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CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Policy Committee

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 SAU Board Room 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

School Board Committee Members:

- Keira Christian
- Katherine Heck
- Janine Lesser
- Kevin Pobst
- Stephen Ullman
- 1. Call to order
- 2. Approval of the minutes from June 15, 2021
- 3. Policy Review
 - JICFA Hazing
 - a. Legal review complete
 - JICL- Internet Safety and Responsible use for Students
 - GBEF- Acceptable use Policy : Staff
 - JRA- Students records. Privacy , Family, Student Rights
 - DKA- Payroll and Procedures
 - CBI Evaluation of the Superintendent and Goal Setting
 - b. Sub-Committee Update
 - Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (If Required)
- 4. Policy status update:
 - JICD-Student Behavior, Conduct, Discipline and Due Process
 - o Comments submitted for legal review
 - "J" Student Discipline Policies
 - JI/JIA/JIC/JICD
 - IHCD/LEB Advanced Course Work- Adopted 2015- LCC- Dual Enrollment-Adopted 2017
 - o Under review by district personnel, then Equity Committee will review.
- 5. Review completed by District personnel:
 - JLCL -Concussions and Head injuries
 - EBCF Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies
 - JLCE Emergency Care and First Aid
 - EBCG- Communicable and Infectious Diseases
 - JLCG- Exclusion of Students Who Present a Hazard

Next Agenda Items:

- "D" Financial Policy Review Schedule
 - o **DN**-School Properties Disposal Procedure

Requests for Policy Review:

- IMC Controversial Speakers and Programs
- LC Relations with Education Research Agencies
- JBAB -Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students

JICFA -Hazing Proposed 6/15/21 (Updated at 6/15/21 Policy Committee Meeting, Reviewed by Legal 6/24/21 with changes below)

This District does not permit or condone student hazing. It is the policy of the District that no student organization, or any person associated with any organization sanctioned by the District shall engage or participate in hazing.

For the purposes of this policy, student hazing is defined as any act directed toward a student, or any coercion or intimidation of a student to act or to participate in or submit to any act, when:

- (1) Such act is likely or would be perceived by a reasonable person as likely, to cause physical or psychological injury to any person; and
- (2) Such act is a condition of initiation into, admission into, or continued membership or association with any DistrictSchool Board sanctioned organization.

"Student hazing" includes, but is not limited to, an activity which recklessly or intentionally endangers the physical or psychological health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, or affiliation with any organization sanctioned by the District.

Any student hazing activity shall be presumed to be a forced activity, even if the student willingly participates in such activity.

Students or employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action which may include expulsion for students and employment termination for employees. Depending on the nature of student hazing, it may also warrant an investigation under the District's Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Act Policy JICK, (Anti-bullying Policy) and/or the District's antidiscrimination policies.

The Superintendent shall take reasonable measures within the scope of the District's authority to prevent student hazing. All hazing reported to the District, or which any District staff member has knowledge, of shall be promptly reported to law enforcement, as required by RSA 631:7, Student Hazing.

It is the policy of the District that no student or employee of the District shall participate in or be a member of any secret fraternity or secret organization that is directly related to a District school or to any District school activity.

A copy of this policy will be furnished to each student and teacher in the School District, including being printed in the student handbook.

Legal Reference:

RSA 631:7, Student Hazing

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(7), Student Hazing See also Policy JICK

Revised: September 2017

It is the policy of the District that no student or employee of the District shall participate in or be a member of any secret organization that is in any degree related to the school or to a school activity. No student organization or any person associated with any organization sanctioned by the School Board shall engage or participate in hazing.

For the purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as an activity that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization sanctioned or authorized by the School Board.

"Endanger the physical health" shall include, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping; beating; branding; forced calisthenics; exposure to the elements; forced consumption of any food, alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled dangerous substance; or any forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual.

"Endanger the mental health" shall include any activity that would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as prolonged sleep deprivation, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual.

Any hazing activity shall be presumed to be a forced activity, even if the individual willingly participates in such activity. Parents will be notified of students' participation in hazing activities.

This policy is not intended to deprive School District authorities from taking necessary and appropriate disciplinary action toward any student or employee. Students or employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action that may include expulsion for students and employment termination for employees. Students receiving special education services will

be disciplined in accordance with the student's IEP and all applicable provisions of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A copy of this policy will be furnished to each student and teacher in the school district.

Legal Reference:

RSA 631:7, Student Hazing

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(7), Student Hazing RSA 193:13, Suspension & Expulsion of Pupils

Category: P

1st Read: September 7, 2010

2nd Read: March 15, 2011 Adopted: March 15, 2011

JICL- Internet Safety and Responsible Use for Students

- Possible Revisions
 - Clarifying steps students should take to keep personally identifiable information private and secure

Overview

The ConVal School District provides its students access to a multitude of technology resources. These resources provide opportunities to enhance learning and improve communication within our education community and with the global community beyond our campus. However, with the privilege of access is the responsibility of students to exercise appropriate personal responsibility in their use of these resources.

The ConVal School District policies are intended to promote the most effective, safe, productive, and instructionally sound uses of networked information and communication tools, including preventing unauthorized disclosure of, or access to, information protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The District also makes a good faith effort to protect its students from exposure to Internet materials that are harmful, obscene, violent, or otherwise inappropriate. The District maintains an Internet content filtering system that meets federal standards established in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) by blocking access to inappropriate material on the Internet and ensuring the safety and security of minors when using email, social media, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Digital Citizenship

The ConVal School District provides information and technology resources for use in safe, legal, and responsible ways. A responsible digital citizen is one who:

- Respects one's self. Users will use online names that are issued to them, and will carefully consider the appropriateness of any information and images that are posted online.
- Respects others. Users will refrain from using technologies to bully, tease, or harass other people. Users will not masquerade using a false identity or impersonate others.
- 3. Protects one's self and others. Users will protect themselves and others by using secure passwords, logging out of a computer when finished, not sharing passwords with others, and by reporting abuse and not forwarding inappropriate materials or communications.
- 4. Respects and protects intellectual property. Users will suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media, etc., and will request to use the software and media others have produced.

- 5. Respects the District's technology equipment, network, and resources. Users will avoid bandwidth-intensive tasks, the transfer of unnecessarily large files, and the submission of multiple copies of the same print job to a printer. Users are prohibited from attempting to install or download software onto District-owned computers.
- Protects the conval.edu and cvsd.me domains from inappropriate use. Users will
 use District-provided accounts and subscriptions for school work only. Users will
 respect filters and other security systems and not attempt to defeat them.

To help ensure student safety and citizenship in online activities, all students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and about cyberbullying awareness and response.

Expectations

Responsible use of the District's technology resources is expected to be ethical, respectful, academically honest, and supportive of the School District's mission. Each computer user has the responsibility to respect every other person in our community and on the Internet. Digital storage and electronic devices used for school purposes are viewed as extensions of the physical school space. Administrators, or their designees, may review files and communications (including electronic mail) to ensure that users are using the system in accordance with District policy. Users do not have any expectation of privacy of any information stored on servers or transmitted through District communication systems. Users should also understand that school servers, as well as non-school servers, regularly record Internet activity in log files and that, if requested under New Hampshire's "Right to Know" law (RSA 91-A: Access to Public Records and Meetings), the District must provide this information.

Some activities are expressly prohibited by law. Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. The following guidelines are intended to clarify expectations for conduct, but they should not be construed as all-inclusive:

- 1. Use of electronic devices should be consistent with the District's educational objectives, mission, and curriculum.
- 2. Transmission of any material in violation of any local, federal, and state laws is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, licensed material, threatening or obscene material, and unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information of minors.
- 3. Intentional or unintentional use of computing resources to access or process proxy sites, pornographic material, explicit text or files, material that is demeaning or degrading, content that is violent or harmful to minors, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network are strictly prohibited.
- 4. Use of computing resources for commercial activities, product advertisement, or religious or political lobbying is prohibited.

- Users may be held personally and financially responsible for damage done to network software, data, user accounts, hardware, and/or unauthorized costs incurred.
- 6. Files stored on District-managed networks may be inspected at any time and should not be considered private.
- 7. Protects the conval.edu and cvsd.me domains from inappropriate use. Users will use District-provided accounts and subscriptions for school work only. Users will respect filters and other security systems and not attempt to defeat them.

The School District reserves the right to refuse access to the Internet to anyone. Violating any portion of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal from school, and/or legal action. The School District will cooperate with law enforcement officers in investigations related to illegal activities conducted through its network.

Jurisdiction

This policy is in effect:

- When CVSD-provided equipment (laptops, tablets, etc.) is used on or off school property;
- When non-CVSD devices access the District's network or District resources in school or out of school if the use creates

a hostile environment at school for any student/employee and/or cause disruption or disorder within a school.

Legal References:

U.S. Pub. L. No. 106-554, Children's Internet Protection Act (www.ifea.net/cipa.html)

U.S. Pub. L. 105-277, 112 Stat. 2581-728, enacted October 21, 1998, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA) (15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6506)

NH RSA 194:3-d, School District Computer Networks.

Category: P

See also EHAA

First Read: May 1, 2018

Second Read: May 15, 2018

Adopted: May 15, 2018

GBEF - Acceptable Use Policy: Staff

CURRENT CV POLICY

- Possible Revisions
 - Clarify responsibilities related to collecting, maintaining, and securing student and staff data
 - Clarify responsibility to immediately report if there is reason to believe confidential information has been disclosed to an unauthorized person
 - Clarify responsibilities related to researching and using online services or applications

GBEF - Acceptable Use Policy: Staff

- 1. For purposes of this policy, the term "staff" refers to Contoocook Valley School District employees, including administrative staff, teachers, paraprofessionals, maintenance personnel, food services employees, student teachers, methods students, interns, contracted service personnel, and any volunteers working within the school district.
- 2. It is the responsibility of the individual staff member to familiarize him/herself with and abide by the rules of this Acceptable Use Policy, any applicable Staff Handbook, and all other relevant school policies.

Introduction

- 1. Pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 194:3-d and the guidelines issued by the New Hampshire Department of Education, this Acceptable Use Policy shall serve as a statement on the appropriate use of the technology resources available to all staff of the school district.
- 2. These technology resources include, but are not limited to, the District network, including cabling, routers, wireless access points, and switches; the District's electronic e-mail and voice mail systems; computer hardware in the form of desktops, laptops, and other mobile devices, including District owned cellular phones; digital peripheral devices, such as printers, scanners, digital still and digital video cameras; projection devices, such as interactive whiteboards, projectors, televisions/displays; as well as all software applications and web access tools.
- 3. The primary purposes of these technology resources are:
- o to support the educational mission of the Contoocook Valley School District;
- o to provide improved avenues of communication between staff, parents, guardians, and other stakeholders;
- o to establish a web presence for the Contoocook Valley School District.

4. As such, the technology resources have a designated educational purpose and are not intended for recreational and entertainment use.

Privileges and Responsibilities

- 1. The use of the technology resources of the Contoocook Valley School District is a revocable privilege and not a right. All use of technology resources must be consistent with the District's contractual obligations, including limitations defined in software and other licensing agreements, including End User License Agreements (EULAs).
- 2. Every member of the staff is responsible for appropriate and professional behavior when using technology resources, just as they are in the classroom, in offices, or at any District function.
- 3. Every member of the staff that will have District-owned equipment loaned to them must sign and date an Agreement for Authorized Use of District-Owned Equipment (GBEF-F).

Expectations of Privacy

- 1. While the school district recognizes the importance of maintaining confidentiality and privacy of student records in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), staff members do not have any expectation of privacy of any information stored or transmitted through district-owned communication systems or other technology resources. Student identifying information should not be included in electronic communications, except as permitted by FERPA.
- 2. District technology resources owned by the District are intended to be used for educational purposes and District business only. Staff members shall have no expectation of privacy when using the internet or electronic communications. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review, and store (at any time and with and/or without prior notice) all usage of District technology resources, including all internet and electronic communications access and transmission/receipt of materials and information. All material and information generated through district technology resources shall remain the property of the District.

Use of Technology Resources

The Contoocook Valley School District's technology resources are intended for staff to conduct research, gather information, and communicate with others for educational purposes. The specific uses of these technology resources are broadly categorized as follows:

1. Approved – Approved uses of District technology resources are those uses that are related to a staff member's employment duties or are expressly approved by the

Superintendent or designee.

- 2. Allowed Allowed uses of District technology resources are those uses that are infrequent and de minimis and which do not interfere with the staff member's job duties and are not otherwise prohibited by this Policy or applicable law.
- 3. Prohibited Prohibited uses of District technology resources are those uses that violate this Policy or applicable law, including but not limited to use in connection with employment outside of the District or other business activity, personal use that would exceed that which is reasonably considered de minimis, any use intended to harass, intimidate, or threaten another person, any use that interferes with another employee's ability to perform his/her job or that creates a hostile work environment for another employee, and any use that involves accessing, downloading, storing or sending sexually explicit material or any material or communication that is derogatory or offensive based on an individual's gender, race, religion, national origin, age, or sexual orientation. Use of District technology resources by staff members to communicate with students for any purpose other than legitimate educational purposes is considered a prohibited use.

Disciplinary Action

- 1. Engaging in prohibited use shall constitute a violation of this Acceptable Use Policy and result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
- 2. Such discipline will be administered consistent with Board policies and/or all applicable provisions of the Master Agreement/Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Disclaimer

- 1. The Contoocook Valley School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the technology services it is providing. While the District will make every effort to preserve data, the responsibility for it lies with the staff, except in those cases where web-based services are employed (e.g. EasyIEP, PowerSchool, etc.) and/or data are stored externally.
- 2. The District will not be held responsible for any damages staff may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions.
- 3. The District will not be responsible for personal property used to access District computers or networks or for District-provided Internet access.

Legal References:

RSA 194:3-d, School District Computer Networks http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html

Category: P

1st Read: September 5, 2017

2nd Read: September 19, 2017

Adopted: September 19, 2017

JRA - Student Records, Privacy, Family and Adult Student Rights

Possible Revisions

- Clarify when student data becomes an educational record
- Clarify accessing and securing student data being collected and maintained by applications, digital tools, and extensions
- **A. General Statement.** It is the policy of the School Board that all school district personnel will follow the procedures outlined herein as they pertain to the maintenance of student records. Furthermore, it is the policy of the School Board that all school district personnel will follow the provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) and its corresponding regulations as well as all state statutes pertaining to the student records, record confidentiality and access thereto.
- **B. "Education Record".** For the purposes of this policy and in accordance with FERPA, the term "educational record" is defined as all records, files, documents and other material containing information directly related to a student; and maintained by the school district; or by such other agents as may be acting for the school district. Such records include, but are not limited to, completed forms, printed documents, handwriting, videotape, audiotape, electronic or computer files, film, print, microfilm and/or microfiche. Educational records do not include records of instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel and educational personnel ancillary thereto which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof and which are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute.
- **C. "Directory Information".** For the purposes of this policy, and in accordance with the provisions of FERPA and New Hampshire RSA 189:1-e, the term "directory information" means:
 - 1. Students' name(s), address(es), telephone number(s), and date(s) of enrollment;
 - 2. Parents'/guardians' name(s) and address(es);
 - 3. Students grade levels, enrollment status and dates of attendance;
 - Student photographs;
 - 5. Students participation in recognized school activities and sports;
 - 6. Weight and height of members of athletic teams;
 - 7. Post-high school career or educational plans; and

8. Students' diplomas, certificates, awards and honors received.

Except for elements of a student's directory information which the student's parents or an eligible student has notified the District not to disclose, the District may release or disclose student directory information without prior consent of the student's parents/eligible students. Within the first three weeks of each school year, the District will provide notice to parents/eligible students of their rights under FERPA and that the District may publish directory information without their prior consent. Parents/eligible students will be given until *September 30th* to notify the District in writing of any or all directory information items that they refuse to permit the District to release or disclose. Notice from a parent/eligible student that any or all directory information shall not be released will only be valid for that school year and must be re-issued each school year.

- D. "Personally Identifiable Information". "Personally identifiable information" is defined as data or information which makes the individual who is the subject of a record known, including a student's name; the student's or student's family's address; the name of the student's parent or other family members; a personal identifier such as a student's Social Security number; the student's date of birth, place of birth, or mother's maiden name. "Personally identifiable information" also includes other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student, that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with a reasonable certainty or other information requested by a person who the District reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the education record relates.
- **E. Annual Notification/Rights of Parents and Eligible Students.** Within the first four weeks of each school year, the District will annually publish notice to parents and eligible students of their rights under State law, Federal law, and this policy ["the Notice," or "Notice"]. The District will send the Notice listing these rights home with each student. The Notice will include:
 - The rights of parents or eligible students to inspect and review the student's
 education records, and the process set forth in this policy JRA whereby a request
 is made for review and inspection;
 - The intent of the District to limit the disclosure of information in a student's record, except: (a) by the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student; (b) as directory information; or (c) under certain, limited circumstance, as permitted by law;

- 3. The right of a student's parents or an eligible student to seek to correct parts of the student's educational records which he/she believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of student rights; and the process for doing such, which includes a hearing to present evidence that the records should be changed if the District decides not to alter them according to the parent's or eligible student's request;
- 4. The right to provide written consent before the District discloses personally identifiable information, except to the extent the law permits disclosure without consent;
- 5. The right of any person to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education if the District violates FERPA; and
- 6. The procedure that a student's parents or an eligible student should follow to obtain copies of this policy.

F. Procedure To Inspect Education Records. Parents or eligible students may inspect and review that student's education records. In some circumstances, it may be more convenient for the record custodian to provide copies of records. In accord with RSA 91-A:5, student records are exempt from disclosure under the Right-to-Know Law and access to student records will be governed by FERPA and state law.

Since a student's records may be maintained in several locations, the school Principal may offer to collect copies of records or the records themselves from locations other than a student's school, so that they may be inspected at one site. If parents and eligible students wish to inspect records where they are maintained, school Principals will determine if a review at that site is reasonable.

Although not specifically required, in order that a request is handled in a timely manner, parents/eligible students should consider submitting their request in writing to the school Principal, identifying as precisely as possible the record or records that he/she wishes to inspect. The Principal will contact the parents or the eligible student to discuss how access is best arranged for their inspection or review of the records (copies, records brought to a single site, etc.).

The Principal will make the needed arrangements as soon as possible and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. This procedure must be completed within fourteen (14) days that the request for access is first made.

If for any valid reason such as the parent's working hours, distance between record location sites or the parent or student's health, a parent or eligible student cannot

personally inspect and review a student's education records, the Principal may arrange for the parent or eligible student to obtain copies of the records. The Superintendent shall set a reasonable charge for providing copies, and may waive the requirement at his or her discretion.

When records contain information about students other than a parent's child or the eligible student, the parent or eligible student may not inspect and review the records of the other students. If such records do contain the names of other students, the Principal will seek consultation with the Superintendent and/or the District's attorney to determine how best to proceed. Where practicable, it may be necessary to prepare a copy of the record which has all personally identifiable information on other students redacted, with the parent or eligible student being allowed to review or receive only a copy of the redacted record. Both the original and redacted copy should be retained by the District.

- **G. Procedures To Seek To Correction of Education Records.** Parents of students or eligible students have a right to seek to change any part of the student's records which they believe is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of student rights. FERPA and its regulations use both "correct/ion" and "amend". For the purposes of this policy, the two words (in all of their respective forms) shall mean the same thing unless the context suggests otherwise. To establish an orderly process to review and correct (amend) the education records for a requester, following processes are established.
- 1. **First-level decision.** When a parent or eligible student finds an item in the student's education records that he/she believes is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of student rights, he/she should submit a written request asking the building Principal to correct it. If the records are incorrect because of clear error and it is a simple matter to make the change, the Principal should make the correction. If the records are changed to the parent's/eligible student's satisfaction, both parties shall sign a document/form stating the date the records were changed and that the parent/eligible student is satisfied with the correction.

If the Principal believes that the record should not be changed, he/she shall:

- Provide the requester a copy of the questioned records at no cost;
- 2. Ask the parent/eligible student to initiate a written appeal of the denial of the request for the change, which will be forwarded to the Superintendent;
- 3. Forward the written appeal to the Superintendent; and
- 4. Inform the parents/eligible student that the appeal has been forwarded to the Superintendent for a decision.

2. **Second-level decision.** If the parent/eligible student wishes to challenge the Principal's decision to not change the student record, he/she may appeal the matter to the Superintendent. The parent/eligible student shall submit a written request to the Principal asking that the matter be appealed to the Superintendent. The Principal will forward the appeal to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall, within ten (10) business days after receiving the appeal:

- 1. Review the request;
- 2. Discuss the request with other school officials;
- 3. Make a decision whether or not to make the requested correction to the educational record;
- 4. Schedule a meeting with the parents/eligible student if the Superintendent believes such a meeting would be necessary; and
- 5. Notify the parents/eligible student of the Superintendent's decision on their request to correct the student's educational record.

If the Superintendent determines the records should be corrected, he/she will make the change and notify the parents/eligible student in writing that the change has been made. The letter stating the change has been made will include an invitation for the parent/eligible student to inspect and review the records to verify that the records have been corrected and the correction is satisfactory. If the records are changed to the parent's/eligible student's satisfaction, both parties shall sign a document/form stating the date the records were changed and that the parent/eligible student is satisfied with the correction.

If the Superintendent determines the records are will not be corrected, he/she will notify the parents/eligible student in writing of his/her decision. Such letter will also notify the parents/eligible student of their right to an appeal hearing before the School Board.

3. **Third-level decision.** If the parents or eligible student are not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, they may submit a written request for a hearing before the School Board. The parents/eligible student shall submit the request for a hearing with the Superintendent within ten (10) business days of the date of the Superintendent's written decision in level-two. The Superintendent will inform the School Board of the request for a hearing and will work with the School Board to schedule a hearing within forty five (45) days of receipt of the request. Once the meeting is scheduled, the Superintendent will inform the parents/eligible student in writing of the date, time and place of the hearing.

The hearing will be held in non-public session consistent with the provisions of RSA 91-A:3, unless the parent/eligible student requests that the hearing be held in public session. The School Board will give the parent/eligible student a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised under their request. The parents/eligible students may be assisted or represented by one or more individuals of their own choice, including an attorney.

The School Board will issue its final decision in writing within thirty (30) days of the hearing, and will notify the parents/eligible student thereof via certified mail, return receipt requested. The School Board will base its decision solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The School Board's written decision will include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for its decision.

If the School Board determines that the student record should be corrected, it will direct the Superintendent to do so as soon as possible. The Superintendent will then contact the parents/eligible student for a meeting so they can review and inspect the records to verify that they have been corrected. At this meeting, both parties shall sign a document/form stating the date the records were corrected and that the parent/eligible student is satisfied with the correction.

The School Board's decision will be final.

- 4. Parent/Eligible Student Explanation to be Included in Record. Notwithstanding the resolution of any request to correct a student's record(s), in accordance with section (a)(2) of FERPA, a parent or eligible student may insert into that student's educational record a written explanation respecting the content of the record.
- **H. Disclosure of Student Records and Student Information.** In addition to directory information, the District may disclose student records and student information without consent to the following parties on the condition that the recipient agrees not to permit any other party to have access to the released information without the written consent of the parents of the student, and under the conditions specified.
 - 1. School officials with a legitimate educational interest. School officials with a legitimate educational interest may access student records. "Legitimate education interest" refers to school officials, contractors, consultants, or employees who need to know information in a student's education record in order to perform their employment, contracting, or consulting responsibilities and duties; all as more fully specified in Section 99.31 of the FERPA regulations.

- 2. Other schools into which a student is transferring or enrolling, upon condition that the student's parents be notified of the transfer, receive a copy of the record if desired, and have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the record. This exception continues after the date that a student has transferred
- 3. Officials for federal and state audit or evaluation purposes.
- 4. Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid for a student
- 5. Organizations conducting certain studies for, or on behalf of the School District. Student records or student information will only be provided pursuant to this paragraph if the study is for the purpose of: developing, validating or administering predictive tests; administering student aid programs; or improving instruction. The recipient organization must agree to limit access to the information and to destroy the information when no longer needed for the purpose for which it is released.
- 6. Accrediting organizations.
- 7. Judicial orders, or lawfully issued subpoenas, upon condition that parents and the student are notified of all such orders, statutory disclosures or subpoenas in advance of compliance therewith by the District, except when a parent is a party to a court proceeding involving child abuse or neglect or dependency. The Principal shall consult with the Superintendent and legal counsel as needed to ensure compliance with the judicial order and applicable law.
- 8. Health and safety emergencies.
- 9. Information designated as directory information
- 10. Disclosures to the Secretary of Agriculture or authorized representatives of the Food and Nutrition services for purposes of conducting program monitoring, evaluations and performance measurements.
- **I. Maintenance of Student Records and Data.** The Principal of each building is responsible for record maintenance, access and destruction of all student records. All school district personnel having access to records shall place great emphasis upon privacy rights of students and parents.

All entries into student records must be dated and signed by the person accessing such records in a log or other record-keeping process.

The principal will ensure that all records are maintained in accordance with applicable retention schedules as may be established by law and District policy.

J. Disclosures Made From Education Records. The District will maintain an accurate record of all requests for it to disclose information from, or to permit access to, a

student's education records and of the information it discloses and persons to whom it permits access, with some exceptions listed below. This record is kept with, but is not a part of, each student's cumulative school records. It is available only to the record custodian, the eligible student, the parent(s) of the student or to federal, state or local officials for the purpose of auditing or enforcing federally supported educational programs.

The record includes:

- 1. The name of the person who or agency which made the request;
- 2. The interest which the person or agency has in the information;
- 3. The date on which the person or agency made the request;
- 4. Whether the request was granted and, if it was, the date access was permitted or the disclosure was made; and
- 5. In the event of a health and safety emergency, the articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals that formed the basis for the disclosure; and the parties to whom the agency or institution disclosed the information.

The District will maintain this record as long as it maintains the student's education record. The records do not include requests for access or information relative to access which has been granted to parent(s) of the student or to an eligible student; requests for access or access granted to officials of the District who have a legitimate educational interest in the student; requests for, or disclosures of, information contained in the student's education records if the request is accompanied by the prior written consent of a parent/eligible student or if the disclosure is authorized by such prior consent or for requests for, or disclosures of, directory information designated for that student.

The records of a request for the correction of an educational record, including any appeal of a denial of that request, if the educational record is ultimately corrected shall not be treated as part of the educational record of the student and shall be preserved separately.

K. Military Recruiters and Institutions of Higher Learning

Military recruiters or institutions of higher learning shall have access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings unless an adult student or the parent of the minor student requests that such information not be released without

prior written consent. The district shall notify parents of the option to make such a request and shall comply with any requests received.

L. Law Enforcement and Reporting Agencies

Consistent with RSA193-D:7, it shall be permissible for any law enforcement officer and any school administrator to exchange information relating only to acts of theft, destruction, or violence in a safe school zone regarding the identity of any juvenile, police records relating to a juvenile, or other relevant information when such information reasonably relates to delinquency or criminal conduct, suspected delinquency or suspected criminal conduct, or any conduct which would classify a pupil as a child in need of services under RSA 169-D or a child in need of protection under RSA 169-C.

Legal References:

RSA 91-A:5, III, Exemptions, Pupil Records

RSA 189:1-e, Directory Information

RSA 189:66, IV, Data Inventory and Policies Publication

20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

34 C.F.R. Part 99, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Regulations

Related Policies: EHB & JRC

Category: Recommended

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DKA - Payroll Procedures

CURRENT CV POLICY

All wages earned by employees will be paid through the business office.

Payroll procedures are dependent on accurate accounting of hours worked. The process for this will be established by the Superintendent and carried out by administrative personnel.

Compensation records kept by the business office will reflect an accurate history of the compensation and related benefits paid to each employee.

Pay Day Schedule

The School District pays

salaries on a regular schedule throughout the school year. There will be no salary advances.

Salary Deductions

Salary deductions are allowed within the limits of the accounting software and/or procedures equipment. All salary deductions, other than those regulated by federal or state laws, will be deducted only upon written approval of the employee.

Legal Reference:

RSA 194-C:4 (II) (a), Superintendent Services

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For Discussion on the Next Agenda:

DN – School Properties Disposal Procedure

CURRENT CV POLICY

The School Board authorizes the Business Administrator to dispose of obsolete items according to the following priority actions:

1. By selling to the highest bidder or whatever other business arrangement is in the best

interest of the School District.

2. When practicable, the Board shall donate such items to charitable organizations and

schools.

3. By giving such items to local citizens.

4. By removal to the town transfer station or recycling center.

No equipment or supplies shall be disposed of until permission has been received from the Business Administrator. He/She shall determine whether the material involved has salable value, and if such shall be the case, he/she shall arrange for the sale of the material. If the material does not have salable value, the proper disposal of the books. equipment, and/or supplies shall be determined by the Business Administrator.

Sale of real estate will be by the vote of the electorate of the School District at an annual or special School District meeting.

Fixed asset inventories will be amended to reflect changes in values through disposal.

Legal Reference:

CFR 34, Sec. 80.32

Category: R

Adopted: April 2, 1991

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