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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROCEDURES

The board will hold its organizational meeting in odd-numbered years at the first regular meeting following the canvass of votes. Notice of the meeting's place and time will be given by the board secretary to each member, member-elect and the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to transfer material and responsibility from the outgoing board to the new board. At the meeting, the board will elect a president and a vice president who will hold office for one year. Once elected, the president and vice president will be entitled to vote on all matters before the board.

Meeting Procedure

The organizational meeting of the board will be held in two parts: the final meeting of the outgoing board and the organizational meeting of the new board.

1. Final Meeting of the Retiring Board

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call.
- (3) Approval of minutes of previous meeting(s).
- (4) Visitors.
- (5) Unfinished business.
 - (a) Current claims and accounts (for the retiring board to authorize).
- (6) Examine and settle the books for the previous year.
- (7) Review of election results. The board secretary will present the county auditor's official report on the latest elections. Official results are recorded in the minutes.
- (8) Adjournment of the retiring board.

2. Organizational Meeting of the New Board

- (1) *Board Secretary* as president pro-tem, will preside over the meeting until a new board president is elected.
- (2) Call to order.
- (3) Roll call.
- (4) Oath of office. The board secretary will administer the oath to new members.
- (5) Election of a president of the board. The president pro-tem calls for nominations; nominations need not be seconded. The board will then vote on the nominations. The secretary will announce the result of the vote, and the *[Insert position, title, (e.g. superintendent, board secretary, etc.)]* will administer the oath of office to the newly elected president and the newly elected president will assume the chair.
- (6) Election of the vice-president. The president of the board will call for nominations; the nominations need not be seconded. The board will then vote on the nominations. The president will announce the results and administer the oath of office to the vice-president.

Other items of business at the organizational meeting may include:

- (7) Board resolution of appreciation recognizing the public service rendered by retiring board members.
- (8) Determination of dates, times, and places for regular meetings of the board.
- (9) Board resolution to define the operating rules and practices that will be followed by the new board.
- (10) Board resolution to authorize the interim payment of bills pursuant to policy 705.3.
- (11) Visitors.
- (12) Superintendent's report.
- (13) Adjournment.

NOTE: Board members elected at a regular school election must take the oath of office at or before the organization meeting. Failure to do so results in a vacancy.

NOTE: The board president and vice president are each elected to a one year term at the organizational meeting in odd-numbered years and at the annual meeting in even-numbered years.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 274.2; 275.23A; 277
281 I.A.C 12.3.

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CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

Policy: In compliance with state law and to provide protection to victims of child abuse as defined by Iowa Code 232.68, the board believes incidents of alleged child abuse should be reported to the proper authorities. ~~Employees are encouraged, and licensed employees are required as mandatory reporters,~~ All licensed school employees, teachers, coaches and paraeducators are mandatory reporters as provided by law and are to report alleged incidents of child abuse they become aware of within the scope of their professional duties.

When a mandatory reporter suspects a student is the victim of child abuse, the mandatory reporter ~~will~~ shall make an orally report of the suspected child abuse to the Iowa Department of Human Services within 24 hours of becoming aware of the abusive incident ~~or in~~ and shall make a written report to ~~writing notify~~ the Iowa Department of Human Services within 48 hours following the oral report. If the mandatory reporter believes the child is in immediate danger, the local law enforcement agency will also be notified. ~~Within forty-eight hours of the oral report, the mandatory reporter will file a written report with the Iowa Department of Human Services.~~

Within six months of their initial employment, mandatory reporters will take a two-hour training course involving the identification and reporting of child abuse, or submit evidence they've taken the course within the previous five years. The course will be re-taken at least every five years.

For more information please go to the Iowa Department of Human Services Web site at:
http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Safety_and_Protection/Abuse_Reporting/ChildAbuse.html

Reporting Form

http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Forms/470-0665.pdf

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 232.67-.77; 232A; 235A; 280.17 (2013).
441 I.A.C. 9.2; 155; 175.
1982 Op. Att'y Gen. 390, 417.
~~1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 275.~~

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Classified Employee – Qualification, Recruitment, Selection

~~Purpose: To define the terms “Classified Employee Qualification, Recruitment and Selection”.~~

Policy: Persons interested in a classified employee position will have an opportunity to apply and qualify for classified employee positions in the school district ~~in accordance with applicable laws and school district policies regarding equal employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.~~ Job applicants for classified employee positions will be considered on the basis of the following:

- Training, experience, and skill;
- Nature of the occupation;
- Demonstrated competence; and
- Possession of or ability to obtain state or other license or certificate, if required for the position.

All job openings shall be submitted to the Iowa Department of Education for posting on TeachIowa, the online state job posting system. ~~Additional A~~announcements of the position may occur ~~will be~~ through means the superintendent believes will inform potential applicants about the position. ~~Applications for employment may be obtained from and completed applications will be submitted to the central administration office.~~ Whenever possible, the preliminary screening of applicants will be conducted by the administrator who directly supervises and oversees the position.

~~The requirements stated in the Master Contract between employees in the Secretary/Paraeducator bargaining unit and the board regarding Qualification, Recruitment, Selection will be followed.~~

Legal Reference: 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634 (2012).
42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e *et seq.* (2012)
42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.* (2012)
Iowa Code §§ 35C; 216; 279.8; 294.1 (2013).

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STUDENT CONDUCT

The board believes inappropriate student conduct causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, or presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors on school premises. Appropriate classroom behavior allows teachers to communicate more effectively with students.

Students will conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity and with respect and consideration for the rights of others while on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district. Consequences for the misconduct will be fair and developmentally appropriate in light of the circumstances.

Students who fail to abide by this policy, and the administrative regulations supporting it, may be disciplined for conduct which disrupts or interferes with the education program; conduct which disrupts the orderly and efficient operation of the school district or school activity; conduct which disrupts the rights of other students to participate in or obtain their education; conduct that is violent or destructive; or conduct which interrupts the maintenance of a disciplined atmosphere. Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, removal from the classroom, detention, suspension, probation, and expulsion.

A student who commits an assault against an ~~employee another person, including school employee~~ on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school-owned or school-operated chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school district activities will be suspended by the principal. Notice of the suspension is sent to the board president. The board will review the suspension to determine whether to impose further sanctions against the student which may include expulsion. Assault for purposes of this section of this policy is defined as:

- an act which is intended to cause pain or injury to, or which is intended to result in physical contact which will be insulting or offensive to another, coupled with the apparent ability to execute the act; or
- any act which is intended to place another in fear of immediate physical contact which will be painful, injurious, insulting or offensive, coupled with the apparent ability to execute the act; or
- intentionally points any firearm toward another; or ~~displays in a threatening manner any dangerous weapon toward another.~~
- ~~displays in a threatening manner any dangerous weapon toward another.~~

The act is not an assault when the person doing any of the above and the other person are voluntary participants in a sport, social or other activity, not in itself criminal, when the act is a reasonably foreseeable incident of such sport or activity, and does not create an unreasonable risk of serious injury or breach of the peace.

Removal from the classroom means a student is sent to the building principal's office. It is within the discretion of the person in charge of the classroom to remove the student.

Detention means the student's presence is required during non-school hours for disciplinary purposes. The student can be required to appear prior to the beginning of the school day, after school has been dismissed for the day, or on a non-school day. Whether a student will serve detention, and the length of the detention, is within the discretion of the licensed employee or the building principal, disciplining the student.

Suspension means; either an in-school suspension, an out-of-school suspension, a restriction from activities or loss of eligibility. An in-school suspension means the student will attend school but will be temporarily isolated from one or more classes while under supervision. An in-school suspension will not exceed ten consecutive

school days. An out-of-school suspension means the student is removed from the school environment, which includes school classes and activities. An out-of-school suspension will not exceed ten days. A restriction from school activities means a student will attend school and classes and practice but will not participate in school activities.

Probation means a student is given a conditional suspension of a penalty for a definite period of time in addition to being reprimanded. The conditional suspension will mean the student must meet the conditions and terms for the suspension of the penalty. Failure of the student to meet these conditions and terms will result in immediate reinstatement of the penalty.

Expulsion means an action by the board to remove a student from the school environment, which includes, but is not limited to, classes and activities, for a period of time set by the board.

Following the suspension of a special education student, an informal evaluation of the student's placement will take place. The Individual Education Program (IEP) is evaluated to determine whether it needs to be changed or modified in response to the behavior that led to the suspension.

If a special education student's suspensions, either in or out of school, equal ten days on a cumulative basis, a staffing team will meet to determine whether the IEP is appropriate.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Legal Reference: ~~No Child Left Behind, Title IV, Sec. 4115, P.L. 107-110 (2002).~~
~~*Goss v. Lopez*, 419 U.S. 565 (1975).~~
~~*Brands v. Sheldon Community School District*, 671 F. Supp. 627 (N.D. Iowa 1987).~~
~~*Sims v. Colfax Comm. School Dist.*, 307 F. Supp. 485 (Iowa 1970).~~
~~*Bunger v. Iowa High School Athletic Assn.*, 197 N.W.2d 555 (Iowa 1972).~~
~~*Board of Directors of Ind. School Dist. of Waterloo v. Green*, 259 Iowa 1260, 147
N.W.2d 854 (1967).~~
~~Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 282.3; 282.4, .5; 708.1 (2013).~~
~~281 I.A.C. 12.6(6)~~

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WEAPONS

The board believes weapons, other dangerous objects and look-a-likes in school district facilities cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

District facilities are not appropriate places for weapons, dangerous objects, and look-a-likes. Weapons and other dangerous objects shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto District property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the District or from students who are within the control of the District.

Parents of a student found to possess a weapons, dangerous objects or look-a-likes on District property shall be notified of the incident. Confiscation of weapons, ~~or~~ dangerous objects ~~or look-a-likes intended to bring harm~~ shall be reported to law enforcement officials, and the student shall be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion.

A student bringing a firearm to school shall be expelled for not less than twelve months. The Superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for a student on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of this policy, the term "firearm" includes any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, ~~or~~ any explosive, incendiary or poison gas ~~or otherwise defined by applicable law~~.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement officials ~~or other individuals specifically authorized by the board~~ shall be exempt from this policy. ~~The superintendent may develop an administrative process or procedures to implement the policy. The Principal may allow authorized persons to display weapons or other dangerous objects for educational purposes. Such a display shall also be exempt from this policy. The Superintendent, in conjunction with the Principal, shall develop Board approved rules and procedures regarding this policy.~~

Based on intent, students who bring look alike weapons or toy weapons to school may be subject to discipline, including suspension or expulsion. The look alike weapons or toy weapons shall be confiscated. The Principal, shall return look alike weapons or toy weapons at a later date to the parent or guardian.

Legal Reference: ~~No Child Left Behind, Title IV, Sec. 4141, P.L. 107-110 (2002).~~
~~Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382.~~
 18 U.S.C. § 921 (2012).
~~McClain v. Lafayette County Bd. of Education, 673 F.2d 106 (5th Cir. 1982).~~
 Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.21B; 483A.27(11);724 (2013).
 281 I.A.C. 12.3(6)

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TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parent and family engagement is an important component in a student's success in school. The board encourages parents and families to become involved in their child's education to ensure the child's academic success. The board will:

- (1) Involve parents and families in the development of the Title I plan, the process for school review of the plan and the process for improvement;
- (2) Provide the coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance;
- (3) To the extent feasible, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I with parent and family engagement strategies outlined in other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs;
- (4) Conduct with the involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the school served including identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in Title I activities (with particular attention to low-income parents, Limited English Proficient (LEP) parents, parents of any racial or ethnic minority, parents with disabilities and parents with limited literacy);
- (5) Use the findings of the annual evaluation to design strategies for more effective parent and family involvement and to revise, as necessary, the parent-and family involvement policies; and;
- (6) Involve parents and families in Title I activities.

The board will review this policy annually. The superintendent is responsible for notifying parents and families of this policy annually or within a reasonable time after it has been amended during the school year. The superintendent may develop an administrative process or procedures to implement this policy.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. §6318

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STUDENTS EDUCATION RECORDS ACCESS

The board recognizes the importance of maintaining education student records and preserving their confidentiality, as provided by law. Education records ~~Student records containing personally identifiable information~~ are kept confidential at collection, storage, disclosure and destruction stages. The board secretary is the custodian of education student records. Education Student records may be maintained in the central administration office or administrative office of the student's attendance center. ~~Student is defined as an enrolled individual, PK-12 including children in school district sponsored child care programs.~~

“Education Records” means those records that contain information directly related to a student and which are maintained by an education agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution.

Parent/Guardian and eligible students will have access to the student's education records during the regular business hours of the school district. An eligible student is a student who has reached eighteen years of age or is attending an institution of postsecondary education at the post high school level. Parent/Guardian of an eligible student are provided access to the education student records only with the written permission of the eligible student unless the eligible student is defined as a dependent by the [Internal Revenue Code](#). In that case, the Parent/Guardian may be provided access without the written permission of the student. ~~A representative of the Parent/Guardian or eligible student, who has received written permission from the Parent/Guardian or eligible student, may inspect and review a special education student's records. Parent/Guardian, other than Parent/Guardian of an eligible student, may be denied access to a student's records if the school district has a court order stating such or when the district has been advised under the appropriate laws that the Parent/Guardian may not access the student records. Parent/Guardian may inspect an instrument used for the purpose of collection of student personal information prior to the instrument's use.~~

An education student record may contain information on more than one student. Parent/Guardian will have the right to access the information relating to their student or to be informed of the information. Eligible students will also have the right to access the information relating to themselves, or be informed of the information.

Parent/Guardian, ~~and~~ eligible students, ~~and~~ other individuals authorized in accordance with law will have a right to access the student's education records during the regular business hours of the school district upon request without unnecessary delay and in no instance more than forty-five calendar days after the request is made. Parent/Guardian, other than parents of an eligible student, may be denied access to a student's education records if the school district has a court order stating such or when the district has been advised under the appropriate laws that the parents may not access the education records. Parent/Guardian, an eligible student or an authorized representative of the Parent/Guardian will have the right to access the student's records prior to an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting or hearing.

Copies of education student records will be provided if failure to do so would effectively prevent the Parent/Guardian or student from exercising the right to access the education student records. Fees for copies of the records are waived if it would prevent the Parent/Guardian or student from accessing the records. A fee may not be charged to search or retrieve information from student records.

Upon the request of Parent/Guardian or an eligible student, the school district will provide an explanation and interpretation of the education student records and a list of the types and locations of education records collected, maintained or used by the school district.

If the Parent/Guardian or an eligible student believes the information in the ~~education student~~ records is inaccurate, misleading or violates the privacy ~~or other rights~~ of the student, the Parent/Guardian or an eligible student may request that the school district amend the ~~education student~~ records. ~~The school district will decide whether to amend the student records within a reasonable time after receipt of the request. If the school district determines an amendment is made to the student record, the school district will make the amendment and inform the Parent/Guardian or the eligible student of the decision in writing.~~

~~If the school district determines that amendment of the student's record is not appropriate, it will inform the Parent/Guardian or the eligible student of their right to a hearing before the hearing officer provided by the school district.~~

~~If the Parent/Guardian and the eligible student's request to amend the student record is further denied following the hearing, the Parent/Guardian or the eligible student are informed that they have a right to place an explanatory letter in the student record commenting on the school district's decision or setting forth the reasoning for disagreeing with the school district. Additions to the student's records will become a part of the student record and be maintained like other student records. If the school district discloses the student records, the explanation by the Parent/Guardian will also be disclosed.~~

Education ~~Student~~ records may be disclosed in limited circumstances without Parent/Guardian or eligible student's written permission. This disclosure is made on the condition that the ~~education student~~ record will not be disclosed to a third party without the written permission of the Parent/Guardian or the eligible student. This disclosure may be made ~~to the following individuals or under the following circumstances:~~

- to school officials within the school district and AEA personnel whom the superintendent has determined to have a legitimate educational interest, including, but not limited to, board members, employees, school attorney, auditor, health professionals, and individuals serving on official school committees;
- to officials of another school district in which the student wishes to enroll, provided the other school district notifies the Parent/Guardian the ~~education student~~ records are being sent and the Parent/Guardian have an opportunity to receive a copy of the records and challenge the contents of the records unless the annual notification includes a provision that records will automatically be transferred to new school districts;
- to the U.S. Comptroller General, the U.S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education or state and local educational authorities;
- in connection with a student's application for, or receipt of, financial aid; ~~in connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received if the information is necessary to receive the financial aid;~~
- to organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, educational agencies or institutions for the purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs and improving instruction, if such studies are conducted in such a manner as will not permit the personal identification of students and their parents by persons other than representatives of such organizations and such information will be destroyed when no longer needed for the purpose for which it was conducted; ~~to organizations conducting educational studies and the study does not release personally identifiable information;~~
- to accrediting organizations;
- to Parent/Guardian of a dependent student as defined in the Internal Revenue Code;
- to comply with a court order or judicially issued subpoena;
- in connection with a health or safety emergency; ~~or~~
- as directory information
- ~~in additional instances as provided by law.~~

The superintendent will keep a list of the individuals and their positions who are authorized to view a special education student's **education** records without the permission of the Parent/Guardian or the eligible student. Individuals not listed are not allowed access without Parent/Guardian or an eligible student's written permission. This list must be current and available for public inspection and updated as changes occur.

The superintendent will also keep a list of individuals, agencies and organizations which have requested or obtained access to a student's **education** records, the date access was given and their legitimate educational interest or purpose for which they were authorized to view the records. The superintendent, however, does not need to keep a list of the Parent/Guardian, authorized educational employees, officers and agencies of the school district who have accessed the student's **education** records. This list for an **education student** record may be accessed by the Parent/Guardian, the eligible student and the custodian of **education student** records.

Permanent **education student** records, including a student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed and year completed may be maintained without time limitation. Permanent **education student** records will be kept in a fire-safe vault **or they may be maintained electronically with a secure backup file.**

When personally identifiable information, other than permanent **education student** records, **is no longer needed to be maintained by the school district** to provide educational services to a special education student, the Parent/Guardian or eligible student are notified. This notice is normally given after a student graduates or otherwise leaves the school district. If the Parent/Guardian or eligible student request that the personally identifiable information be destroyed, the school district will destroy the records, **except for permanent records.** Prior to the destruction of the records, the school district must inform the Parent/Guardian or eligible student the records may be needed by the Parent/Guardian or eligible student for social security benefits or other purposes. **For purposes of policy, "no longer needed to provide educational services" means that a record is no longer relevant to the provision of instruction, support, or related services and it is no longer needed for accountability and audit purposes. At a minimum, a record needed for accountability and audit purposes must be retained for five years after completion of the activity for which funds were used.**

The school district will provide training or instruction to employees about Parent/Guardian and eligible students' rights under this policy. Employees will also be informed about the procedures for carrying out this policy.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to annually notify Parent/Guardian and eligible students of their right to:

- inspect and review the student's **education** records;
- See amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights;
- Consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the law authorizes disclosure without consent; and
- File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the law.

The notice is given in a Parent/Guardian or eligible student's native language. Should the school district collect personal information from students for the purposes of marketing or selling that information, the school district will annually notify Parent/Guardian of such activity.

The notice will include a statement that the Parent/Guardian have a right to file a complaint alleging the school district failed to comply with this policy. Complaints are forwarded to [Family Policy Compliance Office](#), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, Washington, DC. 20202-85204605.

Legal Reference: ~~No Child Left Behind, Title IX, Sec. 9528, P.L.107-110 (2002).~~
~~USA Patriot Act, Sec. 507, P.L. 107-56. (2001).~~
20 U.S.C. § 1232g, 1415 (2012).
34 C.F.R. Pt. 99, 300, .610 *et seq.* (2012).
Iowa Code §§ 22; 279.9B, 280.24, .25, 622.10 (2013).
281 I.A.C. 12.3(4); 41; .610 *et seq.*
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USE OF STUDENT RECORDS REGULATION

~~Student records are all official records, files, and data directly related to students, including all material incorporated into each student's cumulative record folder and intended for school use or to be available to parties outside the school or school system specifically including, but not necessarily limited to: dates of attendance; academic work completed; level of achievement (grades, standardized test scores); attendance data; scores on standardized intelligence, aptitude, and psychological tests; interest inventory results; health data; family background information; teacher or counselor ratings and observations; and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.~~

~~The intent of this regulation is to establish procedures for granting requests from parents for access to their child's records, use of the data, and procedures for its transmittal within forty-five calendar days.~~

A. Access to Records

~~1. The parent or legal guardian of a student will have access to these records upon written request to the board secretary.~~

~~The parent or legal guardian will, upon written request to the board secretary, have the opportunity to receive an interpretation of the records, have the right to question the data, and, if a difference of opinion is noted, is permitted to file a letter in the cumulative folder stating the dissenting person's position. If further challenge is made to the record, the normal appeal procedures established by school policy will be followed.~~

~~A student, eighteen years or older, has the right to determine who, outside the school system, has access to the records. Parents of students who are 18 years or older but still dependents for income tax purposes may access the student's records without prior permission of the student.~~

~~2. School officials having access to student records are defined as having a legitimate educational interest. A school official is a person employed by the school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, AEA employee, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee or student assistance team, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.~~

B. Release of Information Outside the School

~~1. To release student records to other school(s) in which the student intends to enroll, the parents, legal guardian, or eligible student must be notified of the transfer and the kinds of information being released unless the school district annually notifies parents that the records will be sent automatically.~~

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- ~~2. Student records may be released to official education and other government agencies only if allowed by state or federal law.~~
- ~~3. To release student records to other persons or agencies, written consent is given by the parent, legal guardian, or a student of majority age. This consent form will state which records are released, to whom they are released, and the reason for the release. A copy of the specific records being released will be made available to the person signing the release form if requested.~~
- ~~4. Before furnishing student records in compliance with judicial orders or pursuant to any lawfully issued subpoena, the school district will make a reasonable attempt to notify the parents, legal guardian, or eligible student are notified in advance.~~

Hearing Procedures

- ~~1. Upon parental/guardian request, the school district will hold a hearing regarding the content of a student's records which the parent believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy rights of students.~~
- ~~2. The hearing will be held within a reasonable time after receipt of the parent or eligible student's request. The parent or eligible student will receive reasonable advance notice of date, time and place of the hearing.~~
- ~~3. The hearing officer may be an employee of the school district so long as the employee does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing.~~
- ~~4. The parent/guardian or eligible student will be given a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues. The parent or eligible student may be represented by an individual at their choice at their own expense.~~
- ~~5. The hearing officer will render a written decision within a reasonable period after the hearing. The decision will be based upon evidence presented at the hearing and must include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision.~~
- ~~6. The parent/guardian may appeal the hearing officers decision to the superintendent within 10 days if the superintendent does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing.~~
- ~~7. The parent/guardian may appeal the superintendent's decision, or the hearing officers decision if the superintendent was unable to hear the appeal, to the board within 10 days. It is within the discretion of the board to hear the appeal.~~

USE OF STUDENT RECORDS REGULATION

Parents and eligible students will have a right to access a student's education records upon request without unnecessary delay and in no instance more than forty-five calendar days after the request is made. The intent of this regulation is to establish procedures for granting requests from eligible students and parents to access a student's education records.

Education records mean those records that contain information directly related to a student and which are maintained by an education agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution. These may include, but are not necessarily limited to: dates of attendance; academic work completed; level of achievement (grades, standardized test scores); attendance data; scores on standardized intelligence, aptitude, and psychological tests; interest inventory results; health data; family background information; teacher or counselor ratings and observations; and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.

A. Access to Records

1. Parents, eligible students, and other individuals authorized in accordance with law will have access to the student's education records during the regular business hours of the school district. Parents and eligible students will have a right to access the student's education records upon request without unnecessary delay and in no instance more than forty-five calendar days after the request is made. An eligible student or parent, upon written request to the board secretary, shall receive an explanation and interpretation of the education records. A student, eighteen years or older, has the right to determine who, outside the school system, has access to the records. Parents of students who are 18 years or older but still dependents for income tax purposes may access the student's records without prior permission of the student.
2. [School officials having access to student records are defined as those having a legitimate educational interest.] A school official is a person employed by the school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, AEA employee, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee or student assistance team, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

B. Release of Information Outside the School – Information from education records may be disclosed to outside parties as outlined in board policy and otherwise provided by law.

C. Procedures for Requesting a Record Amendment

1. If the eligible student, parent, or legal guardian believe the information in the education records is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy of the student, the parents or an eligible student may request that the school district amend the education student records.
2. The school district will decide whether to amend the education student records within a reasonable time after receipt of the request.
3. If the school district determines an amendment is made to the education student record, the school district will make the amendment and inform the parents or the eligible student of the decision in writing.
4. If the school district determines that amendment of the student's education record is not appropriate, it will inform the parents or the eligible student of their right to a hearing before the hearing officer provided by the school district. The hearing officer may be an employee of

the school district, so long as the employee does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing.

5. Upon parental request, the school district will hold a hearing regarding the content of a student's education records which the parent believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy rights of students.
6. The hearing will be held within a reasonable time after receipt of the parent or eligible student's request. The parent or eligible student will receive reasonable advance notice of date, time and place of the hearing.
7. The parents or eligible student will be given a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues. The parent or eligible student may be represented by an individual at their choice at their own expense.

8. The hearing officer will render a written decision within a reasonable period after the hearing. The decision will be based upon evidence presented at the hearing and must include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision.
9. The parents may appeal the hearing officer's decision to the superintendent within *ten (10)* school days if the superintendent does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing.
10. The parents may appeal the superintendent's decision or the hearing officer's decision if the superintendent was unable to hear the appeal, to the board within ten (10) school days. It is within the discretion of the board to hear the appeal.
11. If the parents' and the eligible student's request to amend the education student record is further denied following the hearing, the parents or the eligible student are informed that they have a right to place an explanatory letter in the education student record commenting on the school district's decision or setting forth the reasoning for disagreeing with the school district. Additions to the student's education records will become a part of the education student record and be maintained like other education student records. If the school district discloses the education student records, the explanation by the parents will also be disclosed or the eligible student of the decision in writing.

Approved 8/17/15
Revised _____

REQUEST OF NONPARENT FOR EXAMINATION OR COPIES OF EDUCATION STUDENT RECORDS

The undersigned hereby requests permission to examine the Anamosa Community School District's official education student records of:

(Legal Name of Student)

(Date of Birth)

The undersigned requests copies of the following official education student records of the above student:

The undersigned certifies that they are (check one):

- (a) An official of another school system in which the student intends to enroll. ()
- (b) An authorized representative of the Comptroller General of the United States. ()
- (c) An authorized representative of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education or U.S. Attorney General ()
- (d) A state or local official to whom such is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed. An administrative head of an education agency as defined in Section 408 of the Education Amendments of 1974. ()
- (e) An official of the Iowa Department of Education. (—)
- (f) A person connected with the student's application for, or receipt of, financial aid (SPECIFY DETAILS ABOVE.) ()
- [(g) A representative of a juvenile justice agency with which the school district has an interagency agreement.] ()

The undersigned agrees that the information obtained will only be redisclosed consistent with state or federal law without the written permission of the parents of the student, or the student if the student is of majority age.

(Signature)

(Title)

(Agency)

APPROVED:

Signature: _____
Title: _____
Dated: _____

Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone Number: _____

Approved 8/17/15
Revised _____

REQUEST FOR HEARING ON CORRECTION OF ~~EDUCATION STUDENT~~ RECORDS

To: _____ Address: _____
Board Secretary (Custodian)

I believe certain official ~~education student~~ records of my child, _____, (full legal name of student), _____ (school name), are inaccurate, misleading or in violation of privacy rights of my child.

The official education records which I believe are inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the privacy or other rights of my child are:

The reason I believe such records are inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the privacy or other rights of my child is:

My relationship to the child is: _____

I understand that I will be notified in writing of the time and place of the hearing; that I will be notified in writing of the decision; and I have the right to appeal the decision by so notifying the hearing officer in writing within ten days after my receipt of the decision or a right to place a statement in my child's record stating I disagree with the decision and why.

(Signature)

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number: _____

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REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION OF EDUCATION STUDENT RECORDS

To: _____ Address: _____
Board Secretary (Custodian)

The undersigned desires to examine the following official education records.

of _____ , _____ (Grade)
(Full Legal Name of Student) (Date of Birth)

(Name of School)

My relationship to the student is: _____

(check one)
 I do
 I do not

desire a copy of such records. I understand that a reasonable charge may be made for the copies.

(Parent's Signature)

APPROVED: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Signature: _____ City: _____
Title: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____
Dated: _____ Phone Number: _____

NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER OF EDUCATION STUDENT RECORDS

To: _____ Date: _____
Parent/or Guardian

Street Address: _____
City/State _____ ZIP: _____

Please be notified that copies of the Anamosa Community School District's official education student records concerning _____, (full legal name of student) have been transferred to:

_____ School District Name _____ Address

upon the written statement that the student intends to enroll in said school system.

If you desire a copy of such records furnished, please check here _____ and return this form to the undersigned. A reasonable charge will be made for the copies.

If you believe such records transferred are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student, you have the right to a hearing to challenge the contents of such records.

(Name)

(Title)

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LETTER TO PARENT/GUARDIAN REGARDING RECEIPT OF A SUBPOENA

Date

Dear (Parent/Guardian) :

This letter is to notify you that the Anamosa Community School District has received a (subpoena or court order) requesting copies of your child's ~~education~~ permanent records. The specific records requested are _____.

The school district has until (date on subpoena or court order) to deliver the documents to (requesting party on subpoena or court order). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (phone #).

Sincerely,

(Principal or Superintendent)

Approved 8/17/15
Revised _____

ANNUAL NOTICE

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

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the district receives a request for access.

Parents/guardians or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal (or appropriate school official) will make arrangements for access and notify the parent/guardian or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent/guardian or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading or in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents/guardians or eligible students who wish to ask the ~~may ask the~~ school district to amend a record ~~that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They~~ should write the school principal (or appropriate school official), clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it ~~should be changed is inaccurate or misleading.~~

If the district decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent/guardian or eligible student, the district will notify the parent/guardian or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent/guardian or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; ~~a school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of personally identifiable information from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist; person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, AEA employees, medical consultant, or therapist); or~~ a parent/guardian or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee or student assistance team, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

- ~~(4) The right to inform the school district that the parent does not want directory information, as defined below, to be released. Directory information can be released without prior parental consent~~

ANNUAL NOTICE

~~Any student over the age of eighteen or parent/guardian not wanting this information released to the public must make object in writing by September 15 to the principal. The objection needs to be renewed annually.~~

- ~~• Student's name~~
- ~~• Grade level~~
- ~~• Participation in officially recognized activities and sports~~
- ~~• Weight and height of members of athletic teams~~
- ~~• Dates of attendance~~
- ~~• Degrees and awards received~~
- ~~• The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student~~
- ~~• Photograph and other likeness~~

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

Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education,
400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, DC, 20202-4605.

Approved _____
Revised _____

JUVENILE JUSTICE AGENCY INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of this Agreement is to allow for the sharing of information among the School District and the Agencies prior to a student's adjudication in order to promote and collaborate to improve school safety, reduce alcohol and illegal drug use, reduce truancy, reduce in-school and out-of-school suspensions, and to support alternatives to in-school and out-of-school suspensions and expulsions which provide structured and well supervised educational programs supplemented by coordinated and appropriate services designed to correct behaviors that lead to truancy, suspension, and expulsions and to support students in successfully completing their education.

Identification of Agencies: This agreement is between the Anamosa Community School District (hereinafter "School District") and (agencies listed) (hereinafter "Agencies").

Statutory Authority: This agreement implements Iowa Code § 280.25 and is consistent with 34 C.F.R. 99.38 (2012).

Parameters of Information Exchange:

1. The School District may share any information with the Agencies contained in a student's permanent record which is directly related to the juvenile justice system's ability to effectively serve the student.
2. Prior to adjudication information contained in the permanent record may be disclosed by the school district to the Agencies without parental consent or court order.
3. Information contained in a student's permanent record may be disclosed by the School District to the Agencies after adjudication only with parental consent or a court order.
4. Information shared pursuant to the agreement is used solely for determining the programs and services appropriate to the needs of the student or student's family or coordinating the delivery of programs and services to the student or student's family.
5. Information shared under the agreement is not admissible in any court proceedings which take place prior to a disposition hearing, unless written consent is obtained from a student's parent, guardian, or legal or actual custodian.
6. Information obtained by the school from other juvenile justice agencies may not be used as the basis for disciplinary action of the student.
7. This agreement only governs a school district's ability to share information and the purposes for which that information can be used. Other agencies are bound by their own respective confidentiality policies.

Records' Transmission: The individual requesting the information should contact the principal of the building in which the student is currently enrolled or was enrolled. The principal will forward the records within a reasonable time following receipt of the request.

Confidentiality: Confidential information shared between the Agencies and the school district will remain confidential and will not be shared with any other person, unless otherwise provided by law. Information shared under the agreement is not admissible in any court proceedings which take place prior to a disposition hearing, unless written consent is obtained from a student's parent. Agencies or individuals violating the terms of this agreement subject their entity represented and themselves personally to legal action pursuant to federal and state law.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AGENCY INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

Amendments: This agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the agencies with respect to information sharing. Agencies may be added to this agreement at the discretion of the school district.

Term: This agreement is effective from insert date.

Termination: The Anamosa School District may discontinue information sharing with an Agency if the Anamosa School District determines that the Agency has violated the intent or letter of this Agreement.

APPROVED:

Signature: _____ Address: _____
Title: _____ City: _____
Agency: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____
Dated: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Address: _____
Title: _____ City: _____
Agency: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____
Dated: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Address: _____
Title: _____ City: _____
Agency: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____
Dated: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Address: _____
Title: _____ City: _____
Agency: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____
Dated: _____ Phone Number: _____

Note: This agreement is optional and can only be used if the board has adopted a policy approving of its use.

Approved _____

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

~~Student directory information is designed to be used internally within the school district. Directory information is defined in the annual notice. It may include the student's name, grade level, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, photograph and other likeness, and other similar information. Student is defined as an enrolled individual, PK-12 including children in school district sponsored child-care programs.~~

Directory information is information contained in the education records of a student that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. The district may disclose "directory information" to third parties without consent if it has given public notice of the types of information which it has designated as "directory information," the parent's or eligible student's rights to restrict the disclosure of such information, and the period of time within which a parent or eligible student has to notify the school in writing that he or she does not want any or all of those types of information designated as directory information." The district has designated the following as directory information":

- Student's name
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of member of athletic teams
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received
- The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student
- Photograph and other likeness
- Other similar information

Prior to developing a student directory or to giving general information to the public, parents (including parents of students open enrolled out of the school district and parents of children home schooled in the school district) will be given notice annually of the intent to develop a directory or to give out general information and have the opportunity to deny the inclusion of their child's information in the directory or in the general information about the students.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to provide notice and to determine the method of notice that will inform parents.

Legal Reference:

20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2012).

Iowa Code § 22; 622.10 (2013).

281 I.A.C. 12.3(4); 41.123.

1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 720.

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Revised 3/7/11
Reviewed 6/20/11
Revised 1/13/14
Revised 8/17/15
Revised _____

USE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Anamosa School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Anamosa School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Anamosa School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and,
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want the Anamosa School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior consent, you must notify the District as part of electronic e-registration on the parent permissions page *or* in writing to the school office your child attends by *September 15*. Anamosa Community School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received
- The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student
- Photograph and other likeness

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 Revised 3/7/11
 Reviewed 6/20/11
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 Revised 8/17/15
 Reviewed _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASING STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Anamosa Community School District has adopted a policy designed to assure parents and students the full implementation, protection and enjoyment of their rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). A copy of the school district's policy is available for review in the District Office at 200 S. Garnavillo St., Anamosa, IA 52205 in the office of the principal of all of our schools.

This law requires the school district to designate as "directory information" any personally identifiable information taken from a student's educational records prior to making such information available to the public.

The school district has designated the following information as directory information: ~~student's name, grade level, participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; dates of attendance; degrees and awards received; and the most recent previous educational institution attended by the student; photograph and other likeness and other similar information.~~

- Student's name
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of member of athletic teams
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received
- The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student
- Photograph and other likeness
- Other similar information

You have the right to refuse the designation of any or all of the categories of personally identifiable information as directory information with respect to your student provided that you notify the school district in writing not later than September 15 of this school year. If you desire to make such a refusal, please complete and return the slip attached to this notice.

If you have no objection to the use of student information, you do not need to take any action.

RETURN THIS FORM

 Anamosa Community School District Parent/Guardian Directions to
Withhold Student/Directory Information for Education Purposes, for 20__ - 20__ school year.

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian/Custodian of Child)

(Date)

This form must be returned to your child's school no later than September 15 of the current school year. Additional forms are available at your child's school.

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Revised 1/13/14
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STUDENT TESTING PROGRAM

Policy: A comprehensive testing program is established and maintained to evaluate the education program of the school district and to assist in providing guidance or counseling services to students and their families.

No student is required, as part of any applicable program, **funded by the United States Department of Education**, to submit to a survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parents/guardians;
- mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- sex behavior or attitudes;
- illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- legally recognized, privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
- religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parents/guardians; or
- income, (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Without the prior consent of the student (if the student is an adult or emancipated minor), or in the case of an unemancipated minor, without the prior written consent of the parent.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

It is the responsibility of the board to review and approve the evaluation and testing program.

Legal Reference: ~~No Child Left Behind, Title II, Sec. 1061, P.L. 107-110 (2002).~~
 ~~Goals 2000: Educate America Act, Pub. L. No. 103-227, 108 Stat. 125 (1994).~~
 20 U.S.C. § 1232h ~~(2012).~~
 Iowa Code §§ 280.3; ~~(2013).~~

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Revised 6/20/11
Revised 9/21/15
Revised _____

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Purpose: To provide education and support for homeless children and youth.

Policy: The board will make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children and youth of school age within the district, encourage their enrollment and eliminate existing barriers to their receiving an education which may exist in district policies or practices. The designated coordinator for identification of homeless children and for tracking and monitoring programs and activities for these children is the Strawberry Hill Elementary Principal.

“Homeless children and youth” means individuals from age three through age 21 who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth who are:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- abandoned in hospitals;
- awaiting foster care placement;
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings;
- children and youth 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;
- migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described in this definition.

Incarcerated children and youth and children and youth in foster care are not considered homeless.

The elementary principal shall serve as the District’s liaison for homeless children and youth. The liaison shall ensure that:

- homeless children and youth are identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- homeless children and youth enroll in school and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school;
- homeless children and youth receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start and preschool programs administered by the District, and referrals to health, mental health, dental, and other appropriate services;
- parents/guardians of homeless children and youth are informed of available educational and related opportunities provided to their children and of the opportunities for the parents/guardians to participate in the education of their children;
- the District disseminates public notices in places in which homeless children and youth receive services of their educational rights;

- the District informs parents/guardians, and unaccompanied youth of transportation services, including to and from the school of origin, and provides assistance in accessing the transportation to school;
- enrollment disputes are properly mediated.

The liaison shall also assist parents/guardians, and unaccompanied youth in enrolling in school and accessing school services, obtaining student records, arranging for immunizations, and shall help to coordinate transportation services.

Immunization Records. A homeless child or youth will not be denied enrollment for lack of immunization records if the child is transferring from another school and the school confirms the presence of the immunization record. The District liaison will make a reasonable effort to locate immunization records from the information provided or will arrange for the student to receive immunizations.

Student Records. Homeless children and youth transferring into the District may provide student records directly to the District. The District will not require that the records be forwarded from another district or school before the child may enroll. The District will then request the student's records from the previous district or school attended by the student. Homeless children and youth transferring out of the District may be provided directly copies of student records to take with them.

Waiver of School Fees. School fees shall be waived in accordance with the District's policy on waiver of fees or if necessary for the homeless child or youth to obtain equal access to a free public education. The District liaison shall also assist students in accessing resources for appropriate school clothing.

Free and Reduced-Price Meals. The application process for free and reduced price meals shall be expedited for homeless children and youth. The District may determine if a student is homeless and requires free meals without completing the full application process.

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Reviewed _____

MEAL CHARGES

In accordance with state and federal law, the Anamosa Community School District adopts the following policy to ensure school district employees, families, and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges. The policy seeks to allow students to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day, prevent the overt identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals, and maintain the financial integrity of the nonprofit school nutrition program.

Payment of Meals

Students have use of a meal account.

- *When the balance reaches \$0.00 a student may charge no more than \$10.00 to this account.*
- *When an account reaches the \$10.00 limit, the student will not be allowed to charge a reimbursable meal*
 - *The student will be provided an alternate meal (sandwich, choice of fruit or vegetable, and milk) that will be charged to their account (\$1.50/meal) until the negative balance is paid or a repayment plan has been arranged and is being followed.*
- *When a balance is \$0.00 or below a student will not be allowed to charge additional ala carte items.*

Money may be added to a student's account by paying at the school office or electronically through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Students who qualify for free meals shall never be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from previous purchases.

Students with outstanding meal charge debt shall be allowed to purchase a meal if the student pays for the meal when it is received.

Employees have use of a meal account, but will not be allowed to charge meals or a la carte items. An employee must have sufficient funds or cash to make a purchase.

Negative Account Balances

The school district will make reasonable efforts to notify families when meal account balances are low. Additionally, the school district will make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges classified as delinquent debt.

The school district will coordinate communications with families to resolve the matter of unpaid charges. Families will be notified of an outstanding negative balance once the negative balance reaches \$10.00. Families will be notified by *the district's automated calling system and/or letters sent home.*

Negative balances of more than \$50.00, not having an agreed upon repayment plan, not paid prior to *the end of the quarter* will be turned over to the superintendent or superintendent's designee for collection. Options may include: collection agencies, small claims court, or any other legal method permitted by law.

MEAL CHARGES

Communication of the Policy

The policy and supporting information regarding meal charges shall be provided in writing to:

- All households at or before the start of each school year;
- Students and families who transfer into the district, at time of transfer; and
- All staff responsible for enforcing any aspect of the policy.

Records of how and when the policy and supporting information was communicated to households and staff will be retained.

The superintendent may develop an administrative process to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 *et seq.*

7 C.F.R. §§ 210 *et seq.*

U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SP 46-2016, UNPAID MEAL CHARGES: LOCAL MEAL CHARGE POLICIES (2016).

U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SP 47-2016, UNPAID MEAL CHARGES: CLARIFICATION ON COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT MEAL PAYMENTS (2016).

U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SP 57-2016, UNPAID MEAL CHARGES: GUIDANCE AND Q&A (2016).

Iowa Code 283A.

281 I.A.C. 58.

Approved _____

Community Funds to Support Student Meals

The Anamosa Community School District Nutrition Services Director may accept monetary gifts on behalf of the district from individuals and groups/organizations wishing to support students and families who are experiencing financial hardships.

Once given to the Nutrition Services Department, the funds will be used by the district to address student meal and milk needs as it deems appropriate.

Generally, these funds, if available, will be used in cases where:

- Parents/Guardians have demonstrated the need for additional support and the desire to commit to establishing a plan to bring the delinquent account(s) current.
- The district has sought debt collection and after 6 months has been unable to obtain complete financial relief.

Parents/Guardians will be required to acknowledge that these funds will be applied to the account(s)

The district reserves the sole right to determine access to these funds based on need and parental/guardian cooperation.

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FINANCIAL RECORDS

Policy: Financial records of the school district are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as required or modified by law. School district monies are received and expended from the appropriate fund and/or account. The funds and accounts of the school district will include, but not be limited to:

Governmental fund type:

- General fund
- Special revenue fund
 - Management levy fund
 - ~~Physical plant and equipment levy fund~~
 - Public education and recreation levy fund
 - Student activity fund
- Capital projects fund
 - Physical plant and equipment levy fund (PPEL)
 - Secure an Advance Vision for Education (Save)
- Debt service fund

Proprietary fund type:

- Enterprise fund
 - School nutrition fund
 - Child care fund
- Internal service fund

Fiduciary funds:

- ~~Trust or agency funds~~
 - Expendable trust funds
 - Nonexpendable trust funds
 - ~~Agency funds~~
 - Pension trust funds
- ~~Agency funds~~

Account Groups

- General capital assets account group
- General long-term debt account group

~~As necessary the board may create additional funds within the governmental, proprietary and fiduciary fund types.~~

The general fund is used primarily for the education program. Special revenue funds are used to account for monies restricted to a specific use by law. (~~Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to acquire or construct major capital facilities (other than those of proprietary funds and trust fund) and to account for revenues from SAVE.~~) A debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest. Proprietary funds account for operations of the school district operated similar to private business, ~~and~~ or they account for the costs of providing goods and services provided by one department to other departments on a cost reimbursement basis. Fiduciary funds are used to account for monies or assets held by the school district on behalf of, or in trust for, another entity. The account groups are the accounting records for capital assets and long-term debt. ~~It is the responsibility of the superintendent to implement this policy and bring necessary changes in the maintenance of the school district's financial records to the attention of the board.~~

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