abode that is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing); b. An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or c. A public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
<p>Liaison for Homeless Children Duties</p>	<p>Review the information provided at www.isbe.net/homeless/default.htm in order to become aware of the resources and training materials provided by the Illinois State Board of Education with regard to the education of homeless children.</p> <p>Ensure that homeless children are identified by school personnel and through coordinated activities with other entities and agencies. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(i).</p>

Actor	Action
	<p>Ensure that homeless children enroll in, and have full and equal opportunity to succeed in District programs. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(ii).</p> <p>Ensure that homeless families and children receive educational services for which they are eligible and make referrals to health, mental health, dental, and other appropriate services. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(iii).</p> <p>Inform parent(s)/guardian(s) of educational and related opportunities available to their child or ward, and provide them with meaningful opportunities to participate in their child or ward’s education. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(iv).</p> <p>Disseminate public notice of the educational rights of homeless students in the location where homeless children receive services (such as schools, family shelters, and soup kitchens). 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(v).</p> <p>Mediate enrollment disputes to: 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E) and 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(vi).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensure the child is immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute; b. Provide the homeless child’s parent/guardian with a written explanation of the school’s decision regarding school selection or enrollment, including their rights to appeal the decision; c. Complete the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible; and d. In the case of an unaccompanied youth, ensure that the youth is immediately enrolled in school pending resolution of the dispute. <p>Fully inform the parent/guardian of a homeless child, and any unaccompanied youth, of all transportation services and assist in accessing transportation services. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(vii).</p> <p>Assist unaccompanied youth in placement/enrollment decisions, consider the youth’s wishes in those decisions, and provide notice to the youth of the right to appeal such decisions. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(B)(ii).</p> <p>Assist children who do not have immunizations or medical records in obtaining necessary immunizations and/or medical records. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)(iii).</p> <p>Collaborate with State and local social service agencies that provide services to the homeless as well as with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youths. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(5)(A) and (g)(6)(C).</p> <p>Conduct a hardship review whenever a child and his or her parent/guardian who initially share the housing of another person due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar hardship continue to share the housing; a hardship review should be performed after the passage of 18 months and annually thereafter. 105 ILCS 45/1-25(a-5).</p> <p>Refer the child or his or her parent/guardian to the ombudsperson appointed by the Regional Superintendent whenever a school denies a homeless child enrollment or transportation, and provide the child or his or her parent/guardian with a written statement of the basis for the denial. 105 ILCS 45/1-25(a).</p>

Actor	Action
<p>Parent(s)/guardian(s) Assignment</p>	<p>Choose the child’s attendance center between the following options (105 ILCS 45/1-10 controls because it exceeds the rights granted to parent(s)/guardian(s) in federal law.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continuing the child’s education in the school of origin for as long as the child remains homeless or, if the child becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year during which the housing is acquired; or b. Enrolling the child in any school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend. <p>The term “school of origin” means the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(G) and 105 ILCS 45/1-5.</p>
<p>Building Principal Where Homeless Student Will be Enrolled Enrollment</p>	<p>Shall immediately enroll the homeless child, even if the child is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, e.g., previous academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)(i) and 105 ILCS 45/1-20.</p> <p>Shall immediately contact the school last attended by the child to obtain relevant academic and other records. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)(ii) and 105 ILCS 45/1-20.</p> <p>If the child needs to obtain immunizations, or immunization or medical records, shall immediately refer the child’s parent/guardian to the Liaison for Homeless Children. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)(iii) and 105 ILCS 45/1-20.</p> <p>Maintain records for the homeless student that are ordinarily kept for students according to District policy and procedure on student school records. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(D).</p> <p>Ensure each homeless student is provided services comparable to services offered to other students including the following: 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(4).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transportation services; b. Educational services for which the student meets the eligibility criteria, such as services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar State or local programs; c. Educational programs for children with disabilities and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency; d. Programs in vocational and technical education as well as programs for gifted and talented students; and e. School nutrition programs. <p>Shall require a parent/guardian of a homeless student, if available, to submit contact information. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(H) and 105 ILCS 45/1-20.</p>
<p>Transportation Director and Building Principal Where</p>	<p>Ensure transportation is provided to a homeless student, at the request of the parent/guardian (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the Liaison), to and from the school of origin. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iii);</p>

Actor	Action
<p>Homeless Student Will be Enrolled</p> <p>Transportation</p>	<p>State law, found at 105 ILCS 45/1-15, is superseded by federal law. The term “school of origin” means the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(G). Transportation shall be arranged as follows: 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iii).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the homeless student continues to live in the area served by the school district in which the school of origin is located, the student’s transportation to and from the school of origin shall be provided or arranged by the district in which the school of origin is located. 2. If the homeless student’s living arrangements in the area served by the district of origin terminate and the student, though continuing his or her education in the school of origin, begins living in an area served by another school district, the district of origin and the district in which the homeless student is living shall agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for providing the student with transportation to and from the school of origin. If the local educational agencies are unable to agree upon such method, the responsibility and costs for transportation shall be shared equally.
<p>Superintendent or Designee</p> <p>Dispute</p>	<p>If a dispute arises, shall inform the homeless child’s parent(s)/guardian(s) of the availability of an investigator, sources for low-cost or free legal assistance, and other advocacy services in the community.</p> <p>Each Regional Superintendent appoints an ombudsperson to provide resource information and resolve disputes at schools within his or her jurisdiction relating to the rights of homeless children under this Act. 105 ILCS 45/1-25. The Homeless Family Placement Act governs shelter placement. 310 ILCS 85/1 <u>et seq.</u></p>

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Instruction

Home and Hospital Instruction

A student who is absent from school, or whose physician anticipates that the student will be absent from school, because of a medical condition may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital. Eligibility shall be determined by State law and the Illinois State Board of Education rule governing the continuum of placement options for home/hospital services. Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than 5 school days after receiving a physician's written statement. Instructional or related services for a student receiving special education services will be determined by the student's individualized education program.

A student who is unable to attend school because of pregnancy will be provided home instruction, correspondence courses, or other courses of instruction (1) before the birth of the child when the student's physician indicates, in writing, that she is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction, and (2) for up to 3 months after the child's birth or a miscarriage.

Periodic conferences will be held between appropriate school personnel, parent(s)/guardian(s), and hospital staff to coordinate course work and facilitate a student's return to school.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6a, 5/14-13.01, 5/18-4.5, and 5/18-8.05.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.610 and 226.300.

CROSS REF.: 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunity), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease)

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Instruction

English Language Learners

The District offers opportunities for resident English Language Learners to develop high levels of academic attainment in English and to meet the same academic content and student academic achievement standards that all children are expected to attain. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a program for English Language Learners that will:

1. Assist all English Language Learners to achieve English proficiency, facilitate effective communication in English, and encourage their full participation in school activities and programs as well as promote participation by the parents/guardians of English Language Learners.
2. Appropriately identify students with limited English proficiency.
3. Comply with State law regarding the Transitional Bilingual Educational Program and Transitional Program of Instruction.
4. Comply with any applicable State and federal requirements for the receipt of grant money for English Language Learners and programs to serve them.
5. Determine the appropriate instructional program and environment for English Language Learners.
6. Annually assess the English proficiency of English Language Learners and monitor their progress in order to determine their readiness for a mainstream classroom environment.
7. Include English Language Learners, to the extent required by State and federal law, in the District's student assessment program to measure their achievement in reading/language arts and mathematics.
8. Provide information to the parents/guardians of English Language Learners about: (1) the reasons for their child's identification, (2) their child's level of English proficiency, (3) the method of instruction to be used, (4) how the program will meet their child's needs, (5) specific exit requirements of the program, (6) how the program will meet their child's individualized education program, if applicable, and (7) information on parent/guardian rights. Parents/guardians will be regularly apprised of their child's progress and involvement will be encouraged.

Parent Involvement

Parents/guardians of English Language Learners will be: (1) given an opportunity to provide input to the program, and (2) provided notification regarding their child's placement in, and information about, the District's English Language Learners programs.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §§6312-6319 and 6801.
34 C.F.R. Part 200.
105 ILCS 5/14C-1 et seq.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 228.

CROSS REF.: 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program)

First Reading August 28, 2007

Second Reading: September 11, 2007

Adopted: September 11, 2007

Reviewed: January 13, 2009

Reviewed: April 12, 2011

Instruction

Title I Programs

The Superintendent or designee shall pursue funding under Title I, Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, to supplement instructional services and activities in order to improve the educational opportunities of educationally disadvantaged or deprived children.

All District schools, regardless of whether they receive Title I funds, shall provide services that, taken as a whole, are substantially comparable. Teachers, administrators, and other staff shall be assigned to schools in a manner that ensures equivalency among the District's schools. Curriculum materials and instructional supplies shall be provided in a manner that ensures equivalency among the District's schools.

Title I Parental Involvement

The District maintains programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents/guardians of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I. These programs, activities, and procedures are described in District-level and School-level compacts.

District-Level Parental Involvement Compact

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a District-Level Parental Involvement Compact according to Title I requirements. The District-Level Parental Involvement Compact shall contain: (1) the District's expectations for parental involvement, (2) specific strategies for effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, and (3) other provisions as required by federal law. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the Compact is distributed to parents/guardians of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I.

School-Level Parental Involvement Compact

Each Building Principal or designee shall develop a School-Level Parental Involvement Compact according to Title I requirements. This School-Level Parental Involvement Compact shall contain: (1) a process for continually involving parents/guardians in its development and implementation, (2) how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement, (3) the means by which the school and parents/guardians build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards, and (4) other provisions as required by federal law. Each Building Principal or designee shall ensure that the Compact is distributed to parents/guardians of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I.

Incorporated

by Reference 6:170-E1 (District-Level Parental Involvement Compact) and 6:170-E2 (School-Level Parental Involvement Compact)

LEGAL REF.: Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §6301-6514.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 4:110 (Transportation), 5:190 (Teacher Qualifications), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:145 (Migrant Students), 6:160 (English Language Learners), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:30 (Student Assignment), 7:60 (Residence), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 8:95 (Parental Involvement)

First Reading: May 13, 2008

Second Reading: May 27, 2008

Adopted: May 27, 2008

Instruction

Extended Instructional Programs

The District may offer the following programs in accordance with State law and the District's educational philosophy:

1. Before-and after-school programs for students in grades K-5.
2. Pre-school program for children 4-years old.
3. Model day care program in cooperation with the State Board of Education.
4. Tutorial program.
5. Summer school, whether for credit or not.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.18a, 5/10-22.18b, 5/10-22.18c, 5/10-22.20, 5/10-22.20b, 5/10-22.20c, 5/10-22.22a, 5/10-22.29, 5/10-22.33A, 5/10-22.33B, 5/10-23.2, 5/27-22.1, 5/27-22.3, 5/27-23.6, 110/3, and 433/1 et seq.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.450(b).

CROSS REF.: 6:310 (Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions),
6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency)

First Reading: April 11, 2006

Second Reading: April 25, 2006

Adopted: April 25, 2006

Instruction

Remote Educational Program

The Superintendent shall develop, maintain, and supervise a remote educational program consistent with Section 10-29 of the School Code. The remote educational program shall provide an opportunity for qualifying students to participate in an educational program delivered by the District in a location outside of a school.

The remote educational program shall:

1. Align its curriculum with the Illinois State Learning Standards and Board policies 6:10, *Educational Philosophy and Objectives* and 6:15, *School Accountability*.
2. Offer instruction and educational experiences consistent with those given to students at the same grade level in the District through compliance with Board policies 6:30, *Organization of Instruction* and 6:300, *Graduation Requirements*.
3. Provide instructors that meet the teacher qualifications in Board policy 5:190, *Teacher Qualifications*. Instructors are responsible for the following elements of the program:
 - a. Planning instruction,
 - b. Diagnosing learning needs,
 - c. Prescribing content delivery through class activities,
 - d. Assessing learning,
 - e. Reporting outcomes to administrators and parents/guardians, and
 - f. Evaluating the effects of instruction.
4. Follow the District's regular school term that is established by Board policies 2:20, *Powers and Duties of the School Board* and 6:20, *School Year Calendar and Day*.
5. Calculate the number of clock hours a student participates in instruction in alignment with Board policy 6:20, *School Year Calendar and Day*.
6. Limit participation to students who are juniors or seniors or demonstrate individual educational need(s). Approval of students in the program will be on a space-available basis.
7. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to approve students for participation in the program when the student shows evidence of:
 - a. Enrollment in the District pursuant to Board policies 7:60, *Residence* and 7:30, *Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer*.
 - b. Prior approval from their individualized educational program (IEP) team, if applicable.
 - c. How the remote educational program best serves the student's individual learning needs.
 - d. A consistent, appropriate attendance record, no disciplinary record, and a 2.5 minimum grade point average.
8. Include a process for developing and approving a written remote educational plan for each student participating in the program.
9. Require students to complete their participation in the program within 12 months, unless the student's participation is extended by the District.
10. Require students to participate in all assessments administered by the District pursuant to State and federal law and Board policy 6:340, *Student Testing and Assessment Program*.
11. Align with the requirements of Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*.
12. Comply with other State and federal laws and align with all applicable Board policies. This includes the Superintendent submitting a copy of this policy to the Illinois State Board of Education along with any amendments to it and any data on student participation.

13. Be monitored by the Board pursuant to Board policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development* and included as an topic for discussion in the annual report required by Board policy 6:10, *Educational Philosophy and Objectives*. It shall include a discussion of the process for renewal of the program when applicable.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-29.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §226.360.

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 5:190 (Teacher Qualifications), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program), 7:30 (Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer), 7:60 (Residence), 7:340 (Student Records)

First Reading: April 12, 2011

Second Reading: April 26, 2011

Adopted: April 26, 2011

Instruction

Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

The Superintendent shall annually submit a list of recommended extracurricular activities to the School Board for approval. Board approval is contingent upon the following:

1. The activity will contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, or general growth of student-participants.
2. Fees assessed students are reasonable and do not exceed the actual cost of operation.
3. The activity will be supervised by a school-approved sponsor.

Student body desires concerning co-curricular activities are important.

Selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the sponsors or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Student must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the student conduct code.

Building Principals are responsible for the scheduling and announcing of student extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Non-school sponsored student groups are governed by the District's policy on student use of school buildings.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.30 and 5/24-24.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics), 7:330 (Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access); 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

First Reading: April 14, 1998

Second Reading: April 28, 1998

Adopted: April 28, 1998

Reviewed: April 12, 2011

Instruction

Instructional Arrangements

Grouping For Instruction

Grouping within a school or within a classroom is the responsibility of each Building Principal, with input provided by the respective staff. The aim of grouping is to place each student in an appropriate and comfortable learning situation.

Class Size

The Superintendent shall work closely with Building Principals in establishing a reasonable teacher-student ratio in each building.

Team Teaching

Teachers may team teach upon approval of the Superintendent or a designee.

Individualized Instruction

Provision for individual differences shall be given high priority in planning the instructional program, in choosing teaching methods and materials, and in evaluating results.

Adopted: June 13, 1995

Reviewed: March 22, 2005

Instruction

Instructional Materials

All District classrooms and learning centers should be equipped with an evenly-proportioned, wide assortment of instructional materials, including textbooks, workbooks, audio-visual materials, and electronic materials. These materials should provide quality learning experiences for students and:

1. Enrich and support the curriculum;
2. Stimulate growth in knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
3. Provide background information to enable students to make informed judgments and promote critical reading and thinking;
4. Depict in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society; and
5. Contribute to a sense of the worth of all people regardless of sex, race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other differences that may exist.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide a list of textbooks and instructional materials used in the District to the School Board. Anyone may inspect any textbook or instructional material.

Teachers are encouraged to use supplemental material only when it will enhance, or otherwise illustrate, the subjects being taught and to ensure it is age-appropriate. No R-rated movie shall be shown to students unless prior approval is received from the Superintendent or designee, and no movie rated NC-17 (no one 17 and under admitted) shall be shown under any circumstances. These restrictions apply to television programs and other media with equivalent ratings.

Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption

The Superintendent shall approve the selection of all textbooks and instructional materials according to the standards described in this policy. The School Code governs the adoption and purchase of textbooks and instructional materials.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.8, 5/10-20.9, and 5/28-19.1.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:80 (Teaching About Controversial Issues), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Complaints)

First Reading: January 11, 2011

Second Reading: January 25, 2011

Adopted: January 25, 2011

Instruction

Library Media Program

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the District's library media program to comply with, (1) State law and Illinois State Board of Education rule, and (2) the following standards:

1. The program includes an organized collection of resources available to students and staff to supplement classroom instruction, foster reading for pleasure, enhance information literacy, and support research, as appropriate to students of all abilities in the grade levels served.
2. Financial resources for the program's resources and supplies are allocated to meet students' needs.
3. Students in all grades served have equitable access to library media resources.
4. The advice of an individual who is qualified according to ISBE rule is sought regarding the overall direction of the program, including the selection and organization of materials, provision of instruction in information and technology literacy, and structuring the work of library paraprofessionals.
5. Staff members are invited to recommend additions to the collection.
6. Students may freely select resource center materials as well as receive guided selection of materials appropriate to specific, planned learning experiences.

LEGAL REF.: 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(o).

CROSS REF.: 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:210 (Instructional Materials)

First Reading: January 13, 2009

Second Reading: January 27, 2009

Adopted: January 27, 2009

Instruction

Access to Electronic Networks

Electronic networks, including the Internet, are a part of the District's instructional program and serve to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The Superintendent shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint system administrator(s).

The School District is not responsible for any information that may be lost or damaged, or become unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

Curriculum

The use of the District's electronic networks shall: (1) be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students, and (2) comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library resource center materials. Staff members may, consistent with the Superintendent's implementation plan, use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

The District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

Acceptable Use

All use of the District's electronic networks must be: (1) in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the goals stated herein, or (2) for a legitimate school business purpose. Use is a privilege, not a right. Students and staff members have no expectation of privacy in any material that is stored, transmitted, or received via the District's electronic networks or District computers. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks. The District's *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

Internet Safety

Each District computer with Internet access shall have a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by federal law and as determined by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall enforce the use of such filtering devices. An administrator, supervisor, or other authorized person may disable the filtering device for bona fide research or other lawful purpose, provided the person receives prior permission from the Superintendent or system administrator. The Superintendent or designee shall include measures in this policy's implementation plan to address the following:

1. Ensure staff supervision of student access to online electronic networks,
2. Restrict student access to inappropriate matter as well as restricting access to harmful materials,
3. Ensure student and staff privacy, safety, and security when using electronic communications,
4. Restrict unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities, and
5. Restrict unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information, such as, names and addresses.

Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each staff member must sign the District's *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* as a condition for using the District's electronic network. Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the *Authorization* before being granted unsupervised use.

All users of the District's computers to access the Internet shall maintain the confidentiality of student records. Reasonable measures to protect against unreasonable access shall be taken before confidential student information is loaded onto the network.

The failure of any student or staff member to follow the terms of the *Authorization for Electronic Network Access*, or this policy, will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. §6777.

Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l).

Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, 20 U.S.C §6751 et seq. 720 ILCS 135/0.01.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:170 (Copyright), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 6:230 (Library Resource Center), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Discipline), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications and Written or Electronic Material)

ADMIN PROC.: 6:235-AP (Administrative Procedure - Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks), 6:235-E2 (Exhibit - Authorization for Electronic Network Access)

First Reading November 13, 2007

Second Reading: December 11, 2007

Adopted: December 11, 2007

Instruction

Administrative Procedure - Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks

All use of electronic networks shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. These procedures do not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow these procedures will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.**

Terms and Conditions

Acceptable Use - Access to the District's electronic network must be: (a) for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the District's educational objectives, or (b) for legitimate business use.

Privileges - The use of the District's electronic network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated these procedures and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time. His or her decision is final.

Unacceptable Use - The user is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:

- a. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any State or federal law;
- b. Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or de-virused;
- c. Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
- d. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
- e. Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
- f. Hacking or gaining unauthorized access to files, resources, or entities;
- g. Invading the privacy of individuals, that includes the unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, and use of information about anyone that is of a personal nature including a photograph;
- h. Using another user's account or password;
- i. Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
- j. Posting anonymous messages;
- k. Using the network for commercial or private advertising;
- l. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, bullying, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material; and
- m. Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

Network Etiquette - The user is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Be polite. Do not become abusive in messages to others.
- b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- c. Do not reveal personal information, including the addresses or telephone numbers, of students or colleagues.
- d. Recognize that electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- e. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.

- f. Consider all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.

No Warranties - The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages the user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or the user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Indemnification - The user agrees to indemnify the School District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any violation of these procedures.

Security - Network security is a high priority. If the user can identify a security problem on the Internet, the user must notify the system administrator or Building Principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep your account and password confidential. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.

Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Telephone Charges - The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.

Copyright Web Publishing Rules - Copyright law and District policy prohibit the re-publishing of text or graphics found on the Web or on District Web sites or file servers without explicit written permission.

- a. For each re-publication (on a Web site or file server) of a graphic or a text file that was produced externally, there must be a notice at the bottom of the page crediting the original producer and noting how and when permission was granted. If possible, the notice should also include the Web address of the original source.
- b. Students and staff engaged in producing Web pages must provide library media specialists with e-mail or hard copy permissions before the Web pages are published. Printed evidence of the status of "public domain" documents must be provided.
- c. The absence of a copyright notice may not be interpreted as permission to copy the materials. Only the copyright owner may provide the permission. The manager of the Web site displaying the material may not be considered a source of permission.
- d. The "fair use" rules governing student reports in classrooms are less stringent and permit limited use of graphics and text.
- e. Student work may only be published if there is written permission from both the parent/guardian and student.

Use of Electronic Mail - The District's electronic mail system, and its constituent software, hardware, and data files, are owned and controlled by the School District. The School District provides e-mail to aid students and staff members in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, and as an education tool.

- a. The District reserves the right to access and disclose the contents of any account on its system, without prior notice or permission from the account's user. Unauthorized access by any student or staff member to an electronic mail account is strictly prohibited.

- b. Each person should use the same degree of care in drafting an electronic mail message as would be put into a written memorandum or document. Nothing should be transmitted in an e-mail message that would be inappropriate in a letter or memorandum.
- c. Electronic messages transmitted via the School District's Internet gateway carry with them an identification of the user's Internet "domain." This domain name is a registered domain name and identifies the author as being with the School District. Great care should be taken, therefore, in the composition of such messages and how such messages might reflect on the name and reputation of the School District. Users will be held personally responsible for the content of any and all electronic mail messages transmitted to external recipients.
- d. Any message received from an unknown sender via the Internet should either be immediately deleted or forwarded to the system administrator. Downloading any file attached to any Internet-based message is prohibited unless the user is certain of that message's authenticity and the nature of the file so transmitted.
- e. Use of the School District's electronic mail system constitutes consent to these regulations.
- f. All communication about students, can be considered "student records" and as such, can be viewed by parents.

Internet Safety

Internet access is limited to only those "acceptable uses" as detailed in these procedures. Internet safety is almost assured if users will not engage in "unacceptable uses," as detailed in these procedures, and otherwise follow these procedures.

Staff members shall supervise students while students are using District Internet access to ensure that the students abide by the Terms and Conditions for Internet access contained in these procedures.

Each District computer with Internet access has a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

The system administrator and Building Principals shall monitor student Internet access.

LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. §6777.
Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l).
Enhances Education Through Technology, 20 U.S.C §6751 et seq.
720 ILCS 135/0.01.

First Reading: August 25, 2009

Second Reading: September 8, 2009

Adopted: September 8, 2009

Reviewed: September 13, 2011

Instruction

Exhibit - Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding Student Use of the District's Electronic Networks

On District letterhead

Date

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of electronic networks, including the Internet. The Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources. The District's goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Your authorization is needed before your child may use this resource.

The Internet electronically connects thousands of computers throughout the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers may have access to:

- Limited electronic mail communications with people all over the world,
- Information from government sources, research institutions, and other sources,
- Discussion groups, and
- Many libraries, including the catalog to the Library of Congress, and the Educational Resources Information Clearinghouses (ERIC).

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. You and your child should read the enclosed *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* and discuss it together. The use of inappropriate material or language, or violation of copyright laws, may result in the loss of the privilege to use this resource. Remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions.

The District takes precautions to prevent access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate in the school setting. On an unregulated network, however, it is impossible to control all material and a user may discover inappropriate material. Ultimately, parents/guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. To that end, the School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize Internet access.

Please read and discuss the *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* with your child. If you agree to allow your child to have an Internet account, sign the *Authorization* form and return it to your school.

Instruction

Exhibit - Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each staff member must sign this Authorization as a condition for using the District's Electronic Network connection. Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the Authorization before being granted unsupervised access. Please read this document carefully before signing.

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. This *Authorization* does not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of the *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.** The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Terms and Conditions

Acceptable Use - Access to the District's electronic network must be: (a) for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the District's educational objectives, or (b) for a legitimate business use.

Privileges - The use of the District's electronic networks is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated the terms of access privileges and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time. His or her decision is final.

Unacceptable Use - The user is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:

- a. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any State or federal law;
- b. Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or de-virused;
- c. Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
- d. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
- e. Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
- f. Hacking or gaining unauthorized access to files, resources or entities;
- g. Invading the privacy of individuals, that includes the unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, and use of information about anyone that is of a personal nature including a photograph;
- h. Using another user's account or password;
- i. Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
- j. Posting anonymous messages;
- k. Using the network for commercial or private advertising;
- l. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening bullying material, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material; and
- m. Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Be polite. Do not become abusive in your messages to others.

- b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- c. Do not reveal the personal information, including the addresses or telephone numbers, of students or colleagues.
- d. Recognize that electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- e. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
- f. Consider all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.

No Warranties - The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages the user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or the user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the users own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Indemnification - The user agrees to indemnify the School District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any violation of this *Authorization*.

Security - Network security is a high priority. If you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the system administrator or Building Principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep your account and password confidential. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.

Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Telephone Charges - The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.

Copyright Web Publishing Rules - Copyright law and District policy prohibit the re-publishing of text or graphics found on the Web or on District Web sites or file servers, without explicit written permission.

- a. For each re-publication (on a Web site or file server) of a graphic or a text file that was produced externally, there must be a notice at the bottom of the page crediting the original producer and noting how and when permission was granted. If possible, the notice should also include the Web address of the original source.
- b. Students and staff engaged in producing Web pages must provide library media specialists with e-mail or hard copy permissions before the Web pages are published. Printed evidence of the status of "public domain" documents must be provided.
- c. The absence of a copyright notice may not be interpreted as permission to copy the materials. Only the copyright owner may provide the permission. The manager of the Web site displaying the material may not be considered a source of permission.
- d. The "fair use" rules governing student reports in classrooms are less stringent and permit limited use of graphics and text.
- e. Student work may only be published if there is written permission from both the parent/guardian and student.

Use of Electronic Mail - The District's electronic mail system, and its constituent software, hardware, and data files, are owned and controlled by the School District. The School District provides e-mail to aid students and staff members in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, and as an education tool.

- a. The District reserves the right to access and disclose the contents of any account on its system, without prior notice or permission from the account's user. Unauthorized access by any student or staff member to an electronic mail account is strictly prohibited.
- b. Each person should use the same degree of care in drafting an electronic mail message as would be put into a written memorandum or document. Nothing should be transmitted in an e-mail message that would be inappropriate in a letter or memorandum.
- c. Electronic messages transmitted via the School District's Internet gateway carry with them an identification of the user's Internet "domain." This domain name is a registered domain name and identifies the author as being with the School District. Great care should be taken, therefore, in the composition of such messages and how such messages might reflect on the name and reputation of the School District. Users will be held personally responsible for the content of any and all electronic mail messages transmitted to external recipients.
- d. Any message received from an unknown sender via the Internet should either be immediately deleted or forwarded to the system administrator. Downloading any file attached to any Internet-based message is prohibited unless the user is certain of that message's authenticity and the nature of the file so transmitted.
- e. Use of the School District's electronic mail system constitutes consent to these regulations.

Internet Safety

Internet access is limited to only those "acceptable uses" as detailed in these procedures. Internet safety is almost assured if users will not engage in "unacceptable uses," as detailed in this *Authorization*, and otherwise follow this *Authorization*.

Staff members shall supervise students while students are using District Internet access to ensure that the students abide by the Terms and Conditions for Internet access contained in this *Authorization*.

Each District computer with Internet access has a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

The system administrator and Building Principals shall monitor student Internet access.

LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. §6777.
Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l).
Enhances Education Through Technology, 20 U.S.C §6751 et seq.
720 ILCS 135/0.01.

First Reading: August 25, 2009
Second Reading: September 8, 2009
Adopted: September 8, 2009

Authorization for Electronic Network Access Form

Submit to Building Principal.

Students and their parents/guardians need to sign this *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* on initial District 66 enrollment and on entering grade 3 and 6.

Staff members need only sign this *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* each year while employed by the School District.

Please check the appropriate box: Staff member
 Parent/Guardian of student
 Student *

I understand and will abide by the above *Authorization for Electronic Network Access*. I understand that the District and/or its agents may access and monitor my use of the Internet, including my e-mail and downloaded material, without prior notice to me. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's electronic network connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its School Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use of, or inability to use the Internet.

User Name (*please print*)

User Signature

Date

*** Students are required to have a parent/guardian read and agree to the following:**

I have read this *Authorization for Electronic Network Access*. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this *Authorization* with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's Internet.

Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Authorization for Electronic Network Access Form

Submit to Building Principal.

Students and their parents/guardians need only sign this *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* once while the student is enrolled in the School District.

Staff members need only sign this *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* once while employed by the School District.

Please check the appropriate box: Staff member
 Parent/Guardian of student
 Student *

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Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Instruction

Field Trips

Field trips are permissible when the experiences are a part of the school curriculum and/or contribute to the District's educational objectives.

All field trips must have the Superintendent or designee's prior approval. Field trips beyond a 200-mile radius of the school or extending overnight require School Board notification. The Superintendent or designee shall analyze the following factors to determine whether to approve a field trip: educational value, student safety, parent concerns, heightened security alerts, and liability concerns. On all field trips, a bus fee set by the Superintendent or designee may be charged to help defray the transportation costs.

Parents/guardians of students: (1) shall be given the opportunity to consent to their child's participation in any field trip, and (2) are responsible for all entrance fees, food, lodging, or other costs, except that the District will pay such costs for students who qualify for free or reduced school lunches. All non-participating students shall be provided an alternative experience. Any field trip may be cancelled without notice due to an unforeseen event or condition.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/29-3.1.

CROSS REF.: 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students)

First Reading: May 13, 2008

Second Reading: May 27, 2008

Adopted: May 27, 2008

Instruction

Community Resource Persons and Volunteers

The School Board encourages the use of resource persons and volunteers to: (1) increase students' educational attainment, (2) provide enrichment experiences for students, (3) increase the effective utilization of staff time and skills, (4) give more individual attention to students, and (5) promote greater community involvement.

Resource persons and volunteers may be used:

1. For non-teaching duties not requiring instructional judgment or evaluation of students;
2. For supervising study halls, long distance teaching reception areas used incident to instructional programs transmitted by electronic media (such as computers, video, and audio), detention and discipline areas, and school-sponsored extracurricular activities;
3. To assist with academic programs under a certificated teacher's immediate supervision;
4. As a guest lecturer or resource person under a certificated teacher's direction and with the administration's approval; or
5. As supervisors, chaperones, or sponsors for non-academic school activities.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons and volunteers. A person who is a "sex offender," as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a "violent offender against youth," as defined in the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, is prohibited from being a resource person or volunteer.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b.
730 ILCS 152/101 et seq. and 154/75-105.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:95 (Parental Involvement)

First Reading: January 9, 2007

Second Reading: January 23, 2007

Adopted: January 23, 2007

Reviewed: April 12, 2011

Instruction

Administrative Procedure - Securing and Screening Resource Persons and Volunteers

The Building Principal or designee directs the use of resource persons and volunteers within his or her building. The use of any individual as a resource person or volunteer is subject to Board policy 4:170, *Safety*; administrative procedure 4:170-AP2, *Criminal Offender Notification Laws*; and Board policy 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*. Specifically, the Principal or designee directs recruitment, screening, placement, and training within the following parameters:

Qualifications - Resource persons and volunteers may come from all backgrounds and all age groups. The main qualification is for the individual to have a desire to give his or her time and talent to enrich student learning opportunities and the school community generally.

Individuals Not Allowed to Serve as a School Volunteer or Resource Person - No individual who is a "sex offender," as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a "violent offender against youth," as defined in the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, may serve as a resource person or volunteer. Whenever an individual submits a new volunteer information form, the Building Principal or designee shall review the Illinois Sex Offender Registry, www.isp.state.il.us/sor, and the violent offenders against youth database maintained by the State Police (when available). The Building Principal may request an individual to submit to a criminal history records check if the individual will be working over a long period of time in direct contact with students where no staff member is continuously present or in other situations where a check would be prudent. In addition, the Building Principal or designee shall review each new list received from law enforcement containing the names of sex offenders (authorized by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law) and violent offenders against youth (authorized by the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law) to determine if any resource person or volunteer appears on it.

Recruitment - School personnel may recruit resource persons and volunteers through the following resources: parents/guardians, parent organizations, retired teachers and other senior citizen groups, community businesses, local volunteer centers, and universities. If a staff member, other than the Building Principal, recruits someone, the staff member must provide the individual's name and address to the Building Principal.

Role - Resource persons and volunteers serve only in an auxiliary capacity under the direction and supervision of a staff member; they are not a substitute for a member of the school staff. Resource persons and volunteers do not have access to confidential student school records.

Selection, Placement, and Supervision - Selection and placement shall be on the basis of an individual's qualifications and availability and the school's needs. The individual will be assigned to a staff member only with the staff member's consent. The relationship between the individual and staff member should be one of mutual respect and confidence.

Requirements - Each resource person and volunteer must register in the school's main office at the beginning of each visit and wear a name tag while in the building or serving. Unless he or she has already done so during the current academic year, the individual must complete an information form and waiver. Absent an indication on the form that the individual may not qualify, the individual may proceed to the assigned activity.

An individual is prohibited from being a resource person or volunteer if he or she behaves in any manner that demonstrates he or she is not a good role model or is otherwise detrimental to the school environment. Examples of such behavior include: swearing, failing to be dependable, failing to follow the supervisor's instructions, committing any criminal act on school grounds or

at a school activity, touching a student in a rude or overly forceful manner, failing to dress in an appropriate manner, or violating any school rule.

Training - Each academic year, when an individual first completes the registration form, the Principal or designee should give the individual a copy of this administrative procedure along with other pertinent information. The staff member to whom the individual is assigned is responsible for explaining what is expected of the individual. The Principal or designee should arrange appropriate training opportunities for those volunteer activities requiring a skill or knowledge base, e.g., working in the computer lab.

First Reading: January 9, 2007

Second Reading: January 23, 2007

Adopted: January 23, 2007

Reviewed: April 12, 2011

Instruction

Exhibit - Volunteer Information Form and Waiver of Liability

Only one form needs to be completed by a volunteer each school year. Please print clearly in ink:

Name _____
Last First Middle Telephone

Address _____
Street City Zip code

Personal physician _____ Telephone _____

Emergency adult contact _____ Telephone _____

Are you now or have you ever been a school volunteer? Yes No

If yes, at which school? _____ Year? _____

The name of any child or ward attending this school _____

Waiver of Liability

The School District does not provide insurance coverage to non-District personnel serving as volunteers for the School District. The purpose of this waiver is to provide notice to prospective volunteers that they do not have insurance coverage by the School District and to document the volunteer's acknowledgment that they are providing volunteer service at their own risk.

By your signature below:

You acknowledge that the School District does not provide insurance coverage for the volunteer for any loss, injuries, illness, or death resulting from the volunteer's unpaid service to the School District.

You agree to assume all risk for death or any loss, injury, illness, or damage of any nature or kind, arising out of the volunteer's supervised or unsupervised service to the School District. You also agree to waive any and all claims against the School District, or its officers, Board Members, employees, agents or assigns, for loss due to death, injury, illness or damage of any kind arising out of the volunteer's supervised or unsupervised service to the School District.

Volunteer name (please print)

Volunteer signature

Date

For School Use Only

General description of assignment(s):

- Supervising students as needed by a teacher
- Supervising students during a regularly scheduled activity
- Assisting with academic programs
- Assisting at the resource center or main office
- Other _____

Name of supervising staff member _____

Child Sex Offender List checked by _____ on _____ (mandatory)

To be completed by the Building Principal:

Will the individual be working over a long period of time in direct contact with students where no staff member is continuously present or in other situations where a criminal history records check would be prudent? Yes No

If "yes," and provided the individual authorized the criminal history records check, please provide the following:

Date that the check was requested _____

Date that the check was received and reviewed _____

Check reviewed by (*please print*) _____

Signature of reviewer

Date

First Reading: May 22, 2001

Second Reading: June 12, 2001

Adopted: June 12, 2001

Reviewed: September 26, 2006

Reviewed: April 12, 2011

Instruction

Assemblies and Ceremonies

Assemblies must be approved by the Building Principal and be consistent with the District's educational objectives.

Invocations, benedictions, and group prayers are prohibited at any school assembly, ceremony, or other school-sponsored activity.

LEGAL REF.: Lee v. Weisman, 112 S.Ct. 2649 (1992).
Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe, 120 S.Ct. 2266 (2000).
Jones v. Clear Creek Independent School District, 977 F.2d 963 (5th Cir., 1992),
reh'g denied, 983 F.2d 234 (5th Cir., 1992) and *cert. denied*, 113 S.Ct. 2950
(1993).

CROSS REF.: 6:70 (Teaching About Religion), 6:80 (Teaching About Controversial Issues)

Adopted: June 13, 1995

Reviewed: September 26, 2006

Reviewed: April 12, 2011

Instruction

Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

Persons with complaints about curriculum, instructional materials, and programs should complete a curriculum objection form and use the Uniform Grievance Procedure. A parent/guardian may request that his/her child be exempt from using a particular instructional material or program by completing a curriculum objection form and using the Uniform Grievance Procedure.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Complaints)

Adopted: June 13, 1995

Reviewed: September 26, 2006

Instruction

Guidance and Counseling Program

The School District provides a guidance and counseling program for students. The Superintendent or designee shall direct the District's guidance and counseling program. School counseling services, as described by State law, may be performed by a qualified guidance specialist or any certificated staff member.

[For Elementary and Unit Districts]

Each staff member is responsible for effectively guiding students under his/her supervision in order to provide early identification of intellectual, emotional, social, or physical needs, diagnosis of any learning disabilities, and development of educational potential. The District's counselors shall offer counseling to those students who require additional assistance.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a and 5/10-22.24b.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.420(q).

CROSS REF.: 6:50 (School Wellness), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:130 (Program for the Gifted), 7:100 (Health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students), 7:250 (Student Support Services)

ADMIN. PROC.: 7:340-AP (Student Records), 7:340-E1 (Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Rights Concerning a Student's School Records), 7:340-E3 (Letter to Parents concerning Military Recruiters and Postsecondary Institutions Receiving Student Directory Information)

First Reading: May 22, 2001

Second Reading: June 12, 2001

Approved: June 12, 2001

Instruction

Grading and Promotion

The Superintendent shall establish a system of grading and reporting academic achievement to students and their parents/guardians. The system shall also determine when promotion and graduation requirements are met. The decision to promote a student to the next grade level shall be based on successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, performance based on the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests, MAPs, or other testing. A student shall not be promoted based upon age or any other social reason not related to academic performance. The administration shall determine remedial assistance for a student who is not promoted.

Every teacher shall maintain an evaluation record for each student in the teacher's classroom. A District administrator cannot change the final grade assigned by the teacher without notifying the teacher. Reasons for changing a student's final grade include:

- * A miscalculation of test scores,
- * A technical error in assigning a particular grade or score,
- * The teacher agrees to allow the student to do extra work that may impact the grade,
- * An inappropriate grading system used to determine the grade, or
- * An inappropriate grade based on an appropriate grading system.

Should a grade change be made, the administrator making the change must sign the changed record.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.9a, 5/10-21.8, and 5/27-27.

CROSS REF.: 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

First Reading: December 13, 2011

Second Reading: January 10, 2012

Adopted: January 10, 2012

Instruction

Homework

Homework is a necessary part of the District's instructional program. Homework is assigned to further a student's educational development and is an application or adaptation of a classroom experience. The Superintendent shall provide guidance to ensure that homework:

1. Is used to reinforce and apply previously covered concepts, principles, and skills;
2. Is not assigned for disciplinary purposes;
3. Serves as a communication link between the school and parents/guardians;
4. Encourages independent thought, self-direction, and self-discipline; and
5. Is of appropriate frequency and length, and does not become excessive, according to the teacher's best professional judgment.

First Reading: October 10, 2006

Second Reading: October 24, 2006

Adopted: October 24, 2006

Instruction

Student Testing and Assessment Program

The District student assessment program provides information for determining individual student achievement and instructional needs; curriculum and instruction effectiveness; and school performance measured against District student learning objectives and statewide norms.

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the student assessment program that, at a minimum:

1. Uses the State assessment system and any other appropriate assessment methods and instruments, including norm and criterion-referenced achievement tests, aptitude tests, proficiency tests, and teacher-developed tests.
2. Tests the grades and subjects according to the schedule required by the State assessment system. The District's assessment program may include testing students in grades not required by State law to be tested.
3. Tracks the achievement of all students.
4. Provides each student and his or her parents/custodians with an evaluation of the student's learning on the basis of test and assessment results. See policy 6:280, *Grading and Promotion*.
5. Utilizes professional testing practices.

Overall student assessment data on tests required by State law will be aggregated by the District and reported, along with other information, on the District's annual report card. Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*, and its implementing procedures govern recordkeeping and access issues.

LEGAL REF.: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.63, 5/2-3.64, 5/10-17a, and 5/27-1.

CROSS REF.: 6:15 (School Accountability), 7:340 (Student Records)

First Reading: December 8, 2009

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