

# **Windsor CUSD #1 *Employee Handbook***

*Certified Staff*



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# Windsor CUSD #1

## Welcome

Welcome to Windsor CUSD #1. We are pleased that you have joined our District and welcome you to help continue the successful education of students in our District.

We are fortunate enough to have outstanding employees who work as a team and provide for a successful District. You have been carefully chosen as a team member because you exhibited those characteristics, which will allow us to continue to provide quality education to our students. Welcome to our team.

Sincerely,

Erik Van Hovel, Superintendent  
Windsor CUSD #1

# District Policies

**Contract Language**

There is an agreement between Windsor CUSD #1 Board of Education and Windsor CUSD #1 Teachers Education Association. The Association distributes copies of the agreement. Members are responsible to become familiar with the information in the contract. Nothing in this employee handbook shall supersede Federal or State law and/or collective bargaining agreements.

**Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment (5:10)**

The School District shall provide equal employment opportunities to all persons regardless of their race; color; creed; religion; national origin; sex; sexual orientation; age; ancestry; marital status; arrest record; military status; order of protection status; unfavorable military discharge; citizenship status provided the individual is authorized to work in the United States; use of lawful products while not at work; being a victim of domestic or sexual violence; genetic information; physical or mental handicap or disability, if otherwise able to perform the essential functions of the job with reasonable accommodation; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions; credit history, unless a satisfactory credit history is an established bona fide occupational requirement of a particular position; or other legally protected categories. No one will be penalized solely for his or her status as a registered qualifying patient or a registered designated caregiver for purposes of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act, 410 ILCS 130/.

Persons who believe they have not received equal employment opportunities should report their claims to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator and/or a Complaint Manager for the Uniform Grievance Procedure. These individuals are listed below. No employee or applicant will be discriminated or retaliated against because he or she: (1) requested, attempted to request, used, or attempted to use a reasonable accommodation as allowed by the Illinois Human Rights Act, or (2) initiated a complaint, was a witness, supplied information, or otherwise participated in an investigation or proceeding involving an alleged violation of this policy or State or federal laws, rules or regulations, provided the employee or applicant did not make a knowingly false accusation nor provide knowingly false information.

**Administrative Implementation**

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator for personnel who shall be responsible for coordinating the District's nondiscrimination efforts. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator may be the Superintendent or a Complaint Manager for the Uniform Grievance Procedure. The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers.

**Nondiscrimination Coordinator:**

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The Superintendent shall also use reasonable measures to inform staff members and applicants that the District is an equal opportunity employer, such as, by posting required notices and including this policy in the appropriate handbooks.

**Minority Recruitment**

The District will attempt to recruit and hire minority employees. The implementation of this policy may include advertising openings in minority publications, participating in minority job fairs, and recruiting at colleges and universities with significant minority enrollments. This policy, however, does not require or permit the District to give preferential treatment or special rights based on a protected status without evidence of past discrimination.

**Workplace Harassment Prohibited (5:20)**

The School District expects the workplace environment to be productive, respectful, and free of unlawful harassment. District employees shall not engage in harassment or abusive conduct on the basis of an individual's race, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, citizenship status, disability, or other protected status identified in Board policy 5:10, *Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment*. Harassment of students, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, is prohibited by Board policy 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*.

**Sexual Harassment Prohibited**

The School District shall provide a workplace environment free of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct, or communications constituting harassment on the basis of sex as defined and otherwise prohibited by State and federal law.

District employees shall not make unwelcome sexual advances or request sexual favors or engage in any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature when: (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment; (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Sexual harassment prohibited by this policy includes verbal or physical conduct. The terms intimidating, hostile, or offensive include, but are not limited to, conduct that has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Sexual harassment will be evaluated in light of all the circumstances.

**Making a Complaint; Enforcement**

A violation of this policy may result in discipline, up to and including discharge. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding harassment will likewise be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge. An employee's employment, compensation, or work assignment shall not be

adversely affected by complaining or providing information about harassment. Retaliation against employees for bringing bona fide complaints or providing information about harassment is prohibited (see Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*).

Aggrieved persons, who feel comfortable doing so, should directly inform the person engaging in the harassing conduct or communication that such conduct or communication is offensive and must stop.

Employees should report claims of harassment to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator and/or use the Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. Employees may choose to report to a person of the employee's same sex. There are no express time limits for initiating complaints and grievances under this policy; however, every effort should be made to file such complaints as soon as possible, while facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

#### Whom to Contact with a Report or Complaint

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers.

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The Superintendent shall also use reasonable measures to inform staff members and applicants of this policy, which shall include reprinting this policy in the appropriate handbooks.

#### **Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors (4:165)**

Child sexual abuse and grooming behaviors harm students, their parents/guardians, the District's environment, its school communities, and the community at large, while diminishing a student's ability to learn. The Board has a responsibility and obligation to increase awareness and knowledge of: (1) issues regarding child sexual abuse, (2) likely warning signs that a child may be a victim of sexual abuse, (3) grooming behaviors related to



child sexual abuse and grooming, (4) how to report child sexual abuse, (5) appropriate relationships between District employees and students based upon State law, and (6) how to prevent child sexual abuse.

To address the Board's obligation to increase awareness and knowledge of these issues, prevent sexual abuse of children, and define prohibited grooming behaviors, the Superintendent or designee shall implement an Awareness and Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors Program.

The Program will:

1. Educate students with:
  - a. An age-appropriate and evidence-informed health and safety education curriculum that includes methods for how to report child sexual abuse and grooming behaviors to authorities, through policy 6:60, Curriculum Content;
  - b. Information in policy 7:250, Student Support Services, about: (i) District counseling options, assistance, and intervention for students who are victims of or affected by sexual abuse, and (ii) community-based Children's Advocacy Centers and sexual assault crisis centers and how to access those serving the District.
2. Train District employees about child sexual abuse and grooming behaviors by January 31 of each school year with materials that include:
  - a. A definition of prohibited grooming behaviors and boundary violations pursuant to policy 5:120, Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest;
  - b. Evidence-informed content on preventing, recognizing, reporting, and responding to child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors, and boundary violations pursuant to policies 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure; 2:265, Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure; 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100, Staff Development Program; and 5:120, Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; and
  - c. How to report child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors, and/or boundary violations pursuant to policies 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure; 2:265, Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure; and 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting.
3. Provide information to parents/guardians in student handbooks about the warning signs of child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors, and boundary violations with evidence-informed educational information that also includes:
  - a. Assistance, referral, or resource information, including how to recognize grooming behaviors, appropriate relationships between District employees and students based upon policy 5:120, Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest, and how to prevent child sexual abuse from happening;
  - b. Methods for how to report child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors, and/or boundary violations to authorities; and
  - c. Available counseling and resources for children who are affected by sexual abuse, including both emotional and educational support for students affected by sexual abuse, so that the student can continue to succeed in school pursuant to policy 7:250, Student Support Services.
  - d. Provide parents/guardians of students in any of grades K through 8 with not less than five days' written notice before commencing any class or course providing instruction in recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse, as well as the opportunity to object in writing.

### **Abused and Neglected Child Reporting (5:90)**

Any District employee who suspects or receives knowledge that a student may be an abused or neglected child or, for a student aged 18 through 21, an abused or neglected individual with a disability, shall: (1) immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on its Child Abuse Hotline 800/25-ABUSE or 217/524-2606, and (2) follow directions given by DCFS concerning filing a written report within 48 hours with the nearest DCFS field office. The employee shall also promptly notify the Superintendent or Building Principal that a report has been made. The Superintendent or Building Principal shall immediately coordinate any necessary notifications to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) with DCFS, the applicable school resource officer (SRO), and/or local law enforcement.

Any District employee who discovers child pornography on electronic and information technology equipment shall immediately report it to local law enforcement, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline 800/843-5678, or online at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com). The Superintendent or Building Principal shall also be promptly notified of the discovery and that a report has been made.

Any District employee who observes any act of hazing that does bodily harm to a student must report that act to the Building Principal, Superintendent, or designee who will investigate and take appropriate action. If the hazing results in death or great bodily harm, the employee must first make the report to law enforcement and then to the Superintendent or Building Principal. Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act directed to or required of a student for the purpose of being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any group, organization, club, or athletic team whose members are or include other students.

#### Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA), School Code, and *Erin's Law* Training

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development opportunities for District employees in the detection, reporting, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

All District employees shall:

1. Before beginning employment, sign the *Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status* form provided by DCFS. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the signed forms are retained.
2. Complete mandated reporter training as required by law within one year of initial employment and at least every 5 years after that date.

The Superintendent will encourage all District educators to complete continuing professional development that addresses the traits and identifiers that may be evident in students who are victims of child sexual abuse, including recognizing and reporting child sexual abuse and providing appropriate follow-up and care for abused students as they return to the classroom setting.

#### Special Superintendent Responsibilities

The Superintendent shall execute the requirements in Board policy 5:150, *Personnel Records*, whenever another school district requests a reference concerning an applicant who is or was a District employee and was the subject of a report made by a District employee to DCFS.

The Superintendent shall notify the State Superintendent and the Regional Superintendent in writing when he or she has reasonable cause to believe that a license holder was dismissed or resigned from the District as a result of an act that made a child an abused or neglected child. The Superintendent must make the report within 30 days of the dismissal or resignation and mail a copy of the notification to the license holder.

#### Special School Board Member Responsibilities

Each individual Board member must, if an allegation is raised to the member during an open or closed Board meeting that a student is an abused child as defined in the Act, direct or cause the Board to direct the Superintendent or other equivalent school administrator to comply with the Act's requirements concerning the reporting of child abuse.

#### Release During School Hours (7:90)

For safety and security reasons, a prior written or oral consent of a student's custodial parent/guardian is required before a student is released during school hours: (1) at any time before

the regular dismissal time or at any time before school is otherwise officially closed, and/or (2) to any person other than a custodial parent/guardian.

#### Early Dismissal Announcement

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to issue an announcement whenever it is necessary to close school early due to inclement weather or other reason.

#### Student Records (7:340)

School student records are confidential. Information from them shall not be released other than as provided by law. A school student record is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be identified individually that is maintained by a school or at its direction by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except as provided in State or federal law as summarized below:

1. Records kept in a staff member's sole possession.
2. Records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school.
3. Video and other electronic recordings (including without limitation, electronic recordings made on school buses) that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes. The content of these recordings may become part of a school student record to the extent school officials create, use, and maintain this content, or it becomes available to them by law enforcement officials, for disciplinary or special education purposes regarding a particular student.
4. Any information, either written or oral, received from law enforcement officials concerning a student less than the age of 17 years who has been arrested or taken into custody.

State and federal law grants students and parents/guardians certain rights, including the right to inspect, copy, and challenge school student records. The information contained in school student records shall be kept current, accurate, clear, and relevant. All information maintained concerning a student receiving special education services shall be directly related to the provision of services to that child. The District may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to object to the release of information regarding his or her child. However, the District will comply with an *ex parte* court order requiring it to permit the U.S. Attorney General or designee to have access to a student's school records without notice to, or the consent of, the student's parent/guardian. Upon request, the District discloses school student records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any person as specifically required by State or federal law.

The Superintendent shall fully implement this policy and designate an *official records custodian* for each school who shall maintain and protect the confidentiality of school student records, inform staff members of this policy, and inform students and their parents/guardians of their rights regarding school student records.

#### Student Biometric Information Collection

The Superintendent or designee may recommend a student biometric information collection system solely for the purposes of identification and fraud prevention. Such recommendation shall be consistent with budget requirements and in compliance with State law. Biometric information means any information that is collected through an identification process for individuals based on their unique behavioral or physiological characteristics, including fingerprint, hand geometry, voice, or facial recognition or iris or retinal scans.

Before collecting student biometric information, the District shall obtain written permission from the person having legal custody/parental responsibility or the student (if over the age of 18). Upon a student's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, the District shall obtain written permission from the student to collect student biometric information. Failure to provide written consent to collect biometric information shall not be the basis for refusal of any services otherwise available to a student.

All collected biometric information shall be stored and transmitted in a manner that protects it from disclosure. Sale, lease, or other disclosure of biometric information to another person or entity is strictly prohibited.

The District will discontinue use of a student's biometric information and destroy all collected biometric information within 30 days after: (1) the student graduates or withdraws from the School District, or (2) the District receives a written request to discontinue use of biometric information from the person having legal custody/parental responsibility of the student or the student (if over the age of 18). Requests to discontinue using a student's biometric information shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy consistent with State and federal law.

### **Fingerprinting and Criminal Background Checking Policy**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a fingerprint-based criminal history records check and a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database are performed on each employee as required by School Code. A copy of the record of convictions obtained from the Illinois State Police may be provided by the District to the applicant and the Superintendent or designee shall notify the applicant if the applicant is identified in either database. Any information concerning the record of convictions obtained by the District shall be confidential and may only be transmitted or shared with the President of the School Board, Superintendent or his designee, Regional Superintendent, State Superintendent, State Teacher Certification Board, or any other person necessary to the hiring decision.

The District retains the right to not employ or to discharge any employee who makes any false or misleading statement on, or omits facts from, his or her employment application or documents, if there is any criminal history records check, Statewide Sex Offender Database check, Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database check, or background investigation, or if the District is prohibited from employing the employee under Section 10-21.9 of the Illinois School Code.

### **Accident Reporting and Investigation**

Employees must report any accident or injury to their building administrator immediately following the accident or injury. Employees will assist in completing an accident/injury report and update administration regarding recovery from accidents or injuries following doctor visits. The Administration will investigate all accidents and injuries and report to the Superintendent efforts to prevent any further accidents and injuries.

### **Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace (5:50)**

All District workplaces are drug- and alcohol-free workplaces. All employees are prohibited from engaging in any of the following activities while on District premises or while performing work for the District:

1. Unlawful manufacture, dispensing, distribution, possession, or use of an illegal or controlled substance.

2. Distribution, consumption, use, possession, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage; being present on District premises or while performing work for the District when alcohol consumption is detectable, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
3. Possession or use of medical cannabis.

For purposes of this policy, a controlled substance means a substance that is:

1. Not legally obtainable,
2. Being used in a manner different than prescribed,
3. Legally obtainable, but has not been legally obtained, or
4. Referenced in federal or State controlled substance acts.

As a condition of employment, each employee shall:

1. Abide by the terms of the Board policy respecting a drug- and alcohol-free workplace; and
2. Notify his or her supervisor of his or her conviction under any criminal drug statute for a violation occurring on the District premises or while performing work for the District, no later than 5 calendar days after such a conviction.

Unless otherwise prohibited by this policy, prescription and over-the-counter medications are not prohibited when taken in standard dosages and/or according to prescriptions from the employee's licensed health care provider, provided that an employee's work performance is not impaired.

To make employees aware of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, the Superintendent or designee shall perform each of the following:

1. Provide each employee with a copy of this policy.
2. Post notice of this policy in a place where other information for employees is posted.
3. Make available materials from local, State, and national anti-drug and alcohol-abuse organizations.
4. Enlist the aid of community and State agencies with drug and alcohol informational and rehabilitation programs to provide information to District employees.
5. Establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
  - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace,
  - b. Available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, re-entry, and any employee assistance programs, and
  - c. The penalties that the District may impose upon employees for violations of this policy.

#### District Action Upon Violation of Policy

An employee who violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination. Alternatively, the School Board may require an employee to successfully complete an appropriate drug- or alcohol-abuse rehabilitation program.

The Board shall take disciplinary action with respect to an employee convicted of a drug offense in the workplace within 30 days after receiving notice of the conviction.

Should District employees be engaged in the performance of work under a federal contract or grant, or under a State contract or grant of \$5,000 or more, the Superintendent shall notify the appropriate State or federal agency from which the District receives contract or grant monies of the employee's conviction within 10 days after receiving notice of the conviction.

**Public Information Process**

The Principal and Superintendent are the public relations officers of the school. Contacts with the media should be routed through the Principal first and then the Superintendent. If a member of the media contacts an employee about a school related issue, the Principal and/or Superintendent should be informed.

**Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information (5:130)**

District employees are responsible for maintaining: (1) the integrity and security of all internal information, and (2) the privacy of confidential records, including but not limited to: student school records, personnel records, and the minutes of, and material disclosed in, a closed School Board meeting. Internal information is any information, oral or recorded in electronic or paper format, maintained by the District or used by the District or its employees. The Superintendent or designee shall manage procedures for safeguarding the integrity, security, and, as appropriate, confidentiality of internal information.

**Solicitation and Distribution**

Employees may not solicit or distribute literature concerning outside events or activities during the employee's working time or the working time of any employee. (Working time does not include lunch periods, work breaks, or any periods in which employees are not on duty). In addition, the posting of written solicitations or literature on District bulletin boards is restricted. These bulletin boards display important information and employees should consult them frequently for: Employee Announcements, Internal Memoranda, Job Openings, Organization Announcements, Payday Notice, Worker's Compensation Insurance information, etc. If employees have a message of interest to the workplace, they may submit it to administration for approval.

**Ethics (5:120)****Professional and Appropriate Conduct**

All District employees are expected to maintain high standards in their school relationships, to demonstrate integrity and honesty, to be considerate and cooperative, and to maintain professional and appropriate relationships with students, parents, staff members, and others. In addition, the *Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators*, adopted by the Illinois State Board of Education, is incorporated by reference into this policy. Any employee who sexually harasses a student, willfully or negligently fails to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (325 ILCS 5/), or otherwise violates an employee conduct standard will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

**Statement of Economic Interests**

The following employees must file a *Statement of Economic Interests* as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act:

1. Superintendent;
2. Building Principal;
3. Head of any department;
4. Any employee who, as the District's agent, is responsible for negotiating one or more contracts including collective bargaining agreement(s), in the amount of \$1,000 or greater;
5. Hearing officer;
6. Any employee having supervisory authority for 20 or more employees; and
7. Any employee in a position that requires an administrative or a chief school business official endorsement.

### Ethics and Gift Ban

School Board policy 2:105, *Ethics and Gift Ban*, applies to all District employees. Students shall not be used in any manner for promoting a political candidate or issue.

### Prohibited Interests; Conflict of Interest; and Limitation of Authority

In accordance with Section 22-5 of the School Code, "no school officer or teacher shall be interested in the sale, proceeds, or profits of any book, apparatus, or furniture used or to be used in any school with which such officer or teacher may be connected," except when the employee is the author or developer of instructional materials listed with the Illinois State Board of Education and adopted for use by the Board. An employee having an interest in instructional materials must file an annual statement with the Board Secretary.

For the purpose of acquiring profit or personal gain, no employee shall act as an agent of the District nor shall an employee act as an agent of any business in any transaction with the District. This includes participation in the selection, award or administration of a contract supported by a federal award or State award governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) (30 ILCS 708/) when the employee has a real or apparent conflict of interest. A conflict of interest arises when an employee or any of the following individuals has a financial or other interest in the entity selected for the contract:

1. Any person that has a close personal relationship with an employee that may compromise or impair the employee's fairness and impartiality, including a member of the employee's immediate family or household;
2. An employee's business partner; or
3. An entity that employs or is about to employ the employee or one of the individuals listed in one or two above.

Employees shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to agreements or contracts. Situations in which the interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value must comply with State law and Board policy 2:105, *Ethics and Gift Ban*.

### Outside Employment

Employees shall not engage in any other employment or in any private business during regular working hours or at such other times as are necessary to fulfill appropriate assigned duties.

### Tobacco

In keeping with Windsor CUSD #1 intent to provide a safe and healthful work environment and in compliance with the Illinois School Code and Smoke-Free Illinois Act, smoking is *prohibited* in all school buildings, vehicles used for school purposes, and school property. Further, the use of tobacco is prohibited on school property by any employee, student, or other person when such property is being used for any school purposes. "School purposes" include but are not limited to all events or activities or other use of school property that the Board or school officials authorize or permit on school property, including without limitation all interscholastic or extracurricular athletic, academic, or other events sponsored by the Board or in which pupils of the District participate. "Tobacco" shall mean cigarette, cigar, or tobacco in any other form, including smokeless tobacco which is any loose, cut, shredded, ground, powdered, compressed or leaf tobacco that is intended to be placed in the mouth without being smoked.

*This policy applies equally to all employees and visitors.*

### **Access to Electronic Networks (6:235)**

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

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

### **Curriculum and Appropriate Online Behavior**

The use of the District's electronic networks shall: (1) be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students, and (2) comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library resource center materials. As required by federal law and Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including but not limited to: (1) interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and (2) cyberbullying awareness and response. Staff members may, consistent with the Superintendent's implementation plan, use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

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

### **Acceptable Use**

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

### **Internet Safety**

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

1. Ensure staff supervision of student access to online electronic networks,
2. Restrict student access to inappropriate matter as well as restricting access to harmful materials,
3. Ensure student and staff privacy, safety, and security when using electronic communications,
4. Restrict unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities, and



5. Restrict unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information, such as, names and addresses.

#### Authorization for Electronic Network Access

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

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

The failure of any student or staff member to follow the terms of the District's administrative procedure, *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*, or this policy, will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

### **Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct (5:125)**

#### General Provisions

Unless specifically instructed by administration, employees are not authorized to speak on behalf of the District without first being approved by the Administrators on any social media platforms, personal blogs or other similar forms of online journals, diaries or personal newsletters. Nor shall any employee engage in slander or defamation on the District's behalf. Employees may not publicly discuss student matters, employees or any work-related matters, whether confidential or not, outside of District authorized communications.

#### Definitions

**Includes** - Means "includes without limitation" or "includes, but is not limited to."

**Social media** - Media for social interaction, using highly accessible communication techniques through the use of web-based and mobile technologies to turn communication into interactive dialogue. This includes, but is not limited to, services such as *Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, and YouTube*.

**Personal technology** - Any device that is not owned or leased by the District or otherwise authorized for District use and: (1) transmits sounds, images, text, messages, videos, or electronic information, (2) electronically records, plays, or stores information, or (3) accesses the Internet, or private communication or information networks. This includes laptop computers (e.g., laptops, ultrabooks, and chromebooks), tablets (e.g., iPads®, Kindle®, Microsoft Surface®, and other Android® platform or Windows® devices), smartphones (e.g., iPhone®, BlackBerry®, Android® platform phones, and Windows Phone®), and other devices (e.g., iPod®).

#### Usage and Conduct

All District employees who use personal technology and social media shall:

1. Adhere to the high standards for appropriate school relationships required by policy 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*, at all times, regardless of the ever-changing social media and personal technology platforms available. This includes District employees posting images or private information about themselves or others in a manner readily accessible to students and other employees that is inappropriate as defined by policy 5:20, *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*; 5:100, *Staff Development Program*; 5:120, *Employee*

*Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*, 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*; 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*; and the Ill. Code of Educator Ethics, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §22.20.

2. Choose a District-provided or supported method whenever possible to communicate with students and their parents/guardians.
3. Not interfere with or disrupt the educational or working environment, or the delivery of education or educational support services.
4. Comply with policy 5:130, *Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information*. This means that personal technology and social media may not be used to share, publish, or transmit information about or images of students and/or District employees without proper approval. For District employees, proper approval may include implied consent under the circumstances.
5. Refrain from using the District's logos without permission and follow Board policy 5:170, *Copyright*, and all District copyright compliance procedures.
6. Use personal technology and social media for personal purposes only during non-work times or hours. Any duty-free use must occur during times and places that the use will not interfere with job duties or otherwise be disruptive to the school environment or its operation.
7. Assume all risks associated with the use of personal technology and social media at school or school-sponsored activities, including students' viewing of inappropriate Internet materials through the District employee's personal technology or social media. The Board expressly disclaims any responsibility for imposing content filters, blocking lists, or monitoring of its employees' personal technology and social media.
8. Be subject to remedial and any other appropriate disciplinary action for violations of this policy ranging from prohibiting the employee from possessing or using any personal technology or social media at school to dismissal and/or indemnification of the District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any violation of this policy.

The Superintendent shall:

1. Inform District employees about this policy during the in-service on educator ethics, teacher-student conduct, and school employee-student conduct required by Board policy 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*.
2. Direct Building Principals to annually:
  - a. Provide their building staff with a copy of this policy.
  - b. Inform their building staff about the importance of maintaining high standards in their school relationships.
  - c. Remind their building staff that those who violate this policy will be subject to remedial and any other appropriate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.
3. Build awareness of this policy with students, parents, and the community.
4. Ensure that no one for the District, or on its behalf, requests of an employee or applicant access in any manner to his or her social networking website or requests passwords to such sites.
5. Periodically review this policy and any procedures with District employee representatives and electronic network system administrator(s) and present proposed changes to the Board.

### **Use of Technical Resources**

Windsor CUSD #1 maintains photocopiers, facsimile machines, and printers. Utilization of these technical resources is not to be conducted in any way that may be disruptive to Windsor CUSD #1 operations or in violation of Windsor CUSD #1 policy or law.

Windsor CUSD #1 technical resources are provided exclusively to assist in the conduct of the District's business; however, occasional use of technical resources for personal purposes is permissible so long as it does not interfere with business or the employee's assigned duties, is not related to outside school business activities, does not conflict the District's policy or law, and is approved by the building principal.

Information sent and stored on facsimile machines is the property of Windsor CUSD #1. By using the District's technical resources, all individuals knowingly and voluntarily consent to their usage being monitored and acknowledge the District's right to conduct such monitoring. Individuals should not expect that facsimile transmissions are confidential or private, and should be aware that all types of business records are subject to inspection, review, or disclosure without prior notice for any business purpose or as required by law. In general, these communications are treated no differently than any other business record or correspondence, and may be used in administrative, judicial, or other proceedings.

### **Public Relations and Telephone Calls**

It is important that District phones be kept clear for District business. Personal calls are acceptable; however, proper discretion is advised. First impressions are very important and when answering the phone employees shall greet the caller with "Good Morning or Good Afternoon, Windsor CUSD #1, John/Jane Doe speaking." Employees who answer the phone should do so promptly and in a businesslike manner. Employees will be held responsible for paying for all non-business-related long distance phone calls.

### **Cellular Phone Policy**

This policy outlines the use of personal cell phones at work, the personal use of District cell phones and the safe use of cell phones by employees. This policy applies to phone calls, text messaging, pictures, etc.

#### **Personal Cellular Phones**

While at work employees are expected to exercise the same discretion in using personal cellular phones as is expected for the use of District phones. Excessive personal calls during the workday, regardless of the phone used, can interfere with employee productivity and be distracting to others. Employees are therefore encouraged to make personal calls on non-work time where possible and to ensure that friends and family members are aware of the District's policy. Flexibility will be provided in circumstances demanding immediate attention.

The District will not be liable for the loss of personal cellular phones brought into the workplace.

#### **Personal Use of District-Provided Cellular Phones**

Where job responsibilities or District needs demand immediate access to an employee the District may issue a District cell phone to an employee for District-related communications. In order to protect the employee from incurring a tax liability for the personal use of this equipment, employees will be required to reimburse the District for any personal calls on a District issued cell phone. Phone logs will be audited regularly to ensure compliance with this policy.

#### **Safety Issues for Cellular Phone Use**

When using cell phones and other portable devices, employees are expected to observe all relevant state and Federal Laws. This would include laws requiring hand-free devices or prohibiting text messaging while driving. Employees are expected to stop driving before conducting business electronically or are expected to use hands-free devices while driving. Company owned electronic devices may be monitored to ensure compliance with the policy.

Employees whose job responsibilities do not specifically include driving as an essential function, but who are issued a cell phone for District use, are also expected to abide by the provisions above. Under no circumstances are employees allowed to place themselves at risk to fulfill District needs.

Employees who are charged with traffic violations resulting from the use of their phone while driving will be solely responsible for all liabilities that result from such actions.

### **District Tools and Equipment**

The District may supply all equipment, tools, or other items to assist in the performance of duties. All items shall be collected at the end of the workday and returned to their proper location.

### **District Vehicles**

All employees must get authorization to use District vehicles. When using District vehicles, employees must follow all State and Federal laws. Employees shall pay any tickets in violation of the law. An employee must agree to pre-employment and regular checks of MVR and are required to maintain a good driving record in order to drive District vehicles.

### **Pick-up Truck Guideline**

1. The pick-up truck is to be considered as any other vehicle owned by Windsor C.U.S.D. #1 and housed at the bus barn when not in use.
2. Supervision and maintenance of the pick-up is under the control of the transportation director.
3. Use of the pick-up as other school vehicles is limited to school use and school personnel.
4. Monthly expense of the pick-up is to be reported with school buses.
5. Approved drivers: Transportation Director, Maintenance Director, grade school and high school maintenance personnel, high school principal, grade school principal, and others at the discretion of the superintendent.

### **Parking**

All employees shall park on District premises in a designated area. Employees will refrain from parking in designated visitor parking and handicap parking spaces.

### **Dress Standards**

The District's image is reflected in employees' dress and appearance which must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety, or decency. Good grooming and tasteful attire is essential.

**Please see specific department's uniform and personal appearance guidelines.**

### **Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease (5:40)**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement procedures for managing known or suspected cases of a communicable and chronic infectious disease involving District employees that are consistent with State and federal law, Illinois Department of Public Health rules, and School Board policies.

An employee with a communicable or chronic infectious disease is encouraged to inform the Superintendent immediately and grant consent to being monitored by the District's Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease Review Team. The Review Team, if used, provides information and recommendations to the Superintendent concerning the employee's conditions of employment and necessary accommodations. The Review Team shall hold the employee's medical condition and records in strictest confidence, except to the extent allowed by law.

An employee with a communicable or chronic infectious disease will be permitted to retain his or her position whenever, after reasonable accommodations and without undue hardship, there is no substantial risk of transmission of the disease to others, provided an employee is able to continue to perform the position's essential functions. An employee with a communicable and chronic infectious disease remains subject to the Board's employment policies including sick and/or other leave, physical examinations, temporary and permanent disability, and termination.

### **Bloodborne Pathogens**

The District recognizes the potential risk its staff has to accidental occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens and desires to educate and protect employees to minimize the possibility of exposure. The Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan contains specific information regarding the District's policies and procedures. A complete copy of this plan can be found in Appendix I of this employee handbook.

All employees of the District are instructed as to the correct handling of body fluids and tissue. All positions in the District have been categorized into classifications to determine the likelihood of occupational exposure to blood, body fluids or tissue from other people. Classification I employees hold positions in which required tasks routinely involve a potential for that exposure. These employees and all others who are involved in an exposure incident are entitled to receive vaccinations for Hepatitis B at the District's expense. Classification I employees receive a handbook and appropriate cleanup materials to properly handle incidents.

### **Administering Medicines to Students (7:270)**

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow the District's procedures on dispensing medication.

No School District employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed "School Medication Authorization Form" is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

The Building Principal shall include this policy in the Student Handbook and shall provide a copy to the parents/guardians of students.

### **Self-Administration of Medication**

A student may possess an epinephrine auto-injector, e.g. EpiPen®, and/or asthma medication prescribed for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed a *School Medication Authorization Form*. The School District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication or epinephrine auto-injector or the storage of any medication by school personnel. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or medication, or the storage of any medication by school personnel.

### School District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

The Superintendent or designee shall implement Section 22-30(f) of the School Code and maintain a supply of undesignated epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Undesignated epinephrine auto-injector* means an epinephrine auto-injector prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law, may administer an undesignated epinephrine auto-injector to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having an anaphylactic reaction. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law.

### School District Supply of Undesignated Opioid Antagonists

The Superintendent or designee shall implement Section 22-30(f) of the School Code and maintain a supply of undesignated opioid antagonists in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Opioid antagonist* means a drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effect of opioids acting on those receptors, including, but not limited to, naloxone hydrochloride or any other similarly acting drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. *Undesignated opioid antagonist* is not defined by the School Code; for purposes of this policy it means an opioid antagonist prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law, may administer an undesignated opioid antagonist to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having an opioid overdose. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law.

### Void Policy; Disclaimer

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Auto-Injectors** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for undesignated epinephrine auto-injectors from a physician or advanced practice nurse licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school epinephrine auto-injectors.

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Opioid Antagonists** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for opioid antagonists from a health care professional who has been delegated prescriptive authority for opioid antagonists in accordance with Section 5-23 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school opioid antagonists.

Upon any administration of an undesignated epinephrine auto-injector or an opioid antagonist, the Superintendent or designee(s) must ensure all notifications required by State law and administrative procedures occur.

Upon implementation of this policy, the protections from liability and hold harmless provisions as explained in Section 22-30(c) of the School Code apply.

No one, including without limitation parents/guardians of students, should rely on the District for the availability of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or opioid antagonist. This policy does not guarantee the availability of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or opioid antagonist; students and their parents/guardians should consult their own physician regarding such medication(s).

**Item for Board Approval**

Advance notice must be provided to the Board by employees prior to the Board meeting concerning items on which the Board will need to render a decision.

**Fundraising and Handling of School Funds**

1. As a class or activity sponsor it often becomes necessary to collect money from students. It is important that these monies be handled in a consistent and responsible manner. The following guidelines must be followed when collecting money:
2. Money must always be turned in to the office at the end of the day for safekeeping
3. Absolutely no money should be kept in classroom or in one's personal possession.
4. Under no circumstances should money be deposited into a personal account.
5. When collecting gate or concession money, two persons should count and sign off on the amount. There are forms in the gate boxes for this purpose.
6. The person taking money for the athletic event is to use tickets to track the number of adult and student tickets sold. One ticket is to be given for each entry paid. Season passes do not count as a paid entry.
7. Ticket sellers, scorekeepers, and officials will be named in advance and a check will be issued to them on the next scheduled payroll date.
8. All money boxes must be turned in to the activity sponsor for safekeeping. All monies will be kept in the safe until they may be deposited at the bank.
9. All money for classes and organizations will be deposited through the office into the activity account. All money collected is to be brought to the office and counted by the building secretary and the sponsor or treasurer. Order sheets need to be turned in to the school secretary so that a copy can be made. The sponsor or treasurer and secretary will initial the deposit receipt.
10. When bills must be paid, a voucher will be presented to the high school secretary along with the bill so that a check can be written from that fund. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to see that all bills are paid in a timely manner.
11. Raffles may not be held until a license has been secured from Shelby County Clerk's Office.
12. Sponsors must let the building secretary know at least 24 hours in advance of needing a money box for an activity.

\*\*An exception to this statement would be in the event that the school office is closed.\*\*

**Visitors to and Conduct on School Property (8:30)**

The following definitions apply to this policy:

**School property** - District and school buildings, grounds, and parking areas; vehicles used for school purposes; and any location used for a School Board meeting, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored event.

**Visitor** - Any person other than an enrolled student or District employee.

All visitors to school property are required to report to the Building Principal's office and receive permission to remain on school property. All visitors must sign a visitors' log, show identification, and wear a visitor's badge. When leaving the school, visitors must return their badge. On those occasions when large groups of parents and friends are invited onto school property, visitors are not required to sign in but must follow school officials' instructions. Persons on school property without permission will be directed to leave and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Except as provided in the next paragraph, any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member by telephone or email to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/preparation period.

Requests to access a school building, facility, and/or educational program, or to interview personnel or a student for purposes of assessing the student's special education needs, should be made at the appropriate building. Access shall be facilitated according to guidelines from the Superintendent or designee.

The School District expects mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all people on school property or at a school event. No person on school property or at a school event (including visitors, students, and employees) shall perform any of the following acts:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, a Board member, sports official or coach, or any other person.
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, or use vulgar or obscene language.
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device.
4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property.
5. Damage or deface school property.
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance.
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products.
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or illegal drug; be present when the person's alcohol or illegal drug consumption is detectable, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
9. Use or possess medical cannabis.
10. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner).
11. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the Board.
12. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive.
13. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding.
14. Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee.
15. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the District or a School function.

#### Convicted Child Sex Offender

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender is:

1. A parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion; or



2. Has permission to be present from the Board, Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee. If permission is granted, the Superintendent or Board President shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal.

In all cases, the Superintendent, or designee who is a certified employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

### Enforcement

Any staff member may request identification from any person on school property; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act. The Building Principal or designee shall seek the immediate removal of any person who refuses to provide requested identification.

Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from school property. The person is also subject to being denied admission to school events or meetings for up to one calendar year.

### Procedures to Deny Future Admission to School Events or Meetings

Before any person may be denied admission to school events or meetings as provided in this policy, the person has a right to a hearing before the Board. The Superintendent may refuse the person admission pending such hearing. The Superintendent or designee must provide the person with a hearing notice, delivered or sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, at least ten days before the Board hearing date. The hearing notice must contain:

1. The date, time, and place of the Board hearing;
2. A description of the prohibited conduct;
3. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied; and
4. Instructions on how to waive a hearing.

### Required Notices

A school staff member shall immediately notify the office of the Building Principal in the event that he or she: (1) observes any person in possession of a firearm on or around school grounds; however, such action may be delayed if immediate notice would endanger students under his or her supervision, (2) observes or has reason to suspect that any person on school grounds is or was involved in a drug-related incident, or (3) observes a battery committed against any staff member. Upon receiving such a report, the Building Principal or designee shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency, State Police, and any involved student's parent/guardian. "School grounds" includes modes of transportation to school activities and any public way within 1,000 feet of the school, as well as school property itself.

### Ordering Books and Supplies

All requisitions are turned into building principal for signature and approval. These are then sent to the bookkeeper who makes the P. O. and gets the Superintendent's signature. The transportation director would requisition what is needed by the transportation department. These would be given to the bookkeeper and P.O.'s would be made by the bookkeepers and approved by the Superintendent.

# **Employment Status**

**Teacher Qualifications (5:190)**

A teacher, as the term is used in this policy, refers to a District employee who is required to be licensed under State law. The following qualifications apply:

1. Each teacher must:
  - a. Have a valid Illinois Professional Educator License issued by the State Superintendent of Education with the required endorsements as provided in the School Code.
  - b. Provide the District Office with a complete transcript of credits earned in institutions of higher education.
  - c. On or before September 1 of each year, unless otherwise provided in an applicable collective bargaining agreement, provide the District Office with a transcript of any credits earned since the date the last transcript was filed.
  - d. Notify the Superintendent of any change in the teacher's transcript.
2. All teachers working in a program supported with federal funds under Title I, Part A must meet applicable State certification and licensure requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Monitor compliance with State and federal law requirements that teachers be appropriately licensed;
2. Through incentives for voluntary transfers, professional development, recruiting programs, or other effective strategies, ensure that minority students and students from low-income families are not taught at higher rates than other students by unqualified, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers; and
3. Ensure parents/guardians of students in schools receiving Title I funds are notified of their right to request their students' classroom teachers' professional qualifications.

**Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal (5:200)**

The School Board delegates authority and responsibility to the Superintendent to manage the terms and conditions for the employment of professional personnel. The Superintendent shall act reasonably and comply with State and federal law as well as any applicable collective bargaining agreement in effect. The Superintendent is responsible for making dismissal recommendations to the Board consistent with the Board's goal of having a highly qualified, high performing staff.

**School Year and Day**

Teachers shall work according to the school calendar adopted by the Board, which shall have a minimum of 176 student attendance days and a minimum of 180 teacher work days, including teacher institute days. Teachers are not required to work on legal school holidays unless the District has followed applicable State law that allows it to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln); the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and November 11 (Veterans' Day).

Teachers are required to work the school day adopted by the Board. Teachers employed for at least 4 hours per day shall receive a duty-free lunch equivalent to the student lunch period, or 30 minutes, whichever is longer.

The District accommodates employees who are nursing mothers according to provisions in State and federal law.

### Salary

Teachers shall be paid according to the salary schedule adopted by the Board, but in no case less than the minimum salary provided by the School Code. Teachers shall be paid at least monthly on a 9- or 12-month basis.

### Assignments and Transfers

The Superintendent is authorized to make teaching, study hall, extra class duty, and extracurricular assignments. In order of priority, assignments shall be made based on the District's needs and best interests, employee qualifications, and employee desires.

### Dismissal

The District will follow State law when dismissing a teacher.

### Evaluation

The District's teacher evaluation system will be conducted under the plan developed pursuant to State law.

On an annual basis, the Superintendent will provide the Board with a written report which outlines the results of the District's teacher evaluation system.

### Reporting Absences & Attendance

To maintain a productive work environment, the District expects employees to be reliable and to be punctual in reporting for scheduled work. Absenteeism and tardiness place a burden on other employees and on the District. In the rare instances when employees cannot avoid being late to work or are unable to work as scheduled, they are required to notify their supervisor as soon as possible before they are scheduled to work.

Poor attendance and excessive tardiness are disruptive. Either may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge. Absence of three working days without reporting will be considered a voluntary resignation.

### Employment Record/Employee Status Changes

Any changes in name, address, phone numbers, marital status, and persons to be contacted in case of an emergency must be turned into the Unit Office as soon as possible in order to keep your records current.

# **Benefits**

**COBRA Insurance**

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) gives employees and their dependents (qualified beneficiaries) the opportunity to continue health insurance coverage under our health plan when a “qualifying event” would normally result in the loss of eligibility. Some common qualifying events are resignation, termination of employment, or death of an employee; a reduction in an employee’s hours or a leave of absence; an employee’s divorce or legal separation; or a dependent child who no longer meets eligibility requirements.

Under COBRA, the employee or beneficiary pays the full cost of coverage of the group rates plus administration fee.

We provide each eligible employee with a written notice describing rights granted under COBRA when the employee becomes eligible for coverage under the health insurance plan. The notice contains important information about the employee’s rights and obligations.

It is the employee’s responsibility to inform the Plan Administrator of the following events for eligibility purposes:

- The participant becomes entitled to Medicare benefits
- The participant and spouse become divorced
- The participant and spouse become legally separated
- A participant’s child ceases to be a dependent under the plan

**Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)**

Any employee whose absence from employment is necessitated by reason of service in the uniformed services will be granted an unpaid leave of absence and will have the right to be reemployed if he or she:

1. Ensures that the District receives advance written or verbal notice of his or her service;
2. Has five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with the District;
3. Returns to work or applies for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and
4. Has not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions.

Upon the expiration of such leave of absence, each employee will be restored to his/her former job classification or to a position of like seniority, status and pay; unless, circumstances of the District have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so.

**Family and Medical Leave (5:185)****Leave Description**

An eligible employee may use unpaid family and medical leave (FMLA leave), guaranteed by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. The U.S. Department of Labor’s rules (federal rules) implementing FMLA, as they may be amended from time to time, control FMLA leave.

An eligible employee may take FMLA leave for up to a combined total of 12 workweeks per rolling year.

During a single 12-month period, an eligible employee's FMLA leave entitlement may be extended to a total of 26 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a covered servicemember (defined in the federal rules) with a serious injury or illness. The "single 12-month period" is measured forward from the date the employee's first FMLA leave to care for the covered servicemember begins.

While FMLA leave is normally unpaid, the District will substitute an employee's accrued compensatory time-off and/or paid leave for unpaid FMLA leave. All policies and rules regarding the use of paid leave apply when paid leave is substituted for unpaid FMLA leave. Any substitution of paid leave for unpaid FMLA leave will count against the employee's FMLA leave entitlement. Use of FMLA leave shall not preclude the use of other applicable unpaid leave that will extend the employee's leave beyond 12 weeks, provided that the use of FMLA leave shall not serve to extend such other unpaid leave. Any full workweek period during which the employee would not have been required to work, including summer break, winter break and spring break, is not counted against the employee's FMLA leave entitlement.

FMLA leave is available in one or more of the following instances:

1. The birth and first-year care of a son or daughter.
2. The adoption or foster placement of a son or daughter, including absences from work that are necessary for the adoption or foster care to proceed and expiring at the end of the 12-month period beginning on the placement date.
3. The serious health condition of an employee's spouse, child, or parent.
4. The employee's own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his or her job.
5. The existence of a qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, child, or parent is a military member on covered active duty or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty, as provided by federal rules.
6. To care for the employee's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin who is a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness, as provided by federal rules.

If spouses are employed by the District, they may together take only 12-weeks for FMLA leaves when the reason for the leave is 1 or 2, above, or to care for a parent with a serious health condition, or a combined total of 26 weeks for item 6 above.

An employee may be permitted to work on an intermittent or reduced-leave schedule in accordance with federal rules.

**"Serious Health Condition"**

*A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either an overnight stay in a medical care facility, or continuing treatment by a health care provider for a condition that either prevents the employee from performing the functions of the*

*employee's job, or prevents the qualified family member from participating in school or other daily activities.*

*Subject to certain conditions, the continuing treatment requirement may be met by a period of incapacity of more than 3 consecutive calendar days combined with at least two visits to a health care provider or one visit and a regimen of continuing treatment, or incapacity due to pregnancy, or incapacity due to a chronic condition. Other conditions may meet the definition of continuing treatment.*

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for FMLA leave, an employee must be employed at a worksite where at least 50 employees are employed within 75 miles. In addition, one of the following provisions must describe the employee:

1. The employee has been employed by the District for at least 12 months and has been employed for at least 1,000 hours of service during the 12-month period immediately before the beginning of the leave. The 12 months an employee must have been employed by the District need not be consecutive. However, the District will not consider any period of previous employment that occurred more than seven years before the date of the most recent hiring, except when the service break is due to fulfillment of a covered service obligation under the employee's Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), 38 U.S.C. 4301, et seq., or when a written agreement exists concerning the District's intention to rehire the employee.
2. The employee is a full-time classroom teacher.

#### Requesting Leave

If the need for the FMLA leave is foreseeable, an employee must provide the Superintendent or designee with at least 30 days' advance notice before the leave is to begin. If 30 days' advance notice is not practicable, the notice must be given as soon as practicable. The employee shall make a reasonable effort to schedule a planned medical treatment so as not to disrupt the District's operations, subject to the approval of the health care provider administering the treatment. The employee shall provide at least verbal notice sufficient to make the Superintendent or designee aware that he or she needs FMLA leave, and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Failure to give the required notice for a foreseeable leave may result in a delay in granting the requested leave until at least 30 days after the date the employee provides notice.

#### Certification

Within 15 calendar days after the Superintendent or designee makes a request for certification for a FMLA leave, an employee must provide one of the following:

1. When the leave is to care for the employee's covered family member with a serious health condition, the employee must provide a complete and sufficient certificate signed by the family member's health care provider.
2. When the leave is due to the employee's own serious health condition, the employee must provide a complete and sufficient certificate signed by the employee's health care provider.



3. When the leave is to care for a covered servicemember with a serious illness or injury, the employee must provide a complete and sufficient certificate signed by an authorized health care provider for the covered servicemember.
4. When the leave is because of a qualified exigency, the employee must provide: (a) a copy of the covered military member's active duty orders or other documentation issued by the military indicating that the military member is on active duty or call to active duty status, and the dates of the covered military member's active duty service, and (b) a statement or description, signed by the employee, of appropriate facts regarding the qualifying exigency for which FMLA leave is requested.

The District may require an employee to obtain a second and third opinion at its expense when it has reason to doubt the validity of a medical certification.

The District may require recertification at reasonable intervals, but not more often than once every 30 days. Regardless of the length of time since the last request, the District may request recertification when the, (1) employee requests a leave extension, (2) circumstances described by the original certification change significantly, or (3) District receives information that casts doubt upon the continuing validity of the original certification. Recertification is at the employee's expense and must be provided to the District within 15 calendar days after the request. The District may request recertification every six months in connection with any absence by an employee needing an intermittent or reduced schedule leave for conditions with a duration in excess of six months.

Failure to furnish a complete and sufficient certification on forms provided by the District may result in a denial of the leave request.

#### Continuation of Health Benefits

During FMLA leave, employees are entitled to continuation of health benefits that would have been provided if they were working. Any share of health plan premiums being paid by the employee before taking the leave, must continue to be paid by the employee during the FMLA leave. A District's obligation to maintain health insurance coverage ceases if an employee's premium payment is more than 30 days late and the District notifies the employee at least 15 days before coverage will cease.

#### Changed Circumstances and Intent to Return

An employee must provide the Superintendent or designee reasonable notice of changed circumstances (i.e., within two business days if the changed circumstances are foreseeable) that will alter the duration of the FMLA leave. The Superintendent or designee, taking into consideration all of the relevant facts and circumstances related to an individual's leave situation, may ask an employee who has been on FMLA leave for eight consecutive weeks whether he or she intends to return to work.

#### Return to Work

If returning from FMLA leave occasioned by the employee's own serious health condition, the employee is required to obtain and present certification from the employee's health care provider that he or she is able to resume work.

An employee returning from FMLA leave will be given an equivalent position to his or her position before the leave, subject to: (1) permissible limitations the District may impose as provided in the FMLA or implementing regulations, and (2) the District's reassignment policies and practices.

Classroom teachers may be required to wait to return to work until the next semester in certain situations as provided by the FMLA regulations.

#### Implementation

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that: (1) all required notices and responses to leave requests are provided to employees in accordance with the FMLA; and (2) this policy is implemented in accordance with the FMLA. In the event of a conflict between the policy and the FMLA or its regulations, the latter shall control. The terms used in this policy shall be defined as in the FMLA regulations.

#### **Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act**

In accordance with the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act ("VESSA"), the District will provide employees, up to 12 weeks unpaid leave per rolling year for an employee who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence or has a family or household member who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence whose interests are not adverse to the employee as it relates to the domestic or sexual violence. Unpaid leave from work may be taken to address domestic or sexual violence by:

1. Seeking medical attention for, or recovering from, physical or psychological injuries caused by domestic or sexual violence to the employee or the employee's family or household member;
2. Obtaining services from a victim services organization for the employee or the employee's family or household member;
3. Obtaining psychological or other counseling for the employee or the employee's family or household member;
4. Participating in safety planning, temporarily or permanently relocating, or taking other actions to increase the safety of the employee or the employee's family or household member from future domestic or sexual violence or ensure economic security; or
5. Seeking legal assistance or remedies to ensure the health and safety of the employee or the employee's family or household member, including preparing for or participating in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or derived from domestic or sexual violence.

\* "Family or household member" is defined as a spouse, parent, son, daughter, other person related by blood or by present or prior marriage, other person who shares a relationship through a son or daughter, and persons jointly residing in the same household.

Employees are entitled to take unpaid leave that exceeds the unpaid leave time allowed under, or is in addition to the unpaid leave time permitted by, the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

An employee may elect to substitute any earned vacation time, sick leave, or other paid or unpaid leave the employee is entitled toward the 12-week period allowed for any approved leave of absence pursuant to this policy.

### Requesting Leave

Any employee who desires a leave of absence pursuant to this policy must complete, sign, and submit an application for leave of absence to his or her immediate supervisor. The employee shall provide the District with at least 48 hours' notice in advance of the employee's intention to take the leave unless providing such notice is not practicable.

### Certification

Every application for Leave of Absence pursuant to this policy must include a sworn certification by the employee that: (1) the employee or the employee's family or household member is a victim of domestic or sexual violence; and (2) the leave is for one of the purposes enumerated in the above paragraph. In addition, the employee must provide the following documents to the District within a reasonable time: (1) documentation from an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, or a medical or other professional from whom the employee or the employee's family or household member has sought assistance in addressing domestic or sexual violence and the effects of the violence; (2) a police or court record; or (3) other corroborating evidence.

### Conditions of Leave

The following conditions apply to a leave of absence pursuant to this policy:

In its discretion, the District may require an employee taking approved leave of absence to periodically report on his or her status and intention to return to work.

An employee taking a leave of absence may not engage in other work or employment during the leave of absence. If an employee engages in other work or employment during the leave of absence, the employee will be considered to have violated the terms of the leave of absence, and to have voluntarily terminated his or her employment with the District.

If an employee is granted a leave of absence on an intermittent basis or on a reduced schedule basis, the District may require the employee to temporarily transfer to an alternative position that accommodates the employee's recurring absences or part-time schedule.

### Continuation of Health Benefits

During VESSA leave, employees are entitled to continuation of health benefits that would have been provided if they were working. Any share of health plan premiums being paid by the employee before taking the leave, must continue to be paid by the employee during the leave. The District may recover the premium that the District paid for maintaining coverage for the employee and the employee's family or household member under the health plan during any period of VESSA leave if:

1. The employee fails to return from leave after the period of leave to which the employee is entitled has expired; and
2. The employee fails to return to work for a reason other than;
  - a. The continuation, recurrence, or onset of domestic or sexual violence that entitles the employee to leave pursuant to this policy; or
  - b. Other circumstances beyond the control of the employee.

Any employee who fails to return to work for a reason listed in 2(I) or (II) must provide to the District within a reasonable time a sworn certification by the employee that the employee is unable to return to work because of that reason and (1) documentation from an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, or a medical or other professional from whom the employee or the employee's family or household member has sought assistance in addressing domestic or sexual violence and the effects of the violence; (2) a police or court record; or (3) other corroborating evidence.

#### Return to Work

An employee returning from VESSA leave will be restored to the position of employment held by the employee when the leave commenced, or to an equivalent position with equivalent employment benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment.

**General Rules of Conduct**

To assure orderly operations and provide the best possible work environment, we expect employees to follow rules of conduct, performance, and attendance. This will protect the interests of all employees and the District.

For the guidance of all employees, listed below are some rules of conduct, performance and attendance. Violation of any of these rules may result in disciplinary action, including discharge, at the District's discretion. This list is by way of illustration only and should not be deemed to limit the District's right to discipline or discharge for other reasons not specifically listed.

The following acts are prohibited and constitute violations of District Rules of Conduct:

1. Possession of any dangerous weapon or explosive device while on District property.
2. Reporting to work under the influence of, or introducing, possessing, or using on District property, any intoxicating or controlled substance (including drug paraphernalia) not prescribed by a licensed physician. Employees with prescription drugs, which could impair motor function, must advise their administrator when first reporting for work after receiving such a prescription.
3. Fighting with, threatening, intimidating, coercing, physically abusing or interfering with another employee or persons doing business with the District.
4. Taking or receiving, without authorization, goods, materials, equipment or property belonging to the District, employees, or persons doing business with the District.
5. Practicing or promoting discrimination against or harassment of another employee or group of employees on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, or disability.
6. Willful destruction of property, including but not limited to falsification of report(s); employment application; tallies; data; time card(s); commission of deliberate error; concealment of such acts committed by employee or others.
7. Insubordination (refusal to carry out administrator's instructions). Using profane or abusive language or displaying the abusive conduct toward an employee or person.
8. Participation or instigation of horseplay, scuffling, pranks, and/or otherwise creating a disturbance in the workplace.
9. Committing any felony or misdemeanor crimes as prohibited by federal, state, or local laws or failure to report unlawful conduct.
10. Transaction of personal business, including telephone calls, during working hours (excluding lunch) without consent of an administrator.
11. Use of seatbelt is required while riding in or operating a District vehicle on public roads.
12. Negligent work performance, concealment or failure to report errors, which may result in economic damage or adverse conditions.
13. Sleeping during working time.
14. Failure to report an accident or injury to the appropriate administrator.
15. Excessive employee absenteeism or tardiness or failure to notify of absence or tardiness within an hour of the scheduled work time.
16. Leaving District premises during working hours without permission. Unauthorized entrance on District property during non-working hours.
17. Working in an unsafe manner or violating District safety policies and procedures.

18. Falsification of employee applications.
19. Improper use of sick leave or unpaid personal leave.
20. Unauthorized use of District equipment.
21. Making modifications in equipment or buildings including heating, cooling, electrical, water or sewer systems unless authorized by job descriptions or supervisors.
22. Unauthorized possession or use of District keys, keycards, or access fobs, including master keys.
23. Bringing personally owned equipment or furniture to school without advance written authorization from the building administration. If permission is granted, the District assumes no liability for lost, damaged, or stolen personal property.
24. Promoting the services, products, ideologies (political, religious, or organizational), or goals of non-school organizations, exclusive of educational goals.
25. Failing to be truthful to the Board of Education or the administration in regard to matters relating to employment or directly related to the employee's work duties.
26. Falsifying documents, or creating documents, which are substantially misleading.
27. Making false claims for insurance or any other benefit.
28. Misrepresenting to any other person the extent of her or his job authority, or purport to act on behalf of the District when not authorized to do so.
29. Incurring expenses or entering into contracts on behalf of the District without the authority to do so.
30. Failure to conduct oneself in a same manner at all times. Failure to read, understand and apply all safety instructions related to procedures or equipment, or defeating or attempting to defeat any safety device.
31. Working under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or illegal drug; concealing or maintaining any intoxicating liquor or illegal drug in or on any school property or at any school sponsored event; working while bearing the odor of alcohol or illegal drugs.
32. Engaging in acts that are dangerous to property, health, safety, or welfare of the District, students, other employees, or the general public. This rule shall not be deemed violated by accidental acts that are not intended by the employee, but the employee shall act with prudence and ordinary caution at all times.
33. Engaging in activities during non-school hours that intentionally cause injury or harm or attempt to cause injury or harm to other employees, children, their property, or the District or its property. Any employee who has been convicted of any felony offense or who has committed any criminal acts involving substantial risk of harm to other persons or property may be unsuitable for school employment and is subject to discharge, at the discretion of the Board.
34. Bringing onto school property or to any school activity firearms, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, or other substances or devices likely or capable of causing harm to persons or property.
35. Failure to report to the direct supervisor any damaged or broken equipment or other school property in his or her assigned area of responsibility.
36. The loss of driving rights or privileges for any position requiring a current driver's license shall be cause for dismissal. The employee must advise the District of lost driving privileges.
37. Failure to maintain or the loss of any certificate, license, or other document issued by any governmental entity or office necessary or required for the employee's position shall be cause for dismissal.

38. Failure to promptly deposit, report or account for any funds, gate receipts, or other money or property of the District, students, or others coming into the employee's hands as a result of the employee's work, responsibilities, duties, or employment.
39. Unauthorized use, retaining without authorization, or stealing money or property of students, other employees, or others.
40. Release, disclosure, or granting access to information found in any student record except in the exercise of job responsibilities, or when such disclosure would constitute a violation of the Illinois School Student Records Act or the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Employees may seek clarification of their responsibilities under this rule from their immediate supervisor.
41. Release, disclosure, or granting access to information found in any employee file or disclosure of confidential information about other employees without advance authorization from a supervisor. Employees may seek clarification of their responsibilities under this rule from their immediate supervisor.
42. Educational support employees shall not discipline students except as authorized by job description.
43. Fighting and physical altercations of all kinds. Employees may take reasonable steps to protect themselves from physical violence and may reasonably restrain a student to protect the employee, another employee, other students, or District property.
44. Engaging in any behavior while at school, at its sponsored events, or during work hours, which constitutes gross disrespect for the property or rights of others including but not limited to insensitive remarks about another person's race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, ancestry, or marital status. Such remarks will result in employee discipline.
45. Using profanity when speaking to parents or students, or address other employees utilizing profanity.
46. Engaging in any sexual or romantic relationship with any student. Employees shall not make sexually suggestive remarks or engage in sexual conduct or acts on or towards students. Employees shall not illegally discriminate against students on the basis of the student's sex. Employees shall personally report evidence of any such activity to the Superintendent. No employee shall instruct nor dissuade another employee from making such a report.
47. Making unwelcome sexual advances toward or request sexual favors from other employees. Engaging in verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature which constitutes sexual harassment or otherwise creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
48. Aide, solicit or engage any student, or any employee in any activity that is illegal or immoral. Employees shall personally report evidence of illegal or immoral activity to the Superintendent.
49. Conviction of any felony offense involving dishonesty or violence, or that would have precluded an employee's initial employment as a matter of law irrespective of the jurisdiction, shall be cause for dismissal.
50. Willfully refusing to obey written or oral instructions of the immediate supervisor, a member of the administrative staff.
51. Willfully refusing to obey the policies, rules and regulations of the Board of Education or attempt to violate the Board of Education policy, rule or regulation.
52. Willful behavior that interrupts the orderly process of school affairs.
53. Repeated minor incidents of misbehavior may be cause for discharge, if other disciplinary measures have failed to deter misconduct.

54. To knowingly surrender or deliver a child to a person other than the child's parents (or in the case of divorce, the custodial parent) or other guardian, without the approval from the parent, legal guardian, or the building principal. No employee shall intentionally surrender or deliver a child to a person who is prohibited such contact by an Order of Protection, or other Order of Court
55. Failure to personally report evidence of child abuse to the DCFS Hotline. No employee shall instruct nor dissuade another employee from making such a report. The employee shall notify the building principal that a report was made.
56. Outside employment that may interfere with the performance of job duties.
57. Accepting unauthorized rebates, gifts, gratuities, premiums or promotional materials from suppliers for personal use or gain.
58. Utilizing District computers, networks or Internet access to view, obtain, or download any pornographic or sexually explicit material.
59. Failing to maintain strict confidentiality of passwords or other security techniques or accessing any computer, network, server, or other information thereon that the employee is not authorized to access.
60. Violation of any copyright, including, but not limited to copyright in software, information, music, data or other material obtained over the Internet.
61. Employees shall not unlock classrooms for students or other persons when school is not in session without getting name and reason for entering the premises. These incidents will be reported to the immediate supervisor.
62. These rules may be supplemented from time to time by administrative rule. The Superintendent and Building Principals are authorized to adopt such additional rules as may be necessary or convenient, consistent with these rules. However, violation of such rules shall not be cause for employee discipline until employees are given copies of such rules.



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AGREEMENT  
AND RECEIPT OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges they have reviewed a copy of the Windsor CUSD #1 Employee Handbook from the district website, [www.windsor.k12.il.us](http://www.windsor.k12.il.us). The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that nothing contained in the employee handbook including policies, practices, and benefits stated herein are intended to create any contractual right, express or implied, to employment or to any particular term or condition of employment. The District retains the right to revise, amend this handbook, or terminate any policy unilaterally without notice at any time, and the employee's continued employment will be deemed acceptance of such revisions and modifications. I understand I am required to read and apply all work rules. I understand that if I violate any work rule I may be disciplined. I further acknowledge that discipline, in some circumstances, may include my immediate discharge.

My signature acknowledges receipt of the work rules, not necessarily that I agree with them.

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Employee Signature

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Witness Signature

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Date

*(This acknowledgement and agreement will be retained in the employee's personnel file)*

## **BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN**

The Windsor C.U.S.D. #1 is committed to providing a safe and healthful work environment for our entire staff. In pursuit of this endeavor, the following Exposure Control Plan (ECP) is provided to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens in accordance with the OSHA Bloodborne pathogens Standard, Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations 1910.1030 and 56 Ill. Adm. Code 350.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Hepatitis B warrant serious concerns for workers occupationally exposed to blood and certain other body fluids that contain bloodborne pathogens. It is estimated that more than 5.6 million workers in health care and public safety occupations could be potentially exposed. In recognition of these potential hazards, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has implemented a regulation (Bloodborne Pathogens 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.1030) to help protect workers from these health hazards. Since OSHA does not have jurisdiction over local governmental employers, the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) has proposed the adoption of OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogen Regulation by reference and in its entirety to ensure that public sector workers are provided with the same level of health and safety protection that is offered to private sector workers within Illinois. The regulation will appear at 56 Ill. Adm. Code 350.

The major intent of this regulation is to prevent the transmission of bloodborne diseases within potentially exposed workplace occupations. The standard is expected to reduce and prevent employee exposure to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) and other bloodborne diseases. OSHA estimates the standard could prevent more than 200 deaths and about 9,000 infections per year from HBV alone. The standard requires that employers follow universal precautions, which means that all blood or other potentially infectious material must be treated as being infectious for HIV and HBV. Each employer must determine the application of universal precautions by performing an employee exposure evaluation. If employee exposure is recognized, as defined by the standard, then the standard mandates a number of requirements. One of the major requirements is the development of an Exposure Control Plan, which mandates engineering controls, work practices, personal protective equipment, HBV vaccinations and training. The standard also mandates practices and procedures for housekeeping, medical evaluations, hazard communication, and record keeping.

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## I. Exposure Determination

Purpose: To identify job classifications and tasks that involve exposure to blood and other infectious material.

### A. Category I

All employees are expected to incur exposure to blood, body fluids or tissue regardless of frequency. These employees must use personal protective equipment (PPE) and are offered Hepatitis B vaccination free at location designated by the Superintendent of Schools.

Gloves should always be worn.

Job Classification	Task Procedure
None	

### B. Category II

All employees with tasks that involve no exposure to blood or body fluids or substances contaminated with blood, but may require unplanned category I task.

Personal protective equipment (gloves) will be readily available.

Job Classification	Task Procedure
Teaching Administrators Bus Drivers Custodians Secretaries	Gloves & Kit Available

### C. Category III

All employees that perform tasks that involve no exposure to blood, body fluids, etc. Protective equipment is not required.

Job Classification	Task Procedure
Bookkeeper Food Service	Request custodian for clean-up Administration or teachers for coverage

## II. Implementation of Universal Precautions

### Universal Precautions

Policy: As of 11, 1993, all employees will utilize Universal Precautions. Within the Windsor C.U.S.D. #1 all human blood and body fluids will be considered potentially infectious and barriers will be used to prevent exposure.

#### A. Interpretation and Implementation

1. Universal precautions are indicated for all students.
2. Protective barriers indicated in universal precautions are:
  - a. Gloves. These must be worn whenever exposure to the following is planned or anticipated (or to an item contaminated with such):
    - 1) Blood/blood products
    - 2) Body fluids with visible blood semen
    - 3) Semen
    - 4) Vaginal secretions
    - 5) Amniotic fluid
    - 6) Cerebrospinal fluid
    - 7) Synovial fluid
    - 8) Pleural fluid
    - 9) Pericardial fluid
    - 10) Peritoneal fluid
    - 11) Any bodily fluid where it is difficult or impossible to differentiate between body fluids
    - 12) Non-intact skin
    - 13) Wound drainage
    - 14) Mucous membranes
  - b. CPR micro shield/pocket mask:
    - 1) Mouth to mouth resuscitation
  - c. Hand washing. This is indicated:
    - 1) After contact with blood/body fluids
    - 2) After personal hygiene

## III. Engineering controls

Policy: These controls will be used to eliminate or minimize exposure to employees. If a risk is still present, then PPE will be utilized.

- A. Hazardous wastebaskets and/or liners. The wastebasket will contain a red plastic liner for disposal of contaminated items. If regular liners are used and contaminated items are

disposed into them, they will be tied shut for disposal into a central large biohazard (red) bag. Disposable contaminated items include but are not limited to band-aids, Kleenex, gauze, sanitary products, towels from body fluids cleanup, used gloves, and any other contaminated first aid materials.

B.

Controls	Responsibility
1. Wastebaskets/biohazard bags	Building Principal
2. Gloves/CPR barrier	Building Principal

The above controls will be examined and maintained on a regular schedule. The schedule for reviewing the effectiveness of the controls will be annually when the Exposure Control Plan is reviewed and opportunities for new or improved engineering controls are identified.

IV. Work Practice Controls

A. All personnel shall wash their hands to prevent the spread of infection and disease.

B. Frequent hand washing is the single most important technique for preventing transmission of disease. Appropriate thirty (30) second hand washing must be performed under the following conditions:

1. Whenever hands are obviously soiled
2. Before preparing or handling medication
3. Before wound care
4. Before touching, preparing or serving food
5. After handling used dressings, band-aids, etc.
6. After contact with blood, urine, feces, oral secretions, mucous membranes, or broken skin
7. After handling items potentially contaminated with any students blood, excretions or secretions.
8. After personal hygiene
9. Before and after eating

C. Hand Washing Facilities

- i. Location
  1. Restrooms
  2. Cafeteria Sink
- ii. Equipment
  1. Folded paper towels
  2. Antiseptic soap
- iii. Janitors assigned to a particular area will check hand washing facilities daily and re-supply as needed.

- iv. After removal of PPE gloves, employees shall wash hands and any other potentially contaminated skin area immediately or as soon as possible with soap and water.
- v. If employees incur exposure to their skin or mucous membranes these areas should be washing or flushed with water as soon as possible following contact.

## V. Personal Protective Equipment

Policy: It is the policy of the Windsor C.U.S.D. #1 to provide and maintain PPE appropriate to the specific requirements of each task at no cost to the employee. PPE will be chosen based on the anticipated exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials.

A. PPE will be provided to employees in the following manner:

### Gloves:

Shall be worn when it is reasonably anticipated that employees will have contact with blood, other potentially infectious materials, non-intact skin, and mucous membranes. Gloves will be available from the Secretary in the office.

Disposable gloves used at Windsor C.U.S.D. #1 are not be washed for re-use and are to be replaced as soon as practical when they become contaminated or as soon as feasible if they are torn, punctured, or when their ability to function as a barrier is compromised.

## VI. Decontamination

Policy: It is the policy of the Windsor C.U.S.D. #1 that all spills or splashes of blood or other body fluids are cleaned up and the spills or splash area is decontaminated as soon as possible.

A. Decontamination will be accomplished by utilizing the following materials.

1. Bleach solution 1:10 ratio mixed daily.

B. All contaminated surfaces will be cleaned as soon as possible using the following equipment.

1. Spill kit if necessary
2. Bleach solution as in above

C. All pails, cans, bins and similar receptacles shall be inspected on a regular basis.

D. Any broken glassware which may be contaminated will not be picked up directly with the hands, even if it is gloved (use broom and dust pan).

E. Regulated waste shall be placed in appropriate containers.

1. Red bags or large bag for total accumulation.
2. Waste will be removed by the janitor or administrator.
3. Regulated waste will be disposed of according to E.P.A. guidelines.

## VII. Hepatitis B Vaccine

Policy: All employees who have been identified as having exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials will be offered the Hepatitis B vaccine, at no cost to the employee at site approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

- A. Employees who decline the Hepatitis B vaccine will sign a waiver.

See Appendix A

- B. Employees who initially decline the vaccine but who later wish to have it may then have the vaccine provided at no cost.
- C. The superintendent is responsible for assuring that the vaccine is offered, waivers and consents are signed, etc.
- D. The Shelby County Health Department will be responsible for ordering and administering the vaccine.

## VIII. Post Exposure Evaluation and Follow-Up

Policy: Employees shall make every effort to avoid exposure to a students' blood/body fluid.

- A. When the employee incurs an exposure incident, it should be reported to the principal and superintendent of schools.

All employees who incur an exposure incident will be offered post-exposure evaluation and follow-up in accordance with the OSHA standard.

This follow-up will include the following:

1. Documentation of the route of exposure and the circumstances related to the incident.
2. If possible, the identification of the source individual and, if possible the status of the source individual. The blood of the source individual can be tested only after consent is obtained.
3. Results of testing of the source individual will be made available to the exposed employee with the exposed employee informed about the applicable laws and regulations concerning disclosure of the identity and infectivity of the source individual.
4. The employee will be offered the option of having their blood collected for testing of the employees HIV/HBV Serological Status.
5. The employee will be offered post exposure prophylaxis in accordance with the current recommendations of the U.S. Public Health Service.
6. The employee will be given appropriate counseling concerning precautions to take during the period after the exposure incident. The employee will also be given information on what potential illness(es) to be alert for and to report any related experiences to appropriate personnel.



7. The superintendent has been designated to assure that the policy outlined here is effectively carried out as well as to maintain records related to this policy.
- B. A written opinion shall be obtained from the health care professional who evaluates employees of this facility. Written opinions will be obtained in the event of an exposure incident.
- C. Health care professionals provide the employer with a written evaluation of the exposed employee. To ensure confidentiality the written opinion will contain only the following information:
  1. Whether the employee received the Hepatitis B vaccine
  2. Whether Hepatitis B vaccine is indicated
  3. Confirmation that the employee has been informed of the results of the evaluation
  4. Confirmation that the employee has been told about any medical conditions resulting from the exposure incident which require further evaluation or treatment.

All other findings or diagnoses will remain confidential and will not be included in the written report.

#### IX. Training

Policy: It is the policy of the Windsor C.U.S.D. #1 to train all employees and new employees prior to initial assignments to tasks where occupational exposure may occur.

- A. Training for employees will include the following explanation of:
  1. The OSHA standard for bloodborne Pathogens
  2. Epidemiology and symptomatology of bloodborne diseases.
  3. Modes of transmission of bloodborne pathogens
  4. This exposure control plan
  5. Times when exposure to blood/body fluids might occur.
  6. Control methods which will be used at Windsor C.U.S.D. #1 to control exposure to blood/body fluids
  7. Personal protective equipment available at Windsor C.U.S.D. #1 facilities and who should be contacted
  8. Post exposure evaluation and follow-up
  9. Hepatitis B vaccine program at Shelby County Health Department

#### X. Record keeping

All records required by the OSHA standard will be maintained by the superintendent of schools.

- A. Medical records are to be kept for each employee with occupational exposure for the duration of employment plus 30 years. Must be confidential and include:
  1. Name
  2. Social security number

3. Hepatitis B vaccination status (including dates)
4. Results of any exams, medical testing and follow-up procedures
5. Copy of health care professional's written opinion
6. Copy of information provided to the health care professional
7. All employee medical records will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed or reported without the employee's express written consent to any person within or outside the workplace except as required by the Standard or as may be required by law.
8. Employee training records will be provided upon request of the employee or to anyone having written consent of the employee within 15 working days.

B. Training records are to be kept for three years and must include:

1. Dates
  2. Contents of training program or a summary
  3. Trainer's name and qualifications
  4. Names and job titles of all persons attending the sessions.
5. Employee training records will be provided upon request to the employee or the employee's authorized representative within 15 working days.

#### XI. Dates

All provisions required by the standard will be implemented by:

March 30, 1993 develop exposure control plan

March 30, 1993 in-service education for staff

May 1, 1993 immunization program to begin

Training will be conducted by emergency medical team person.

All employees will receive annual refresher training that will be conducted within one year of the employee's previous training.

The outline for the training material is located in the offices of the principals.

See Appendix E

The Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Plan will be reviewed and revised on an annual basis.