



Klamath Falls City Schools

Staff Handbook

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Klamath Falls City Schools takes pride in having exciting, competitive extracurricular activities for our students. While it is important to build competitive programs, the health and safety of our students must come first. Because our district is in a region where wildfire smoke can impact the air quality levels, it is incumbent for the district to take precautions.	42
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PREFACE

The material covered within this staff handbook is intended as a method of communicating to employees regarding general district information, rules and regulations and is not intended to either enlarge or diminish any Board policy, administrative regulation or collective bargaining agreement. Material contained herein may, therefore, be superseded by such Board policy, administrative regulation, collective bargaining agreement or changes in state or federal law.

Any information contained in this staff handbook is subject to unilateral revision or elimination from time-to-time without notice.

No information in this document shall be viewed as an offer, expressed or implied, or as a guarantee of any employment of any duration.

Equal Opportunity and Non Discrimination

Equal employment opportunity and treatment shall be practiced by the district regardless of an individual's perceived or actual race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation¹, age, marital status, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veterans' status, genetic information or mental or physical disability, if the employee, with or without reasonable accommodation, is able to perform the essential functions of the position.

The following staff have been designated to coordinate compliance with these legal requirements, including: Title VI, Title VII, Title IX and other civil rights or discrimination issues; the Americans with Disabilities Act; [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA);] Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and may be contacted at the district office for additional information and/or compliance issues:

Shelly L. Hunt, Director of Human Resources

GENERAL INFORMATION

ASSOCIATIONS

The Klamath Falls Education Association (KFEA) represents the bargaining unit for all licensed staff.

The Klamath Falls Association of Classified Employees (KFACE) represents the bargaining unit for classified staff excluding custodial and maintenance staff.

The Classified Personnel of Klamath Falls (CPOKF) represent the bargaining unit for classified maintenance and custodial staff.

BOARD MEETINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Regular Board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday at the Lucile O’Neill Education Center Boardroom, 1336 Avalon Street, Klamath Falls, OR. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. Any exceptions to this schedule will be listed on the district website, www.kfalls.k12.or.us. All regular, special and emergency meetings of the Board are open to the public unless otherwise provided by law.

All staff members are invited to attend Board meetings. All formal communications or reports to the Board are to be submitted through building supervisors and administrators to the superintendent in accordance with established lines of authority, as approved by the Board. This does not restrict protected labor relations communication of bargaining unit members.

All official Board communications, policies and information of staff interest will be communicated to staff through the superintendent to local building supervisors and administrators.

BOARD MEMBERS

The Legislature of the State of Oregon delegates to the Board the responsibility for the conduct and governance of the district’s schools. Board members, as elected by residents of this district, are as follows:

- Zone 1 Jeremy Player
- Zone 2 Lori Theros
- Zone 3 Mychal Amos
- Zone 4 Donald Ambers
- Zone 5 Trina Perez
- Zone 6 Michael Moore
- Zone 7 Bill Jennings

Contact information is available on the district website: www.kfalls.k12.or.us

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

The District Office is open during the course of the school year between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

COMMUNITY USE OF BUILDING

District buildings are open to community groups during the week and weekends for approved use when such use does not interfere with district programs.

As classrooms may be scheduled outside regular building hours, all staff are encouraged to leave their rooms in order and to secure personal items. The district is not responsible for personal items left on district property.

STAFF OPERATIONS

ABSENCES

Staff members unable to report to work for any reason must notify their building principal or district supervisor prior to their scheduled work schedule or as soon as possible to ensure that appropriate substitute arrangements may be made. Substitutes are assigned on a daily basis unless a longer duration is specified. Absences that exceed five (5) days require a physician's statement and application for FMLA/OFLA leave.

Final decisions regarding substitute use or nonuse will be made by the district.

Substitute coverage for absences during work hours due to illness or emergency will be arranged as needed upon notification to the building principal or district supervisor.

Paid and unpaid leaves are provided in accordance with collective bargaining agreements, established Board policy and federal and state law.

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE (FMLA)/(OFLA)

Employees should contact the Director of Human Resources and review policy GCBDA/GDBDA - Family Medical Leave and administrative regulations.

Eligibility

In accordance with federal law, staff members employed by the district for the previous 12 months and who have worked at least 1,250 hours during the year preceding the start of the leave may be eligible for FMLA leave. Staff members employed by the district at least 180 days prior to the first day of the family medical leave of absence and who have worked an average of 25 or more hours per week may be eligible for OFLA leave. There is no minimum average number of hours worked per week when determining employee eligibility for parental leave under OFLA.

Length/Purpose of Leave

Employees eligible for FMLA leave under federal law and/or OFLA leave under state law are entitled to take 12 work weeks of leave within a 12-month period for the:

1. Birth of the employee's child and for bonding with a newborn (eligibility expires 12 months after the birth);
2. Placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care or for bonding with a newly placed child when the child is under 18 years of age (eligibility expires 12 months after placement), or when a child older than 18 if incapable of self-care because of mental or physical disability;
3. Care of a family member with a serious health condition;
4. The staff member's own serious health condition;
5. Eligible employees may take FMLA leave for qualifying exigency while the employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent is on covered active duty or called to covered active duty status during the deployment with Armed Forces to a foreign country (C.F.R. sections 825.126(a)(1 and 2); Federal Register Vol. 78, No. 25, Page 8917);
6. Injured Service Member Leave allows an employee leave to care for a covered service member who is the employee's spouse, son, daughter, parent or next of kin who has been injured in the line of duty as a member of the Armed Forces;
7. State law allows employees to take leave for the care of a sick or injured child who requires home care but is not suffering from a serious health condition. The district is not required to grant leave for routine medical or dental appointments (OFLA only);
8. State law allows employees to take leave for the death of a family member to attend the funeral or alternative to a funeral of the family member, make arrangements necessitated by the death of the family member or to grieve the death of a family member (OFLA only);
9. Military Family Leave allows leave for a spouse partner of a military personnel per each deployment of the spouse partner when the spouse has either been notified of an impending call to active duty, has been ordered to active duty or has been deployed or on leave from deployment (OFLA only).

Contact the Director of Human Resources for additional information regarding length of leave, intermittent leave and alternative duty under state and federal law and provisions governing two family members eligible for FMLA or OFLA leave.

A serious health condition is defined differently under federal and state law. Contact the Human Resources Office for details.

Calculating the 12-Month Period for Leave

The district will use the same method for calculating the 12-month period in which the 12 workweek FMLA and OFLA leave entitlement occurs for all employees. The district will use a "rolling" 12-month period measured backward from the date the employee uses any family and medical leave.

Leaves to care for covered service members has its own 12-month year beginning on the first day of leave regardless of the district's method of calculating the 12-month period for leave.

Paid/Unpaid Leave

Family leave under federal law is generally unpaid. Under state law, employees are entitled to access any accrued paid leave including paid sick leave for any OFLA qualifying event. Contact the Director of Human Resources for information regarding accessing any accrued paid leave for a qualifying event.

The district will notify the employee that the requested leave has been designated as FMLA and/or OFLA leave and, if required by the district, that accrued paid leave shall be used during the leave period. In the event the district is aware of an OFLA qualifying exigency, the district shall notify the employee of the intent to designate the leave as such regardless of whether a request has been made by the employee. Such notification will be

given to the employee prior to the commencement of the leave or within two working days of the employee's notice of an unanticipated or emergency leave.

When the district does not have sufficient information to make a determination of whether the leave qualifies as FMLA or OFLA leave, the district will provide the required notice promptly when the information is available but no later than two working days after the district has received the information. Oral notices will be confirmed in writing no later than the subsequent payday.

Application

Staff members requesting FMLA and/or OFLA leave shall submit to the district a written request at least 30 days prior to the anticipated leave date if the leave is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment. The notice shall include the anticipated starting and ending dates of the requested leave and an explanation of the need for the leave. Staff members are expected to schedule treatment, including intermittent leave and reduced hours, so as to not unduly disrupt the operation of the district.

If advance notice of FMLA leave, under federal law, is not possible, for example due to a change in circumstances or medical emergency, notice must be given as soon as practicable. "As soon as practicable" means at least oral notification within one or two business days of when the leave becomes known to the employee.

Failure to provide the required notice for FMLA leave may result in the district delaying the staff member's leave for up to 30 days after the notice is ultimately given.

If advance notice of OFLA leave is not possible due to unanticipated or emergency leave situation, oral or written notice is required within 24 hours. The district realizes that there may be circumstances when it is not possible to provide a 24-hour notice. Therefore, the staff member may designate a family member or friend to notify the district during that period of time.

In either case, proper documentation must be submitted within three working days of the employee's return to work. Failure to provide the required notice for OFLA leave may result in the district deducting up to three weeks from the staff member's leave period.

Medical Certification

If the staff member provides 30 or more days' notice when applying for FMLA and/or OFLA leave, he/she may be required to provide medical documentation when appropriate to support the request for leave. The district will provide written notification to employees of this requirement within three working days of the staff member's request for leave. If the staff member provides less than 30 days' notice, he/she is required to submit such medical certification no later than 15 calendar days after receipt of the district's notification that medical certification is required.

Under federal law, a second medical opinion at the district's expense may be required whenever the district has reason to doubt the validity of the initial medical opinion. The health care provider may be selected by the district. The health care provider shall not be an individual employed by the district on a regular basis. Should the first and second medical certifications differ, a third opinion may be required. The district and the employee will mutually agree on the selection of the health care provider for a third medical certification. The third opinion will be final. Second and third opinions and the actual travel expenses for a staff member to obtain such opinions will be paid for by the district.

Under state law, the district may require a second opinion and designate the health care provider. Should the two opinions conflict, the district may require a third opinion and that the two providers designate the third health care provider. The third opinion will be final. Second and third opinions and the actual travel expenses for a staff member to obtain such opinion will be paid for by the district.

If the leave is for the purpose of an employee's own serious health condition, he/she may also be required to provide a fitness-for-duty medical release from the health care provider before returning to work.

The district may require a staff member using OFLA leave to care for a sick child to provide medical certification after the use of more than three days of such leave in a one-year period. The will pay the cost of the medical certification not covered by insurance or other benefit plans.

Continuation of Health Insurance Benefits

Under federal and state law, group health insurance benefits and premium payments must be continued on the same basis as coverage would have been provided and premiums paid in the absence of the leave. The district will continue to pay the district's contribution toward the employee's premium. The employee will continue to pay the employee's share of premiums, if any. A 30-day grace period will be allowed for receipt of employee contributions. The district's obligation to maintain the employee's benefits will cease if the employee's contribution is more than 30 days late. The district will provide written notice that the premium payment is more than 30 calendar days late. Such notice will be provided within 15 calendar days before coverage is to cease.

Return to Work

Following a FMLA or OFLA leave, a staff member is generally entitled to be returned to his/her former position or to an equivalent job with equivalent benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment, with certain exceptions. See the Director of Human Resources for details of this or any other provision of FMLA or OFLA leave.

ABUSE OF A CHILD REPORTING

All staff will be required to participate in annual training in the prevention and identification of abuse of a child and the obligations of reporting.

Any staff member who has reasonable cause or reasonable suspicion to believe that any child under 18 years of age with whom the employee has come in contact has suffered abuse or neglect, by any adult or by a student with whom the employee is in contact has abused a child, shall immediately orally report to the Oregon Department of Human Services or local law enforcement agency. The principal/supervisor is also to be immediately informed. In the event the designated person is the suspected abuser, the Director of Human Resources and/or Superintendent shall receive the report of abuse.

Written documentation of this report must be completed and submitted to the principal/supervisor.

Oregon law recognizes these types of abuse:

1. Physical;
2. Neglect;

3. Mental injury;
4. Threat of harm;
5. Sexual abuse or sexual exploitation.

Failure to report a suspected abuse of a child or to comply with the confidentiality of records requirements is a violation punishable by law and by district disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

A staff member who, based on reasonable grounds, participates in the good faith making of a report of abuse of a child report shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as provided by law. A substantiated report of abuse by an employee shall be documented in the employee's personnel file.

Intentionally making a false report of abuse of a child is a Class A violation.

ANIMALS IN DISTRICT FACILITIES

Permission is to be obtained from the principal before animals are brought into the school.

Animals may not be transported on a school bus.

Animals must be properly cared for and housed. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.

If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, arrangements must be made for their care.

Service animals serving a person with a disability are exempt per Board Policy ING.

BREAKS

All employees of the KFACE bargaining unit shall be granted a minimum of ten (10) to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes rest period with pay for each 3.50 hours of continuous work. Rest periods shall be utilized as near the middle of each 3.50 hour period as feasible within the operational needs of the district as determined by the employee's immediate supervisor.

Nonexempt (e.g., includes some confidential) employees are expected to adhere to the break schedule established by their supervisor. Deviation from the regularly scheduled break period requires prior approval.

CARE/USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

All staff members are encouraged to exercise continuous and vigilant care of all district-owned property. Such items as computer and video equipment, and musical instruments are priority items for theft and damage.

Incidents of theft or willful destruction of district property through vandalism or malicious mischief should be reported immediately to the building principal/supervisor.

Certain district-owned equipment, including, but not limited to, computers, cell devices or iPads, may be checked out by staff and district patrons. Such equipment may not be used for personal financial gain or avoidance of personal financial loss.

In the event of loss or damage, a fee will be assessed by the district according to the repair or replacement costs.

Maintenance and Control of Materials

Employees will exercise continuous and vigilant care of all district-owned equipment. If apparent negligence is associated with the loss of, or damage to, equipment, the employee will be held responsible and the Board may order appropriate reimbursement in addition to disciplinary action.

Vehicles, musical instruments, computer equipment, video equipment and typewriters are priority items for theft and damage. These items may require specific loan procedures. Such equipment, other than vehicles, will have a non-removable inventory number and all such numbers will be properly recorded.

The superintendent is authorized to develop appropriate regulations regarding the care and use of all district-owned materials and equipment, including portions of a facility such as art room, labs, shops and athletic facilities. Employee use of materials, equipment and facilities will comply with ORS Chapter 244 and Board policy.

Authorized Use of District Equipment and Materials

District materials and equipment will be used only for school purposes by district personnel.

CASH IN DISTRICT BUILDINGS

Money collected by staff as a result of fund raisers or other school-related purposes is to be deposited in the office, whenever the sum accumulated in any one day by a class, staff member or others exceeds \$25. At no time are substantial amounts of money to be kept overnight or held during

holidays or for long periods of time in classrooms.

Staff members are asked to emphasize to students the importance of promptly depositing money collected with appropriate school officials.

CLASSROOM SECURITY

When leaving the classroom, locker room or other work areas between classes or at the end of the day, teachers are expected to turn out the lights and secure all doors. Windows should also be secured at day's end.

Staff are asked to refrain from keeping personal items of value in or about their desks. Purses should never be left unsecured. Students should be instructed to leave valuables at home. The district will not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, personal property due to such causes as fire, theft, accident or vandalism.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS/INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES

The district provides for the reasonable protection against the risk of exposure to communicable disease to all staff while engaged in the performance of their duties. Protection is provided through immunization and exclusion in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules. Infection control procedures, including provisions for handling and disposing of potentially infectious materials, have also been established through Board policy and administrative regulations for staff and student protection.

All staff shall comply with measures adopted by the district and with all rules set by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, and the county health department.

Staff members have a responsibility to report to the district when infected with a communicable disease unless otherwise stated by law.

HBV*/Bloodborne Pathogens Training and Immunization

Staff members designated as primary first-aid providers, or who may otherwise incur occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials in conjunction with their assigned duties as determined by the district, will receive appropriate information and training as follows:

1. At the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place;
2. At least annually thereafter and within one year of their previous training;
3. When changes such as modification of tasks or procedures or new tasks or procedures affect the staff member's occupational exposure.

Additionally, HBV vaccination and vaccination series will be made available after training and within 10 days of initial assignment to all staff that have been identified by the district as having occupational exposure. Report any occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens to the building principal/supervisor. Following a report of an exposure incident, the district will immediately make available to the exposed staff member a confidential post-exposure evaluation and follow up.

Employees who use medical sharps in the performance of their duties (e.g., administering injectable medicines to students, such as epinephrine and glucagon) will annually be provided an opportunity to identify, evaluate and select engineering and work practice controls (e.g., sharps disposal containers, self-sheathing needles, safer medical devices, such as sharps injury protections and needleless systems). The district will implement such work practice controls, as appropriate.

Infection Control Procedures

Appropriate hygienic and sanitation practices have been established by the district as follows:

1. Standard precautions are to be followed at all times. Standard precautions require the assumption that staff and students approach infection control as if all direct contact with human blood and body fluids is known to be infectious for HIV**, HBV and/or bloodborne pathogens;
2. Whenever possible, students would be directed to care for their own minor bleeding injury. This includes encouraging students to apply their own band-aids. If assistance is required, band-aids may be applied after removal of gloves if caregiver will not come into contact with blood or wound drainage;
3. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved gloves are required for all tasks in which an individual may come into contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials. Such tasks include cleaning body fluid spills, emptying trash cans, handling sharps/containers, handling contaminated broken glass, cleaning contaminated equipment and handling contaminated laundry/clothing. This also includes assisting with any minor wound care, treating bloody noses, handling clothes soiled by incontinence, diaper changing and cleaning up vomit;
4. Immediate, complete and effective hand washing with soap and running water of at least 30 seconds duration should follow any first aid or health care given a student or contact with potentially infectious materials;
5. If exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials occurs through coughing, any first-aid procedure or through an open sore or break in the skin, thorough washing, preferably with germicidal soap, is necessary;
6. In the event hand-washing facilities are not readily available, thorough cleaning using an antiseptic cleanser and clean cloth/paper towels or antiseptic towelettes provided by the district as an alternative is necessary. In the event alternatives are used, hands must be washed with soap and water as soon as feasible;
7. Contaminated work surfaces shall be decontaminated with an appropriate disinfectant after completion of procedures; immediately or as soon as feasible when surfaces are overtly contaminated or after any spill of blood or other potentially infectious materials; and at the end of the work shift if the surface may have become contaminated since the last cleaning. Clean surfaces with soap and water and then rinse with an

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved disinfectant following labeling instructions for use, or a freshly-made solution of one part bleach to nine parts water, and allow to air dry. These surfaces include equipment, counters, mats (including those used in physical education classes and athletic events), toys or changing tables;

8. An EPA-approved disinfectant must be used when cleaning fluids such as blood or vomit from the floor or other such contaminated surfaces;
9. Contaminated laundry such as clothing and towels must be placed and transported in bags and containers in accordance with the district's standard precautions. All such items must be laundered in hot or cold water and soap and placed in a dryer;
10. Needles, syringes, broken glassware and other sharp objects found on district property must not be picked up by students at any time, nor by staff without appropriate puncture-proof gloves or mechanical device such as a broom, brush and dust pan.
11. All wastebaskets used to dispose of potentially infectious materials must be lined with a plastic bag liner that is changed daily;
12. Gloves and repellent gowns, aprons or jackets are required for tasks in which exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials can be reasonably anticipated to contaminate street clothing. Type and characteristics of such protective clothing will depend on the task. Such tasks may include diapering/toileting with gross contamination, assisting with wound care, sorting or bagging contaminated laundry/clothing and disposing of regulated waste with gross contamination;
13. Maximum protection with gloves, face and/or eye protection and gowns are required whenever splashes, spray, spatter or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials may be generated and eye, nose or mouth contamination can be reasonably anticipated. Such tasks may include feeding a student with a history of spitting or forceful vomiting and assisting with severe injury and wounds with spurting blood;
14. If a first-aid situation occurs, students should report to a person in authority, staff should report to a supervisor.

* HBV – Hepatitis B Virus

** HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

COMPLAINTS

Staff Complaints

Any staff member who believes there is evidence of, and wishes to report a violation, misinterpretation or inappropriate application of district personnel policies and/or administrative regulations; a mismanagement, gross waste of funds or abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety caused by the actions of the district should be directed to the building principal/supervisor for informal discussion and resolution. If the staff complaint is against the superintendent the complaint should be referred to the Board chair.

If the complaint is not resolved informally, formal complaint procedures may be initiated by staff in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

Disputes and disagreements related to the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement will be resolved as provided in the dispute resolution procedure of the agreement.

Student/Parent Complaints

The district recognizes that complaints regarding staff performance, discipline, grades, student’s progress and homework assignments will be made by students and parents from time-to-time. Every effort will be made to ensure that such complaints are handled and resolved informally and as close to their origin as possible. Students, parents and others with complaints will be encouraged to discuss the complaint directly with the staff member. All such meetings should be held in confidence and not in the presence of others.

If the complaint is not informally resolved, staff should advise the complainant that he/she may submit the matter directly to the principal or immediate supervisor, as appropriate. The complainant will be provided with necessary formal complaint procedure guidelines in accordance with Board policy and applicable provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

When a complaint is made directly to the Board as a whole or to an individual Board member, it will be referred to the superintendent for appropriate building administrator follow up. If the complaint is against the superintendent, the complaint will be referred to the Board chair.

All staff members should familiarize themselves with Board policy and applicable provisions of administrative regulations and collective bargaining agreements regarding the handling of complaints.

COMPUTER USE

Staff may be permitted to use the district’s electronic communications system for personal use, in addition to official district business, consistent with Board policy, the general use prohibitions/guidelines/etiquette and other applicable provisions set forth in administrative regulations. Personal use of district-owned computers including internet and email access by employees, is prohibited during the employee’s work hours. Additionally, employee use of district-owned computers may be permitted only when such use does not violate the provisions of ORS 244.040 and use is under the same terms and conditions that access is provided to the general public under the district’s policy governing use of district equipment and materials.

Staff who violate Board policy or administrative regulations, including general system user prohibitions, shall be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. Violations of law will be reported to law enforcement. Violations of applicable Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators will be reported to TSPC.

The district retains ownership and control of its computers, hardware, software and data at all times. All communications and stored information transmitted received or contained in the district’s information system are the districts property and are to be used for authorized purposes only. Use of district equipment or software for unauthorized purposes is strictly prohibited. To maintain system integrity, monitor network etiquette and ensure that those authorized to use the district’s system are in compliance with Board policy, administrative regulations and law, school

administrators may routinely review user files and communications.

Files and other information, including email, sent or received, generated or stored on district servers are not private and may be subject to monitoring. By using the district's system, individuals consent to have that use monitored by authorized district personnel. The district reserves the right to access and disclose, as appropriate, all information and data contained on district computers and district-owned email systems.

COPYRIGHT

A variety of machines and equipment for reproducing materials to assist staff in carrying out their educational assignments are available to staff in both the school and home setting.

Infringement on copyrighted material, whether prose, poetry, graphic images, music, audiotape, video or computer-programmed materials, is a serious offense against federal law, a violation of Board policy and contrary to ethical standards required of staff and students. All reproduction of copyrighted materials shall be conducted strictly in accordance with applicable provisions of law. Unless otherwise allowed as "fair use" under federal law, permission must be acquired from the copyright owner prior to reproduction of material in any form.

Employees in violation of copyright law may be required to remunerate the district in the event of loss due to litigation and may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

Reproduction of All Copyrighted Materials

Among the facilities available to teachers in carrying out their educational assignments are a variety of machines for reproducing the written and spoken word, either in single or multiple copies. All personnel must understand that unauthorized reproduction and/or use of copyrighted materials is illegal and unethical and may result in criminal or civil suits.

The new copyright law in Section 107 describes the conditions under which "fair use" of copyrighted material may be made by educators. The guidelines of the American Association of Publishers, as printed below, shall be used by the district in determining "fair use." These brief guidelines apply to print/non-prints.

1. The fact that a duplication is for non-profit use has no bearing on the question of "fair use;"
2. The synthetic interlibrary exchange of copies of copyrighted material. Serving as a substitute for purchasing more subscriptions, is beyond the bounds of "fair use;"
3. Photocopying or duplicating by an individual, for his/her own use, of a single copy or small portion of the work as a whole, is generally considered fair;
4. Synthetic duplication, whether making multiple copies at one time or single copies that in the aggregate add up to multiple ones, is beyond the boundaries of "fair use."

If an individual questions the legality of duplicating materials, he/she should seek permission from the copyright holders. Comprehensive and specific information on "fair use" guidelines are available in the media center, building main office and district office. They are assessed and updated annually or as necessary.

Reproduction of All Copyrighted Materials

Among the facilities available to teachers in carrying out their educational assignments are a variety of machines for reproducing the written and spoken word, either in single or multiple copies.

Infringement on copyrighted materials, whether prose, poetry, graphic images, music, audio tape, video or computer-programmed materials, is a serious offense against federal law and contrary to the ethical standards required of staff and students alike.

Violations may result in criminal or civil suits.

The Board therefore requires that all reproduction of copyrighted material be conducted strictly in accordance with applicable provisions of law. Unless otherwise allowed as “fair use” under federal law, permission must be acquired from the copyright owner prior to reproduction of material in any form.

“Fair use” is not a rigidly defined term. “Fair use” is based on the following standards:

1. The purpose and character of the use;
2. The nature of the copyrighted work;
3. The amount of and the substantiality of the portion used;
4. The effect of the use upon the potential market for, or value of, the copyrighted work.

If an individual questions the legality of duplicating materials, he/she should seek permission from the copyright holders.

Unlawful copies of copyrighted materials may not be produced on district-owned equipment. Unlawful copies of copyrighted materials may not be used with district-owned equipment, within district-owned facilities or at district-sponsored functions. The legal and/or insurance protection of the district may not be extended to employees who willfully violate copyright laws.

Employees in violation of copyright laws may be required to remunerate the district in the event of loss due to litigation and may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations that provide guidelines for the “fair use” of copyrighted materials that meet the requirements of Section 107 of the Copyright Act of 1976 and applicable amendments.

Guidelines for the Use of Copyrighted Materials

The director of media is responsible for the establishment of practices which will ensure compliance with the provisions of the U.S. Copyright Law as they affect the district and its employees.

1. General Responsibilities
 - a. The principal or his/her designee will be designated with the responsibility for disseminating and interpreting copyright regulations at the building level. He/she will provide employee training as needed, distribute and review district policy and administrative regulations with employees, control the approval process and maintain written records regarding permissions, response to requests and license

- agreements as may be necessary;
- b. The principal will ensure that budget recommendations include appropriate funds for the purchase of multiple copies of needed software;
 - c. The building principal or his/her designee will ensure that appropriate warning notices are posted to educate and warn individuals using district equipment of the applicable provisions of the copyright law. Warning notices will be posted as follows:
 - 1) On or near all copiers;
 - 2) On all forms used to request copying services;
 - 3) On all video recorders;
 - 4) On all computers;
 - 5) At the library or other places where inter-library loan orders for copies of materials are accepted.
 - d. The principal or his/her designee will ensure that building computers and computer labs are used only with proper supervision to help protect against unauthorized copying;
 - e. The principal or his/her designee will annually inspect the library/media center and any video collections to ensure all copies are acquired and maintained in accordance with applicable provisions of the copyright law;
 - f. The employee reproducing a copyrighted work will determine whether copying is permitted by law in accordance with district policy and administrative regulations;
 - g. The employee will obtain written permission to reproduce material from the copyright holder(s) whenever copying does not fall within the "fair use" guidelines of copyright law. Permission forms, as provided by the district, will be used;
 - h. Employees using emerging technology will be responsible to ensure that the intended use of the media does not conflict with copyright law. Such technology includes, but is not limited to, digital video, videodisc, satellite transmission, distance learning, CD-ROM, on-line data bases (and their down-loading), informational networks and other emerging electronic information which can be manipulated into new copyrightable forms of expression.

In the absence of clearly granted rights, the employee must contact the copyright holder in writing for permission to manipulate or use these technologies in alternative ways.

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS/FINGERPRINTING

All newly licensed or registered educators are required to submit to a nationwide criminal records check including fingerprinting in accordance with rules established by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). This includes any individual registering with TSPC for student teaching, practicum or internship as a teacher, administrator or personnel specialist who has not submitted to a criminal records check within the previous three years.

Additionally, all staff not requiring licensure or registration as a teacher, administrator, personnel specialist or school nurse and new hires are required to submit to a nationwide criminal records check including fingerprinting as required by Board policy and law.

Employment will be offered pending the return and disposition of such checks. All offers of employment are contingent upon the results of such checks.

Fees for individuals subject to the checks including fingerprinting, including nonlicensed applicants, shall be paid by the individual.

A staff member not requiring licensure or registration may request that the required ODE fees be withheld from his/her paycheck. A staff member may request periodic (2) payroll deductions rather than a lump sum payment.

All newly licensed or registered educators and those applying for reinstatement of a license or registration that has expired for more than three years are required to submit to nationwide criminal records checks and fingerprinting in accordance with rules and procedures as set forth by TSPC.

The district's use of criminal history must be relevant to the specific requirements of the position, services or employment.

The following procedures will be used for all newly hired employees subject to criminal records checks including fingerprinting:

Processing/Reporting

1. The individual shall, as part of the application process, complete either a Criminal History Verification of Applicants form or a Fingerprint-Based Criminal History as provided by ODE.
2. If the individual is subject to fingerprinting, he/she will be required to report within three working days to an authorized fingerprinter for fingerprinting. Fingerprints may be collected by one of the following:
 - a. Contracted agent of employing district;
 - b. Local or state law enforcement agency.

Individuals shall be subject to fingerprinting only after acceptance of an offer of employment or contract.

3. The individual is responsible for obtaining one fingerprint card from an Oregon school district, education service district, an Oregon-approved teacher education institution, ODE or TSPC.
4. The individual is responsible for submitting to the authorized fingerprinter one fingerprint card and an 8 ½" x 11" or larger envelope with postage affixed and addressed to the district human resources office.
5. To ensure the integrity of the fingerprinter collection and prevent any compromise of the process, the district will provide the name of the individual to be fingerprinted to the authorized fingerprinter and require that the individual submit a photo ID (driver's license or other) containing the individual's name and picture in order to verify the identity of the individual intended to be fingerprinted.
6. The authorized fingerprinter will return the fingerprint card[s] to the district in the envelope provided. The Fingerprint Criminal History Verification form and fingerprint card[s] will be sent to ODE. A copy of the form will be kept in the employee's personnel file.

Beginning July 2017, ODE has partnered with Fieldprint for all state ODE background check fingerprinting requirements.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

No staff member, engaged in work for the district shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use on or in the workplace any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana or any other controlled substance or alcohol, as defined in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. Section 812) and as further defined by regulation at 21 C.F.R. 1308.11 through 1308.15.

“Workplace” is defined to mean the site for the performance of work done in connection with a federal grant or contract. That includes any school building or any school premises; any school-owned vehicle or any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off-school property during any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district where work on a federal grant is performed.

No district employee shall knowingly sell, market or distribute steroid or performance enhancing substances to kindergarten through 12th - grade student with whom the employee has had contact as part of the employee’s district duties; or knowingly endorse or suggest the use of such substances.

Each staff member must notify his/her supervisor of his/her conviction of any criminal drug statute based on conduct occurring in the workplace, as defined above, no later than five days after such conviction.

Each staff member must abide by the terms of the district’s drug-free workplace policy.

The district, upon determining that a staff member has engaged in the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use, on or in the workplace, of a controlled substance or alcohol or upon having reasonable suspicion of a staff member’s use of a controlled substance or alcohol in the workplace, shall, pending any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace, take action with regard to the employee determined to be appropriate. Such action may include transfer, granting of leave with or without pay, suspension with or without pay or dismissal.

Within 30 days of a staff member’s criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace, the district shall:

1. Take action with regard to the employee determined to be appropriate, which may include discipline up to and including dismissal; and/or
2. Require satisfactory participation by the employee in drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES

In case of snow, earthquakes, fog, ice or other hazardous or emergency conditions, the superintendent may alter school and transportation schedules as are appropriate to the particular condition. Such alterations may include closure of all schools, closure of selected schools or grade levels, delayed openings of schools and early dismissal of students.

The superintendent will develop and maintain such plans and procedures as are necessary to carry out alternate school and transportation schedules.

At the beginning of each school year students, parents and staff will be informed of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of an emergency closure.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Each building administrator will conduct emergency drills in accordance with the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS). All schools are required to instruct and drill students on emergency procedures so that students can respond to an emergency without confusion and panic. The emergency procedures shall include drills and instruction on fires, earthquakes, which shall include tsunami procedures in a coastal zone, and safety threats. Instruction on fires, earthquakes and safety threats, and drills for students shall be conducted for at least 30 minutes each school month.

Fire Emergencies

The district will conduct monthly fire drills. At least one fire drill will be held within the first ten days of the school year. Drills and instruction on fire emergencies shall include routes and methods of exiting the school building.

Earthquake Emergencies

At least two drills on earthquakes shall be conducted each year. Drills and instruction for earthquake emergencies shall include the earthquake emergency response procedure of “drop, cover and hold on” during the earthquake. When based on the evaluation of specific engineering and structural issues related to a building, the district may include additional response procedures for earthquake emergencies.

Safety Threats

At least two drills on safety threats shall be conducted each year. Drills and instruction on safety threats shall include procedures related to lockdown, lockout, shelter in place, evacuation and other appropriate actions to take when there is a threat to safety.

The Board may use ORS 192.660(2)(k) to conduct an executive session to consider matters related to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school in the district.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Solutions Counseling Services offers employees and their families cost-free counseling services upon appointment.
(541) 274-4548 or Toll Free 1-800-651-4548

EVALUATION OF STAFF

The purpose of the district's evaluation is to aid the teacher in making continuing professional growth and to determine the teacher's performance of the teaching responsibilities. The district's program also provides for the assessment of classified employees and current performance of their job assignments.

The district's program is designed to provide an opportunity for staff to set goals and objectives and receive administrator responses to them; to have peer assistance to aid teachers to better meet the needs of students, as appropriate; to have formal and informal observations to assess the performance of duties and job responsibilities; to receive verbal and written comments and suggestions for improvement from supervisors; and to have opportunities to make improvement(s) within specific timelines.

The evaluation program also provides a tool for administrators who are responsible for making recommendations about promotion, demotion, contract extension or nonextension, contract renewal or nonrenewal, dismissal and discipline.

Licensed staff evaluations shall be customized based on collaborative effort and include the core teaching standards adopted by the Oregon State Board of Education. Evaluations will be based upon multiple evaluation methods that use multiple measures to evaluate.

Classified staff will be formally evaluated at least once during their first year of employment with the district and annually thereafter.

Copies of the district's evaluation procedures will be provided to all staff. Evaluation of all staff will be conducted in accordance with established Board policy and applicable district evaluation procedures, collective bargaining agreements and Oregon Revised Statutes.

FUND RAISING

Fund raising projects involving the sale of products must be approved by the principal/supervisor before the activity is initiated. Solicitation of cash donations is expressly prohibited without the superintendent's approval.

If fund raising consists of selling food and beverage items to students during the regular or extended school day, the food and beverage items must comply with state and federal nutrition standards, rules and laws.

This does not apply to food and beverage items sold at school-related or nonschool-related events for which parents and other adults are a significant part of the audience.

If fund raising consists of selling food, see Board Policy EFA – Local Wellness Program.

GIFTS AND SOLICITATIONS

Staff members are to avoid accepting anything of value offered by another for the purpose of influencing his/her professional judgment.

Staff members are prohibited from accepting items of material value from companies or organizations doing business with the district. Material value is defined by law as \$50 or more from a single source in a single year.

No organization may solicit funds from staff members within the schools, nor may anyone distribute flyers or other materials related to fund drives through the school without building principal/supervisor approval.

The solicitation of staff by sales people, other staff or agents during on-duty hours is prohibited without building principal/supervisor approval. Any solicitation should be reported at once to the building principal/supervisor.

HAZING/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION/BULLYING/MENACING/CYBERBULLYING

Hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing and cyberbullying of or by students, staff or third parties toward staff is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated by the district. Staff who are found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials and staff will be reported to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Students will be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.

An employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of Board policy JFCF – Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence/Domestic Violence – Student shall immediately report his/her concerns to the designated district official.

Failure of an employee to report an act of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, cyberbullying or teen dating violence of a student to the designated district official may be subject to remedial action, up to and including dismissal.

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

The district will safeguard the protected health information of employees from use or disclosure that may violate standards and implementation specifications to the extent required by law.

“Protected health information” means individually identifiable health information that is:

1. Transmitted by electronic media;
2. Maintained in electronic media;
3. Transmitted or maintained in any other form or medium.

The electronic exchange of financial and administrative transactions related to an individual's protected health information will meet the requirements of HIPAA, including national standards for transactions designed to ensure the security of health information created or received by the district.

Individuals with questions about how medical information may be used and disclosed and how to get access to this information, or with complaints about district compliance with HIPAA, should contact the Human Resources Office.

IDENTIFICATION BADGES

To help ensure the protection of staff and students and reduce the possibilities of theft, vandalism and loss of district property, all district employees shall be issued and wear identification badges when on district property.

INJURY/ILLNESS REPORTS

All injuries/illnesses sustained by the employee while in the actual performance of the duty of the employee, occurring on district property or during the course of school-sponsored activities, including field trips and other away events, are to be reported to the building principal supervisor immediately. Reports will cover property damage as well as personal injury. A completed injury/illness report form must be submitted to the building principal/supervisor within 24 hours or the next scheduled district workday, as appropriate.

In the event of a work-related illness or injury to an employee resulting in overnight hospitalization for medical treatment other than first aid, the building principal/supervisor will inform the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA) within 24 hours as required by law. Fatalities or catastrophes will be reported within eight hours. An injury or illness is work related if an event or exposure in the work environment caused or contributed to the condition or significantly aggravated preexisting condition. Medical treatment includes managing or caring for a patient for the purpose of combating disease or disorder. The following are not considered medical treatment: visits to a doctor or health care professional solely for observation or counseling; diagnostic procedures including administering prescription medications used solely for diagnostic purposes; and any procedure that can be labeled first aid. A "catastrophe" is an accident in which two or more employees are fatally injured, or three or more employees are admitted to a hospital or equivalent medical facility.

All work-related injuries/illnesses will be promptly investigated and corrective measures implemented, as appropriate.

INVENTORY

The district will maintain an inventory of all fixed assets in accordance with governmental accounting standards. The district's inventory will be updated annually to include property newly purchased and disposed.

Fixed assets includes all district-owned property such as land, buildings, improvements to property other than buildings (i.e., parking lots, athletic fields, playgrounds, etc.) and equipment with a value greater than \$5,000 as defined by the *Program Budget and Accounting Manual*, published by the Oregon Department of Education.

Other district supplies with a value greater than \$1,000 will be included as part of the district's annual inventory. Current records shall be maintained for the receipt, distribution/disposal and inventory of commodity foods as required by federal law.

The Board may authorize the employment of an appraisal company to assist with the inventory procedure.

LESSON PLANS

The quality of the instructional program reflects the effort invested by teachers in developing lesson plans consistent with district curriculum and appropriate to the individual needs of students.

Lesson plans should be of sufficient length and substance to allow a substitute teacher to carry on the course of study and to provide a means by which the principal may monitor instruction to assure that the educational program in a particular class or activity is consistent with the district-approved course of study.

An up-to-date seating chart, class schedules and information identifying any classroom student aides or other special student needs should be included in all lesson plan books.

General plans which cover the length of the course of study should also be prepared and readily available for principal and/or student and parent review.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION

Requests of staff by individuals or groups to distribute pamphlets, booklets, flyers, brochures and other similar materials to students for classroom use or to take home are to be referred to the superintendent. The materials and proposed method of distribution will be reviewed and a decision made based on the educational concerns and interests of the district.

MOTHER FRIENDLY WORKPLACE

A reasonable effort will be made to provide a room or other location in close proximity to an employee's work area, other than a restroom, where an employee can express milk in privacy.

A 30 minute rest period to express milk during each 4-hour work period, or the major part of a 4-hour work period, to be taken by the employee approximately in the middle of the work period.

The following is a list of designated locations:

1. Conger Elementary School: Room next to music room
2. District Office: Donation room in north wing of the building
3. Early Childhood Intervention: Room 1
4. Klamath Learning Center/IMTC: same as District Office location
5. Klamath Union High School: Staff preferred classroom while KU is under construction
6. Mills Elementary School: Office adjacent to work room
7. Pelican Elementary School: Downstairs off main staff room
8. Ponderosa Middle School: Integrated wellness center room
9. Roosevelt Elementary School: KBBH Room next to restroom
10. Transportation/Maintenance: Rear paper storage room

A list of designated locations must be readily available upon request in the central office of each school facility and in the district's central office.

PARENTAL RIGHTS/SURVEYS

Staff are advised that parents of students may inspect any survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by the school to students. Parents may also inspect any survey administered or distributed by the district or school containing one or more of the following items:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's parent;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally-recognized privileged or analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parents;

8. Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance.

A student's personal information (name, address, phone number, social security number) will not be collected, disclosed or used for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information without prior notification. A student's parents or a student 18 years of age or older will be given an opportunity to inspect any instrument used to collect such information and will be released only with permission.

Instructional materials used as part of the school's curriculum may also be reviewed by the student's parent(s).

Requests to review materials or to excuse students from participation in these activities, including any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screenings administered by the school and not otherwise permitted or required by state law, should be directed to the office during regular school hours.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

At no time, whether on duty or off duty, will a personal electronic device be used in a manner that interferes with staff duty and responsibility for the supervision of students. While on district property and/or while on duty, staff will be required to comply with all guidelines contained in the District Internet Use Agreement.

A "personal electronic device" is a device not issued by the district that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

Personal electronic devices shall be silenced during instructional or class time, while on duty or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities or interfere with work assignment.

Devices which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a staff member is on duty in district-sponsored activities, unless as expressly authorized by the principal or designee for a use directly related to and consistent with the employee's assigned duties.

Computers, tablets, iPads or similar devices brought to school will be restricted to academic activities during on-duty time.

The district will not be liable for loss or damage to personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Staff members, while on duty and off duty, will utilize social media websites, public websites and blogs, judiciously by not posting confidential

information about students, staff or district business. Staff may not post images of district facilities, staff, students, volunteers or parents without written authorization from persons with authority to grant such a release. Staff members, while on duty and off duty, will treat fellow employees, students and the public with respect while posting on social media websites, etc., in order to prevent substantial disruption in school.

Communication with students using personal electronic devices will be appropriate and professional. Communication with students using personal electronic devices regarding non-school-related matters is prohibited during work hours and strongly discouraged at all other times. If communicating with students electronically regarding school-related matters, staff should use district e-mail using mailing lists to a group of students rather than individual students. Texting students during work hours is discouraged. Texting students while off duty is strongly discouraged.

PERSONNEL RECORDS

An official personnel file is established for each person employed by the district. A staff member's personnel file may contain such information as applications for employment, references, records relative to compensation, payroll deductions, evaluations, complaints and written disciplinary actions. All charges resulting in disciplinary action shall be considered a permanent part of a teacher's personnel file and shall not be removed for any reason. Employees may submit a written response to any materials placed in their personnel file.

All records containing medical condition information such as workers' compensation reports and release/permission-to-return-to-work forms will be kept confidential, in a separate file from personnel records. All other personnel records are considered confidential and not open to public inspection. Access to personnel files is limited and inspection only by the following or as otherwise required by law:

1. The individual employee. An employee or designee may arrange with the Human Resources Office to inspect the contents of his/her personnel file on any day the Human Resources Office is open for business;
2. Others designated in writing by the employee;
3. The comptroller or auditor, when such inspection is pertinent to carrying out his/her respective duties, or as otherwise specifically authorized by the Board. Information so obtained will be kept confidential. No files will be removed from their central location for personal inspection;
4. A Board member when specifically authorized by the Board. Information will be kept confidential. No files will be removed from their central location for personal inspection;
5. The superintendent and members of the central administrative staff;
6. District administrators and supervisors who currently or prospectively supervise the employee;
7. Employees or the Human Resources Office;
8. Attorneys for the district or the district's designated representative on matters of district business;
9. The disciplinary records of a district employee convicted of a crime listed in ORS 342.143 are not exempt from the disclosure under ORS 192.501 or 192.502 and may be released to any person upon request. Prior to the release of disciplinary records the district shall remove any

personally identifiable information from the record that would disclose the identity of a child, a crime victim or a district employee who is the subject of the disciplinary record;

10. Upon request from a law enforcement agency, the Department of Human Services or the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, a district shall provide the records of investigations of suspected abuse of a child by a district employee.

The superintendent may permit persons other than those specified above to use and to inspect employee records when, in his/her opinion, the person requesting access has a legitimate official purpose. The superintendent will determine in each case the appropriateness and extent of such access. Release of personnel records to parties other than those authorized to inspect them will be only upon receipt of a court order.

PROHIBITED USE, POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION OR SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND INHALANT DELIVERY SYSTEMS

In order to comply with state law and to protect the health of students, staff and the general public, provide a healthy working environment and promote good health for students, tobacco and inhalant delivery systems use is prohibited on all district property and in district-owned buildings and vehicles and at district-sponsored events.

“Tobacco product” is defined to include, but not limited to, any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette and any other smoking product, spit tobacco also known as smokeless, dip, chew or snuff in any form. This does not include USFDA-approved tobacco products or other therapy products used for the purpose of cessation.

“Inhalant delivery system” means a device that can be used to deliver nicotine or cannabinoids in the form of a vapor or aerosol to a person inhaling from the device; or a component of a device or a substance in any form sold for the purpose of being vaporized or aerosolized by a device, whether the component or substance is sold or not sold separately. This does not include USFDA-approved tobacco products or other therapy products marked and sold solely for the approved purpose.

RESIGNATION OF STAFF

A resigning staff member is required to provide a written and signed notice of resignation to the Human Resources Office. Upon acceptance by the Director of Human Resources, the resignation acceptance shall be by letter from the director to the employee. The resignation shall be effective as of the date specified in the notice. If no effective date is specified in the notice, the resignation shall be effective as of the date specified in the director’s acceptance letter.

A licensed staff member who wishes to resign from his/her position with the district must give written notice at least 60 days prior to the date he/she wishes to leave district employment. The director may accept the resignation effective the day it is received and either release the teacher

immediately or inform the teacher that he/she must continue teaching for part or all of the 60-day period.

Where less than a 60-day notice is given, the Board may request the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to discipline the licensee. Exceptions due to emergency or other extenuating circumstances may be considered by the Board.

A classified employee is expected to submit a written and signed notice of resignation at least two weeks prior to the date he/she wishes to leave district employment.

A separation of employment form is available in the Human Resources Office or from your administrator/supervisor.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

A building safety committee has been established to help implement the district's safety program and as a part of any ongoing effort to help ensure the safety and health of student, staff and others while on district property.

The building safety committee meets monthly and conducts workplace safety inspections monthly to locate and identify safety and health hazards and makes recommendations for corrections as needed. All significant safety-related incidents are investigated to help prevent similar events from reoccurring.

All potential hazards are to be reported immediately to a safety committee member or to the office.

SEXUAL CONDUCT (*Reporting Requirements*)

Sexual conduct by district/school employees as defined by Oregon law will not be tolerated. All district employees are subject to this policy.

“Sexual conduct” as defined by Oregon law is any verbal or physical [or other] conduct by a school employee that is sexual in nature; directed toward a kindergarten through grade 12 student; unreasonably interferes with a student’s educational performance; and creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. The definition for sexual conduct does not include behavior that would be considered child abuse as outlined by Oregon law and district Board policy JHFE and JHFE-AR – Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child.

Any district/school employee who has reasonable cause to believe that another district/school employee or volunteer has engaged in sexual conduct with a student must immediately notify his/her immediate supervisor.

When the district receives a report of suspected sexual conduct by a district employee, the district may decide to place the employee on paid administrative leave or in a position that does not involve direct, unsupervised contact with students while conducting an investigation. An investigation is a detailed inquiry into the factual allegations of a report of suspected sexual conduct that is based on interviews with the complainant, witnesses, the district employee or student who is the subject of the report. If the subject of the report is a district employee, the investigation must meet any negotiated standards of an employment contract or agreement.

If, following the investigation, the report is substantiated, the district will inform the employee that the report has been substantiated and provide information regarding the appeal process. The employee may appeal the district's decision through the appeal process provided by the district's collective bargaining agreement. A substantiated report is one that: a) an educational provider has reasonable cause to believe is founded based on the available evidence after conducting an investigation; and b) involves conduct that the educational provider determine is sufficiently serious to be documented in the employee's personnel file.

If the employee decides not to appeal the determination or if the determination is sustained after an appeal, a record of the substantiated report will be placed in the employee's personnel file. The employee will be notified that this information may be disclosed to a potential employer.

The district will post in each school building the name and contact information of the person designated to receive sexual conduct reports, as well as the procedures the Director of Human Resources will follow up on receipt of a report. In the event that the designated person is the suspected perpetrator, the superintendent shall receive the report. When the director takes action on the report, the person who initiated the report must be notified.

The initiation of a report in good faith about suspected sexual conduct may not adversely affect any terms or conditions of employment or the work environment of the complainant. If a student initiates a report of suspected sexual conduct by a district employee in good faith, the student will not be disciplined by the Board or any district employee.

The district will provide annual training to district employees, parents and students regarding the prevention and identification of sexual conduct. The district will provide to employees at the time of hire a description of conduct that may constitute sexual conduct and a description of records subject to disclosure if a sexual conduct report is substantiated.

Educational providers shall follow hiring and reporting procedures as outlined in ORS 339.370 for all district employees.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment of or by staff, students, Board members, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors or others engaged in district business is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated in the district. "District" includes district facilities, district premises and nondistrict property while a staff member or student is at any district-sponsored, district-approved or district-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events, in which students are under the control of the district or where the staff member is engaged in district business. The prohibition also includes off duty conduct which is incompatible with district job responsibilities.

Sexual harassment of students and staff shall include, but not be limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. The conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of soliciting sexual favors in exchange for benefits;

2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct or communication is used as the basis for educational decisions affecting a student or employment or assignment of staff;
3. The conduct or communication is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance or with an employee's ability to perform his/her job, or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile educational or working environment. Relevant factors to be considered will include, but not be limited to, did the individual view the environment as hostile; was it reasonable to view the environment as hostile; the nature of the conduct; how often the conduct occurred and how long it continued; age and sex of the complainant; whether the alleged harasser was in a position of power over the student or staff member subjected to the harassment; number of individuals involved; age of the alleged harasser; where the harassment occurred; and other incidents of sexual harassment at the school involving the same or other students or staff.

Principals, the compliance officer and the superintendent have responsibility for investigations concerning sexual harassment. All complaints and reported incidents shall be investigated. The investigator shall be a neutral party having had no involvement in the complaint presented or reported incident.

Step 1

Any sexual harassment information (complaints, rumors, etc.) shall be presented to the principal, compliance officer or superintendent. All such information shall be reduced to writing and will include the specific nature of the sexual harassment and corresponding dates.

Step 2

The district official receiving the information or complaint shall promptly initiate an investigation. He/She will arrange such meetings as may be necessary to discuss the issue with all concerned parties within five working days after receipt of the information or complaint. All findings of the investigation, including the response of the alleged harasser, shall be reduced to writing. The district official(s) conducting the investigation shall notify the complainant in writing when the investigation is concluded. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses.

A copy of the notification letter, together with any other documentation related to the sexual harassment incident, including disciplinary action taken or recommended, shall be forwarded to the superintendent.

Step 3

If a complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, he/she may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the complainant and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days.

Step 4

If a complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, he/she may submit a written appeal to the Board. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 3 decision. The Board shall, within 20 working days, conduct a hearing at which time the complainant shall be given an opportunity to present the appeal. The Board shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days following completion of the hearing.

Direct complaints related to employment may be filed with the U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries. Direct complaints related to educational programs and services may be made to the Regional Civil Rights Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Region X, 915 2nd Ave., Room 3310, Seattle, WA 98174-1099. Additional information regarding filing of a complaint may be obtained through the principal, compliance officer or superintendent.

The initiation of a complaint in good faith about behavior that may violate the district’s sexual harassment policy shall not adversely affect any terms or conditions of employment or work environment of the staff complainant.

A staff member whose behavior is found to be in violation of Board policy may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

SICK TIME

Sick time provisions:

1. Can be used for customary sick time reasons plus expanded reasons similar to FMLA/OFLA.
2. Provides a minimum of 40 hours for full-time employees who work a full year or sick time accrued at 1 hour for every 30 hours worked.
3. Employees are eligible to use sick time on the 91st calendar day of employment.
4. Accrues based on actual time worked.
5. There is a 180-day window of time after the employee last works for an employer to retain eligibility, accrual, and balance of sick time.

6. Shall be used in one-hour increments unless the employer can establish this results in an undue hardship.
7. Must notify workers at least quarterly of their sick time balance.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Board recognizes the importance of continued educational experiences and other professional development activities as a means to improve job performance.

Professional development activities may include, but are not limited to, college courses, workshops, curriculum planning, individual research, travel, supervision of teacher trainees and other such activities.

In order to strengthen and refine professional skills of district personnel, the superintendent or his/her designee will develop a staff development program for all employees.

Requests for release time for attendance at professional development activities may be approved as deemed appropriate by the district with the following stipulations: (1) an employee must submit a request to the supervisor with sufficient advance notice for the supervisor to consider the request; and (2) if release time is granted, the employee will submit a written report, upon request after attending the meeting or conference.

Staff development programs, whether provided directly by the district or through district contracts with third parties, will provide appropriate reasonable accommodations to ensure such programs are available to employees with disabilities.

Completion of continuing professional development (CPD) requirements, as set forth in OAR Chapter 584, Division 090 by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) for license renewal, are the sole responsibility of the employee.

A tuition reimbursement program is available to KFEA members. See collective bargaining agreement for details.

STAFF ETHICS

Conflict of Interest

No district employee will use his/her district position to obtain personal financial benefit or avoidance of financial detriment or financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment for relatives, household members or for any business with which the employee, household members or relative is associated. This prohibition does not apply to any part of an official compensation package, honorarium allowed by ORS 244.042, reimbursement of expenses, or unsolicited awards of professional achievement. Further, this prohibition does not apply to gifts from one without a legislative or

administrative interest. Nor does it apply if the gift is under the \$50 gift limit for one who has a legislative or administrative interest in any matter subject to the decision or vote of the district employee.

District employees will not engage in, or have a financial interest in, any activity that raises a reasonable question of conflict of interest with their duties and responsibilities as staff members. This means that:

1. Employees will not use their position to obtain financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment from students, parents or staff;
2. Any device, publication or any other item developed during the employee's paid time shall be district property;
3. Employees will not further personal gain through the use of confidential information gained in the course of or by reason of position or activities in any way;
4. No district employee may serve as a Board or budget committee member in the district;
5. An employee will not perform any duties related to an outside job during his/her regular working hours or during the additional time that he/she needs to fulfill the position's responsibilities; nor will an employee use any district facilities, equipment or materials in performing outside work;
6. If an employee authorizes a public contract, the employee may not have a direct beneficial financial interest in that public contract for two years after the date the contract was authorized. If an employee has a potential or actual conflict of interest, the employee must notify his/her supervisor in writing of the nature of the conflict and request that the supervisor dispose of the matter giving rise to the conflict.

In order to avoid both potential and actual conflicts of interests, district employees must abide by the following rules when an employee's relative or member of the household is seeking and/or holds a position with the district:

1. A district employee may not appoint, employ, promote, discharge, fire, or demote or advocate for such an employment decision for a relative or a member of the household, unless he/she complies with the conflict of interest requirements of ORS Chapter 244. This rule does not apply to employment decisions regarding unpaid volunteer position, unless it is a Board-related position;
2. A district employee may not participate as a public official in any interview, discussion, or debate regarding the appointment, employment, promotion, discharge, firing, or demotion of a relative or a member of the household. An employee may still serve as a reference, provide a recommendation, or perform other acts that are part of the normal job functions of the employee;
3. More than one member of an employee's family may be hired as a regular district employee. In accordance with Oregon law, however, the district may refuse to hire individuals, or may transfer current employees, in situations where an appointment would place one family member in a position of exercising supervisory, appointment or grievance adjustment authority over another member of the same family. Employees who are members of the same family may not be assigned to work in the same building except by the superintendent's approval.

In the *conflict of interest context*:

"Member of household" means any person who resides with the employee.

“Relative” means the spouse, parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the employee; or the parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the spouse of the employee. Relative also includes any individual for whom the employee has a legal support obligation, whose employment provides benefits to the employee, or who receives any benefit from the employee’s public employment.

Gifts

District employees must comply with the following rules involving gifts:

Employees are public officials and therefore will not solicit or accept a gift or gifts with an aggregate value in excess of \$50 from any single source in a calendar year that has a legislative or administrative interest in any matter subject to the decision or vote of the district employee. All gift-related provisions apply to the employee, their relatives and members of their household. The \$50 gift limit applies separately to the employee and to the employee’s relatives or members of household, meaning that the employee and each member of their household and relative can accept up to \$50 each from the same source/gift giver. “Gift” means something of economic value given to an employee without valuable consideration of equivalent value, which is not extended to others who are not public officials on the same terms and conditions.

“Relative” means the spouse, parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the employee; or the parent, step-parent, child, sibling, step-sibling, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the spouse of the employee. Relative also includes any individual for whom the employee has a legal support obligation, whose employment provides benefits to the employee, or who receives any benefit from the employee’s public employment.

“Member of the household” means any person who resides with the employee.

Determining the Source of Gifts

Employees should not accept gifts in any amount without obtaining information from the gift giver as to who is the source of the gift. It is the employee’s personal responsibility to ensure that no single source provides gifts exceeding an aggregate value of \$50 in a calendar year, if the source has a legislative or administrative interest in any matter subject to the decision or vote of the district employee. If the giver does not have a legislative or administrative interest, the ethics rules on gifts do not apply and the employee need not keep track of it, although they are advised to do so anyway in case of a later dispute.

Determining Legislative and Administrative Interest

A “legislative or administrative” interest means an economic interest distinct from that of the general public, in any action subject to the official decision of an employee. A decision means an act that commits the district to a particular course of action within the employee’s scope of authority and that is connected to the source of the gift’s economic interest. A decision is not a recommendation or work performed in an advisory capacity. If a supervisor delegates the decision to a subordinate but retains responsibility as the final decision maker, both the subordinate and supervisor’s actions would be considered a “decision.”

Determining the Value of Gifts

The fair market value of the merchandise, goods, or services received will be used to determine benefit or value. “Fair market value” is the dollar amount goods or services would bring if offered for sale by a person who desired, but was not obligated, to sell and purchased by one who is willing, but not obligated, to buy. Any portion of the price that was donated to charity, however, does not count toward the fair market value of the gift if the employee does not claim the charitable contribution on personal tax returns.

Value of Unsolicited Tokens or Awards: Resale value

Employees may accept unsolicited tokens or awards that are engraved or are otherwise personalized items. Such items are deemed to have a resale value under \$25 (even if the personalized item cost the source more than \$50), unless the personalized item is made from gold or some other valuable material that would have value over \$25 as a raw material.

Entertainment

Employees may not solicit or accept any gifts of entertainment over \$50 in value from any single source in a calendar year that has a legislative or administrative interest in any matter subject to the decision of the employee unless:

1. The entertainment is incidental to the main purpose of another event (i.e., a band playing at a reception). Entertainment that involves personal participation is not incidental to another event (such as a golf tournament at a conference); or
2. The employee is acting in their official capacity for a ceremonial purpose. Entertainment is ceremonial when an employee appears at an entertainment event for a “ceremonial purpose” at the invitation of the source of the entertainment who requests the presence of the employee at a special occasion associated with the entertainment. Examples of an appearance by an employee at an entertainment event for a ceremonial purpose include: throwing the first pitch at a baseball game, appearing in a parade and ribbon cutting for an opening ceremony.

Exceptions

The following are exceptions to the ethics rules on gifts that apply to employees:

1. Gifts from “relatives” and “members of the household” to the employee are permitted in an unlimited amount; they are not considered gifts under the ethics rules.
2. Informational or program material, publications, or subscriptions related to the recipient’s performance of official duties.
3. Food, lodging and travel generally count toward the \$50 aggregate amount per year from a single source with a legislative/administrative interest, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Organized Planned Events. Employees are permitted to accept payment for travel conducted in the employee’s official capacity, for certain limited purposes:
 - (1) Reasonable expenses (i.e., food, lodging, travel, fees) for attendance at a convention, fact-finding mission or trip, or other meeting do not count toward the \$50 aggregate amount IF:
 - (a) The employee is scheduled to deliver a speech, make a presentation, participate on a panel, or represent the district; AND

- (i) The giver is a unit of a:
 - 1) Federal, state or local government;
 - 2) An Oregon or federally recognized Native American Tribe; OR
 - 3) Nonprofit Corporation.
- (b) The employee is representing the district:
 - (i) On an officially sanctioned trade-promotion or fact-finding mission; OR
 - (ii) Officially designated negotiations or economic development activities where receipt of the expenses is approved in advance by the superintendent.
- (2) The purpose of this exception is to allow employees to attend organized, planned events and engage with the members of organizations by speaking or answering questions, participating in panel discussions or otherwise formally discussing matters in their official capacity. This exception to the gift definition does not authorize private meals where the participants engage in discussion.
- 4. Food or beverage, consumed at a reception, meal, or meeting IF held by an organization and IF the employee is representing the district. “Reception” means a social gathering. Receptions are often held for the purpose of extending a ceremonial or formal welcome and may include private or public meetings during which guests are honored or welcomed. Food and beverages are often provided, but not as a plated, sit-down meal.
- 5. Food or beverage consumed by employee acting in an official capacity in the course of financial transactions between the public body and another entity described in ORS 244.020(5)(b)(I)(i).
- 6. Waiver or discount of registration expenses or materials provided to employee at a continuing education event that the employee may attend to satisfy a professional licensing requirement.
- 7. A gift received by the employee as part of the usual or customary practice of the employee’s private business, employment or position as a volunteer that bears no relationship to the employee’s district employment.
- 8. Reasonable expenses paid to employee for accompanying students on an educational trip.

Honoraria

An employee may not solicit or receive, whether directly or indirectly, honoraria for the employee or any relative or member of the household of the employee if the honoraria are solicited or received in connection with the official duties of the employee. The honoraria rules do not prohibit the solicitation or receipt of an honorarium or a certificate, plaque, commemorative token or other item with a value of \$50 or less; or the solicitation or receipt of an honorarium for services performed in relation to the private profession, occupation, avocation or expertise of the employee.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Staff members are responsible for the supervision of all students while in school or engaged in school-sponsored activities.

All teachers are expected to be in their classrooms prior to the arrival of students.

Under no circumstances are classrooms or other areas where students are under the supervision of assigned staff to be left unattended while students are present. Teachers who may need to temporarily leave the classroom or their assigned duties in an emergency situation while students are present are expected to contact the office to arrange for temporary coverage.

No other staff member may leave his/her assigned group unsupervised except as appropriate supervision arrangements have been made to take care of an emergency.

During school hours, or while engaged in school-sponsored activities, students may be released only into the custody of parents or other authorized persons.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS) a.k.a. DRONE

An “unmanned aircraft system” (UAS) means an unmanned flying machine, commonly known as a drone, and its associated elements, including communication links and the components that control the machine.

Any employee or representative of the district operating a district unmanned aircraft system shall do so in accordance with Board policy and all applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.

A UAS operated at Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) sanctioned events will do so in accordance with OSAA policies. Use of a UAS at other public charter school-sponsored athletics or activities are prohibited.

District staff teaching a class that allows use of a UAS may assist a student in their operation of the UAS, provided the assistance is needed as part of the curriculum and assistance is to a student enrolled in the course. The staff member’s participation must be limited to the student’s operation of the UAS.

District employees shall work with administrators to ensure that proper insurance, registration and authorization are in place prior to adoption of curriculum that allows operation of a UAS as part of the curriculum.

A student in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

A staff member in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

All data gathered by the district as part of a UAS operation will belong to the district. The data gathering by the district will follow appropriate state and federal laws. Retention of such data will follow state and federal laws.

VOLUNTEERS

The district encourages the constructive participation of groups and individuals in the school to perform appropriate tasks during and after school hours under the direction and supervision of staff. Every effort should be made to use volunteer resources in a manner which will ensure maximum contribution to the welfare and educational growth of students.

Volunteers are required to complete a volunteer packet including a criminal history verification and are added to the approved volunteer list once approved by Human Resources. Volunteer background checks are valid for two years.

Staff members interested in securing the services of a volunteer or with names of individuals expressing an interest in volunteering should contact the building principal/supervisor.

WEAPONS

In accordance with Oregon law, any employee who has reasonable cause to believe a student or other person has, within the previous 120 days, unlawfully been in possession of a firearm or destructive device as defined by the district's weapons policy, shall immediately report such violation to an administrator, his/her designee or law enforcement. Employees who report directly to law enforcement shall also immediately inform an administrator.

Administrators shall promptly notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of staff reports received and at any other time there is reasonable cause to believe violations have occurred or that a student has been expelled for bringing, possessing, concealing or using a dangerous or deadly weapon, firearm or destructive device. Parents will be notified of all conduct by their student that violates the district's weapons policy.

Employees shall promptly report all other conduct prohibited by the district's weapons policy to an administrator.

WHISTLEBLOWER

When an employee has good faith and reasonable belief the employer has violated any federal, state or local, law, rule or regulation; has engaged in mismanagement, gross waste of funds or abuse of authority; or created a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety by its actions, and an employee then discloses or plans to disclose such information, it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to:

1. Discharge, demote, transfer, reassign or take disciplinary action against an employee or threaten any of the previous actions.
2. Withhold work or suspend an employee.
3. Discriminate or retaliate against an employee with regard to promotion, compensation or other terms, conditions or privileges of employment.
4. Direct an employee or to discourage an employee to not disclose or to give notice to the employer prior to making any disclosure.
5. Prohibit an employee from discussing, either specifically or generally, the activities of the state or any agency of or political subdivision in the state, or any person authorized to act on behalf of the state or any agency of or political subdivision in the state, with:
 - a. Any member of the Legislative assembly;
 - b. Any Legislative committee staff acting under the direction of any member of the Legislative assembly; or
 - c. Any member of the elected governing body of a political subdivision in the state or any elected auditor of a city, county or metropolitan service district.

The district will use the complaint process in administrative regulation KL-AR - Public Complaints Procedure to address any alleged violations of this policy.

STUDENT OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Klamath Falls City Schools takes pride in having exciting, competitive extracurricular activities for our students. While it is important to build competitive programs, the health and safety of our students must come first. Because our district is in a region where wildfire smoke can impact the air quality levels, it is incumbent for the district to take precautions.

The administrative rules that follow will define the protocols in regard to environmental exposure of our students and coaches.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has a valuable website that provides hourly updates on the Air Quality Index rating (AQI). Listed below are the restrictions Klamath Falls City Schools has adopted in regard to the various air quality ratings and index levels.

Air Quality Rating	Air Quality Index (AQI)	Restrictions (Outside Practice/Conditioning)
(Green) = Good	0-50	No Restrictions
(Yellow) = Moderate	51-100	No Restrictions
(Orange) = Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101-150	Students must have signed permission slip from parent/guardian to practice outside. (Example below)
(Red) = Unhealthy	151-200	No Outside Practices/Conditioning
(Purple) = Very Unhealthy	201-300	No Outside Practices/Conditioning
(Dark Purple) = Hazardous	>301	No Outside Practices/Conditioning

The air quality ratings are updated hourly and can be accessed online at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/aqi/>

Coaches will check and record the accurate AQI and follow any applicable restrictions prior to the students-athletes participating in any outside team activity.

Example of permission slip:

Dated: _____

I give permission for (print name) _____ to participate in team activities outside when the Air Quality Index is between _____ and _____ (Orange). I understand that this rating is considered unhealthy for Sensitive Groups.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "When air quality is in this range, people that are included in the sensitive group, whether the sensitivity is due to medical conditions, exposure conditions, or inherent susceptibility, may experience varied respiratory effects." The sensitive group includes children; people with lung diseases, such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema; older adults; and active people who work or exercise outdoors.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

CORE TEACHING STANDARDS

The core teaching standards must:

1. Consider multiple measures of teacher effectiveness that encompass a range of appropriate teaching behaviors. These measures use multiple evaluation methods that utilize multiple measures to evaluate teacher performance which may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Student performance;
 - b. Student assessment;
 - c. Classroom-based assessments, including observations, lesson plans and assignments;
 - d. Portfolios of evidence;
 - e. Supervisor reports; and
 - f. Self-reflections and assessments.
2. Consider evidence of student academic growth and learning based on multiple measures of student progress, including student performance data;
3. Be research based;
4. Be separately developed for each teacher; and
5. Be customized to the district, which may include individualized weighting and application of standards.

Local evaluation and support systems established by the district for teachers must be:

1. Designed with four performance level ratings of effectiveness as defined in the Oregon Framework for Teacher and Administrator Evaluation and Support Systems;
2. Based on significant consideration of student learning, which may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Schoolwide academic growth, as determined by the statewide assessment system implemented by the Oregon Department of Education under ORS 329.485;
 - b. Formative and summative assessments; and
 - c. Classroom-level student learning goals set collaboratively between teachers and evaluators.
3. On a regular cycle.

Superintendent shall regularly report to the Board on implementation of the evaluation and support systems and educator effectiveness.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The use of corporal punishment in any form is strictly prohibited by the district and will be considered cause for discipline up to and including dismissal. Corporal punishment is defined as the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain.

A staff member is authorized to employ physical force when, in his/her professional judgment, the physical force is necessary to prevent a student from harming himself/herself, others or doing harm to district property.

Corporal punishment does not include physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by:

1. Training for or participation in athletic competition voluntarily engaged in by a student;
2. Recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by a student;
3. Physical exertion shared by all students in a teacher-directed class activity, which may include, but is not limited to, physical education exercises, field trips or vocational education projects;
4. Physical restraint or the use of aversive techniques as a part of a behavior management program in a student's individualized education program which has been signed by the parents and is carried out according to district procedures.

DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PREVENTION, HEALTH EDUCATION

Students have a right to attend school in an environment conducive to learning. The district will not tolerate the possession, sale or use of unlawful and harmful drugs (illicit drugs, nontherapeutic use of prescribed drugs, misuse of solvents and other dangerous substances and drug paraphernalia), alcohol or tobacco in the schools, on district property, on a school bus or while participating in any school-sponsored activity, whether on district property or at sites off district property.

An age-appropriate drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention curriculum is provided for all students in grades K-12 as a part of the health education curriculum. For students in grades 9-12 not enrolled in health education classes, a program of activities which meets the requirements of the drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention rule has been developed. At least annually, senior high school students will receive age-appropriate instruction.

Each year, a planned staff development and public information program that addresses the needs and responsibilities for the entire staff is developed by the superintendent. The input of staff in planning and implementing the district's staff development and public information program is encouraged to ensure a drug, alcohol and tobacco program that best meets the needs of district students.

FLAG SALUTE

Students will be provided an opportunity to salute the United States flag at least once a week by reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*. Individual staff members and students who do not participate in the salute must maintain a respectful silence during the salute.

Each classroom is required to display a United States flag of an appropriate size.

GRADING

The evaluation of student progress is a primary responsibility of all teachers. The highest possible level of student achievement is a common goal of both the district and parents. As a close working relationship between the district and parents is essential to the accomplishment of this goal, regular communications with parents is essential.

Teachers are expected to report, at least annually, a student's progress toward achieving academic content standards to the student and their parents. Parents will receive reports on their student's absences.

Teachers should use a variety of communication devices, including phone and personal conferences, as well as written grade reports to keep parents well informed. At the beginning of the grading period, students and parents are to be informed regarding the basis of the grades and the methods to be used in determining grades.

Grading will be conducted on a nine-week basis.

Special education students are to receive grades based on progress toward goals states in the student's individualized education program (IEP).

Grade reduction or credit denial determination may include student attendance. Student attendance may not be a sole criterion. If attendance is a factor, prior to a grade reduction or credit denial, the following shall occur:

1. The teacher will identify how the attendance and class participation is related to the instructional goals of the subject or course;
2. Parents and students will be informed;
3. Procedures in due process are available to the student when the grade is reduced or credit denied for attendance rather than academic reasons;
4. Reasons for nonattendance are considered and the grade is not reduced or credit denied based upon absences due to:
 - a. Religious reasons;
 - b. A student's disability; or
 - c. An excused absence, as determined by the district's policy.

NONPRESCRIPTION/PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

Students may be permitted to take prescription or nonprescription medication at school, at school-sponsored activities, while under the supervision of school personnel and in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

Training will be provided by a qualified trainer to designated staff authorized to administer nonprescription and prescription medication to students within individual school buildings and while participating at school-sponsored activities, while under the supervision of school personnel, or while in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

Training will provide an overview of applicable provisions of Oregon law, administrative rules, district policy and administrative regulations and include, but not be limited to, safe storage, handling, monitoring medication supplies, disposing of medications, record keeping and reporting of medication administration and errors in administration, emergency medical response for life-threatening side effects and allergic reactions and student confidentiality. Materials as recommended and/or approved by the Oregon Department of Education will be used.

Students in grades K-12 are permitted to self-medicate prescription and nonprescription and nonprescription medication in accordance with the following procedures:

1. A parent or guardian permission form and written instructions have been submitted for all prescription and nonprescription medication. In the case of prescription medications, permission from the physician or other licensed health care provider is also required and shall include information that the student has been instructed in the proper use of the prescribed medication. Such permission may be indicated on the prescription label. Principal permission is also required for all self-medication requests;
2. Students who are developmentally and/or behaviorally unable to self-medicate will be provided assistance by designated staff. A permission form and written instructions will be required as provided above;
3. All prescription and nonprescription medication must be kept in its appropriately labeled, original container, as follows:
 - a. Prescription labels must specify the name of the student, name of the medication, dosage, route and frequency or time of administration and any other special instruction;
 - b. Nonprescription medication must have the student's name affixed to the original container.
4. The student may have in his/her possession only the amount of medication needed for that school day except for manufactory's packaging that contains multiple dosage. The student may carry one package;
5. Sharing and/or borrowing of any medication with another student is strictly prohibited.

Permission to self-medicate may be revoked by the building principal if there are any abuses of these procedures.

All other students will be administered medication only by designated staff after receipt of required parent permission forms and written instructions.

A process shall be established by which, upon parent written request, a backup prescribed auto injectable epinephrine be kept at a reasonable, secured location in the student's classroom. A premeasured dose of epinephrine may be administered by trained, designated district staff to any student or other individual on school premises who the personnel believe, in good faith, is experiencing a severe allergic reaction, regardless of whether the student or individual has a prescription for epinephrine.

An individualized health care plan will be developed for every student with a known life-threatening allergy and for every student for whom the district has been given proper notice of a diagnoses of adrenal insufficiency.

RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION

The use of physical restraint and/or seclusion is permitted only as a part of a behavior support plan when other less restrictive interventions would not be effective and the student's behavior poses a threat of imminent, serious physical harm to self or others.

Except in the case of an emergency, only staff current in the required training in accordance with the district-designated physical restraint and seclusion training program will implement physical restraint or seclusion with a student. In an emergency, physical restraint and/or seclusion may also be used by a school administrator, teacher or other school employee [or volunteer] as when the student's behavior imposes a reasonable threat of imminent, serious bodily injury to the student or to others. The use of physical restraint and seclusion under these circumstances is only allowed so long as the students' behavior poses a threat of imminent, serious physical harm to themselves or to others. Any student being restrained or secluded within the district whether an emergency or as part of a plan shall be constantly monitored by staff for the duration of the intervention. Any room used for seclusion of a student must meet the standards as outlined in OAR 581-021-0568.

RETENTION OF STUDENTS

The Board is dedicated to total and continuous development of each student enrolled. The professional staff is expected to place students at the grade level best suited to them academically, socially and emotionally.

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. Exceptions may be made when, in the judgment of the professional staff, such exceptions are in the best educational interest of the students involved.

In the case when retention is being considered, the district will meet with the parent and share all relevant information and assessments. The district staff will make a recommendation and plan for the student. In the event the staff and parents are in disagreement about the recommendation and plan the parent's request will be implemented with provisions should a grade change be needed.

STUDENT CONDUCT

All students are to comply with district policies and administrative regulations, written building and classroom rules, pursue the prescribed course of study, submit to the lawful authority of teachers and school officials and conduct themselves in an orderly manner at school during the school day and during school-sponsored activities.

In addition to adopted Board policies governing student conduct, administrative regulations specifying student conduct expectations have been established. These regulations apply to actions which occur on district property; at any district-sponsored activity regardless of location; or when traveling to or from school for district-sponsored activities on transportation provided or approved by the district. A student handbook, code of conduct or other document shall be developed and distributed to parents, students and employees. Each school shall publish any additional rules specific to the school and distribute it to students and parents. Disregard of these rules constitutes grounds for suspension, expulsion or other reasonable disciplinary action.

Student conduct rules unique to individual classrooms may also be developed by teachers. All such rules must be consistent with district policies, administrative regulations and school rules governing student conduct and discipline. Classroom rules and consequences are to be reviewed with students, posted in classrooms and made available to parents.

Care of District Property by Students

It is each student's responsibility to show respect for all district property. Any student who willfully damages or defaces district property may be disciplined.

The Board declares its intent to hold students and their parents responsible for the costs of restitution including prosecution to the full extent of the law if such costs are not paid.

VISITORS

Students are not permitted to bring visitors to school without prior approval of the building principal/supervisor.

Staff members are expected to report any unauthorized person on school property to the building principal/supervisor.