

STUDENT- PARENT HANDBOOK

Breckenridge High School (7-12)

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BRECKENRIDGE SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

A school system in which each learner graduates fully prepared to succeed in college, career, and life

BRECKENRIDGE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We are devoted to providing personalized learning through challenging, relevant, and dynamic experiences in a safe environment where mutual respect is fostered and innovative builders of the future are developed.

BRECKENRIDGE CORE VALUES

Responsibility, Empathy, Respect, Integrity

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians and Community Members:

The goal of the Breckenridge Board of Education, school administration, and the teaching and support staff is to create a 21st century environment where each student can be successful. We believe in active classroom, inquiry-based learning, problem based learning and project based learning. Additionally, we strive to create an environment where everyone is respected and respectful, an environment where we can grow as people and as citizens of this country, an environment of commitment to and support for the Breckenridge Cowboy and Cowgirl tradition, and an environment of pride in achievement and excellence.

Breckenridge High School's **STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK** is presented to all students and available online to parents. Its purpose is to promote understanding of school policy and practices. It also provides information on standards, expectations, resources and, in general, what is available to each Breckenridge student. This handbook is part of the school's commitment to provide communication and high quality education and life opportunities to all our students.

Parents/Guardians, we request your support and your input. Our continuous improvement is tied to your assistance. In the event there are any complaints or misunderstandings, please call and set up an appointment to discuss the situation. Our goal is to serve your student's educational needs. If you have any questions please call 218-643-6681 or email me at ericksonc@isd846.org

Sincerely,

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K-12 Principal

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I) General Student Information and School Procedures

Absences

Absences must be called in by a parent/guardian on the day of the absence. Please call the High School before 9:00 am. Messages may also be left on the HS answering machine at any time. **IF YOU ARE GONE FOR A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT, YOU MUST BRING IN A NOTE FROM THE PROVIDER OR YOUR ABSENCE WILL BE UNEXCUSED.**

Sign In/Out

Guardians must communicate with the office before a student is allowed to leave the building during the school day. **When a student leaves or enters the building during the school day, they must stop in the office to sign in or out.**

TEAM Time – Time for Extra Access and Meetings

Students will meet every day (Monday-Friday) with an assigned teacher during TEAM Time. The purpose of this time is to provide students with time during the school day to complete and make up school assignments, student meetings and to enhance their academic/social learning. This time also allows students to sign out to meet with any teacher that they would like as long as it is set up in advance. TEAM Time will allow time for school organizations to meet with groups of students without interrupting the regular school day.

School Day and Supervision of Students

During the school day, all students must have adult supervision. Students will not be permitted in the halls or other unsupervised areas during the school day without a pass from their assigned teacher or a pass from the office. Students in the halls repeatedly without a pass may be subject to disciplinary action.

School day is defined as the time from when a student gets on the bus in the morning or enters school district property by any mode of transportation to the time when a student gets off the bus at the end of the school day or when a student leaves the school grounds by any mode of transportation after the school day or after any school district sponsored activity. Doors #1 and #2 will be opened for students starting at 8:00 a.m. Unless you are here for an early morning activity or class such as Jazz Band, you will not be allowed into the building prior to 8:00 a.m. Students arriving for early morning school activities should enter the building at Door #10 and follow instructions by the supervisors at that time regarding their personal electronic devices.

Student Assistance Team (S.A.T.)

This program deals with the prevention, intervention and follow-up regarding issues, which interferes with the individual student's potential to learn. S.A.T. addresses behaviors and assists in seeking solutions. Communication, self-awareness, problem solving, responsibility, self-discipline, choices, conflict resolution and mediation are some of the skills that S.A.T. will bring to students.

Counseling and Guidance Services

This includes assistance with educational planning, interpretation of test scores, occupational information, career information, school and personal problem resolution. Counseling & guidance services also assist with state & national testing. Lessons are embedded into required classes to ensure that all students receive this curriculum.

Psychological Services

The school provides a psychologist in the area of testing and counseling.

Special Education

Trained staff are available to provide students who have learning, physical, or other handicaps with help and support needed to be successful in high school.

Tutoring

Tutoring is a program to help students who are academically struggling. Counseling and administration can assist students and parents in connecting with tutoring services. These may be available before/after school or during TEAM Time. *Arrangement for this assistance can be made through the counselor's office.*

Community Services

Psychological, family, crisis, chemical dependency, suicide, alternative education, abuse and other issue assistance programs are available. Counseling and administration can assist students and parents in connecting with community services.

Medication Authorization (Policy 516)

Nonprescription Medication. A secondary student may possess and use nonprescription pain relief in a manner consistent with the labeling, if the school district has received written authorization from the student's parent or guardian permitting the student to self-administer the medication. The parent or guardian must submit written authorization for the student to self-administer the medication each school year. The school district may revoke a student's privilege to possess and use nonprescription pain relievers if the school district determines that the student is abusing the privilege. This provision does not apply to the possession or use of any drug or product containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine as its sole active ingredient or as one of its active ingredients. Except as stated in this paragraph, only prescription medications are governed by this policy.

A Prescription Medication Authorization Form is available from the high school office or on the school website. The form must be filled out, signed, and returned to the school if your child is taking prescription medication that must be given during the school day. All medication will be stored and given by school personnel in the HS office.

Opioid Antagonist

A school district must maintain a supply of opiate antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1, at each school site to be administered in compliance with section 151.37, subdivision 12. Each school building must have two doses of nasal naloxone available on-site.

Armed Service Opt Out – Juniors and Seniors only (Policy 515)

We are required to release names, addresses and phone numbers of all junior and senior students to the Armed Services. Your child's name will be included on the list unless **an opt out form is returned to the high school office by September 30**. A new form must be filled out yearly. A form is available from the high school office or on the school website.

Student Directory Information Opt Out – All students (Policy 515)

The Breckenridge School District may release student directory information for various purposes. Parents/guardians have a right to opt out of the inclusion of information about the student as directory information, photo/image, and student work. **If you wish to opt out, you must fill out and return an**

“Opt Out” form to the school no later than September 30 or ten days following the student’s enrollment in the District. A new form must be filled out yearly. A form is available from the high school office or on the school website.

If an opt out form is NOT received by the school, we assume that you have granted permission for your child to be included in student directory information & student pictures, videos & student art/work.

***Public disclosure of student directory information may occur in many ways, such as:

- School yearbooks (including photos)
- Team rosters and class lists
- Graduation, theater, athletic and music programs
- Video performances, school activities and athletic events
- Articles about school activities and athletic events
- School honor roll, scholarships and other awards
- Releases to media

Publishing of Pictures, Social Media, Videos & Student Art/Work in Schools:

Photographs of students and school activities may appear in various District materials, including the District’s website (isd846.org), newsletters, yearbooks, brochures, social media etc. Student work may also be publicized.

Student directory information may include, but is not limited to:

- Student name and address
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Honors, awards, & degrees received
- School & grade level
- Previous educational agencies or institutions attended by the student
- Photographs, videos and other similar information

Complaints

Students, parents/guardians, employees, or other persons may report concerns or complaints to the school district. Complaints may be either written or oral. People are encouraged, but not required, to file a written complaint at the building level where appropriate. The appropriate administrator will respond in writing to the complaining party regarding the school district’s response to the complaint.

Student Surveys (Policy 520)

Occasionally, the school district utilizes surveys to obtain student opinions and information about students. For complete information on the rights of parents/guardians and eligible students about conducting surveys, collection, and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations, see “Student Surveys” Policy 520. A complete copy of the school district’s “Student Surveys” policy may be obtained at the district office or on the school website.

Emergency School Closing

School may be canceled when the superintendent believes the safety of students and employees is threatened by severe weather or other circumstances. The superintendent will make a decision about

closing school or school buildings as early as possible. The School Messenger System will be used to notify parents of a change in the regularly scheduled school day. Weather related school closings or delays are announced over KBMW radio & TV, KVLV11, WDAY6, KVRR15, KXJB4 and Facebook. Be sure to have your ParentVue contact information updated for these important announcements. Contact the school office if you need assistance getting these notifications.

Flexible Learning Days

The school district will utilize Flexible Learning Days when school is canceled due to weather related emergencies. By law, we are allowed to use up to 5 Flexible Learning Days per school year. Watch for updates and expectations from classroom teachers on those days.

Employment Background Checks [*]

The school district will seek criminal history background checks for all applicants who receive an offer of employment with the school district. The school district also will seek criminal history background checks for all individuals, except enrolled student volunteers, who are offered the opportunity to provide athletic coaching services or other extracurricular academic coaching services to the school district, regardless of whether compensation is paid. These positions include, but are not limited to, all athletic coaches, extracurricular academic coaches, assistants, and advisors. The school district may elect to seek criminal history background checks for other volunteers, independent contractors, and student employees.

Equal Access to School Facilities

The school district has created a limited open forum for secondary students to conduct non-curriculum-related meetings during non-instructional time. The school district will not discriminate against or deny equal access or a fair opportunity on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. These limited open forum meetings will be voluntary and student initiated; will not be school sponsored; employees or agents of the school will be present at religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity; the meetings will not interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school; and non-school persons will not direct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups. All meetings under this provision must follow the procedures established by the school district.

Student Fees

Materials that are part of the basic educational program are provided with state, federal, and local funds at no charge to a student. Students are expected to provide their own pencils, pens, paper, erasers, notebooks, and other personal items. Students may be required to pay certain other fees or deposits, including (not an inclusive list):

1. School owned musical instruments
2. Combination lock (Refundable at the end of the student's senior year or withdrawal from school)
3. Admission and meals on certain field trips
4. Fan buses
5. Athletic activity participation (which includes individual and family caps)
6. Non-athletic activity participation
7. Classroom projects may have fees or materials required (No waivers available)
8. Drivers Ed including Classroom & Behind-the-Wheel (No waivers available)

*****Note: Forms are available in the HS office to apply for waiver of participation fees.**

No pupil's rights or privileges, including the receipt of grades or diplomas may be denied or abridged for nonpayment of fees; but this provision does not prohibit a district from maintaining any action provided by law for the collection of fees authorized by sections 123B.36 and 123B.38. (Minn. Stat. § 123B.37 Subd 2.)

Fire Drills/Building Lockdowns

Fire drills are practiced at random times during the year. When the alarm sounds all students are to follow the directions of the teacher and proceed in an orderly manner to the predetermined exit. The building exit for each classroom is posted in the classroom. Building lock downs are also practiced at random times during the year. These drills should be taken seriously and practiced without incident.

Books/Chromebooks & Other school property

Books, Chromebooks & other school property are provided to students at no cost, other than repair or replacement for lost or damaged property

Student Publications and Materials (Policy 512)

The policy of the school district is to protect students' free speech rights while, at the same time, preserving the district's obligation to provide a learning environment that is free of disruption. All school publications are under the supervision of the building principal and/or sponsor. Non School-sponsored publications may not be distributed without prior approval.

Distribution of Non School-Sponsored Materials on School Premises (Policy 505)

The school district recognizes that students and employees have the right to express themselves on school property. This protection includes distributing nonschool-sponsored material, subject to school district regulations and procedures, at a reasonable time and place and in a reasonable manner. For detailed information, see the complete "Distribution of Non School-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees."

School-Sponsored Student Publications (Policy 512)

The school district may exercise editorial control over the style and content of student expression in school-sponsored publications and activities. Faculty advisors shall supervise student writers to ensure compliance with the law and school district policies. Students producing official school publications and participating in school activities will be under the supervision of a faculty advisor and the school principal. "Official school publications" means school newspapers, yearbooks, or material produced in communications, journalism, or other writing classes as part of the curriculum. Expression in an official school publication or school-sponsored activity is prohibited when the material:

- Is obscene to minors;
- Is libelous or slanderous;
- Features any object that may be considered a weapon.
- Advertises or promotes any product or service not permitted for minors by law;
- Encourages students to commit illegal acts or violate school regulations or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of school or school activities;

- Expresses or advocates sexual, racial, or religious harassment or violence or prejudice;
- Is distributed or displayed in violation of time, place, and manner regulations.

Expression in an official school publication or school-sponsored activity is subject to editorial control by the school district over the style and content when the school district's actions are reasonably related to legitimate pedagogical concerns. Official school publications may be distributed at reasonable times and locations.

Student Records (Policy 515)

Student records are classified as public, private, or confidential. State and federal laws protect student records from unauthorized inspection or use and provide parents/guardians and eligible students with certain rights. For the purposes of student records, an "eligible" student is one who is 18 or older or who is enrolled in an institution of post-secondary education. For more complete information on the rights of parents/guardians and eligible students regarding student records, please see Policy 515. A complete copy of the school district's "Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records" policy may be obtained at *the Breckenridge School district office*.

Age of Majority (18 Year Old Students)

MN Statute 120.06 states, "The Board of Education of any school district shall provide free educational services to any person between the ages of 18 and 21 years and may require that person adherence to rules and regulations applicable to students under 18 years of age". At Breckenridge High School, our policy states that **all students, regardless of age, must adhere to the same rules and regulations**. Persons between the ages of 18 and 21 must follow the same regulations as those students under age 18. Students 18 years old and older must provide legal emancipation documentation to the school from the courts in order to be allowed different application of the rules and regulations. For example, the school requires that students 18 years and older must provide parental verification of absences

Lockers (Policy 502)

Students will be assigned to a locker. Students are encouraged to have locks for both regular and locker room lockers. Students may rent a lock from the school for \$7, which may be refunded at the end of the student's senior year or withdrawal from school. Locks may be cut from lockers or the locker room in the event of an emergency.

Lockers are "on loan" from the school to the student. Lockers should be kept clean and neat, both inside and out. Lockers should contain no pictures, posters, etc. that promote or advertise tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. Sexually explicit pictures or messages or other contents that are offensive or in bad taste are not permitted in lockers. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen property. Students may not "switch" lockers with other students. At no time does the school district relinquish its exclusive control of lockers provided for the convenience of students. Inspection of the interior of lockers may be conducted by school officials for any reason at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

Riding a School Bus

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. The school district's general student behavior rules are in effect for all students on school buses. The school district is committed to transporting students in a safe and orderly manner. To accomplish this, student riders are expected to follow school district rules for waiting at a school bus stop and rules for riding on a school bus. Decisions regarding a student's ability to ride the bus in connection with co curricular and extracurricular events (for example, field trips or competitions) will be in the sole discretion of the school district.

Rules at the bus stop (Policy #709):

1. Get to your bus stop 5 minutes before your scheduled pick up time. The school bus driver will not wait for late students.
2. Respect the property of others while waiting at your bus stop.
3. Keep your arms, legs, and belongings to yourself.
4. Use appropriate language.
5. Stay away from the street, road, or highway when waiting for the bus.
6. Wait until the bus stops before approaching the bus.
7. After getting off the bus, move away from the bus.
8. If you must cross the street, always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you. Wait for the driver to signal to you before crossing the street.
9. No fighting, harassment, intimidation, or horseplay.
10. No use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.

Rules on the bus (Policy #709)

1. Immediately follow the directions of the driver.
2. Sit in your seat facing forward.
3. Talk quietly and use appropriate language.
4. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
5. Keep your arms, legs, and belongings to yourself.
6. No fighting, harassment, intimidation, or horseplay.
7. Do not throw any object.
8. No eating, drinking, or use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
9. Do not bring any weapons or dangerous objects on the school bus.
10. Do not damage the school bus.

Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will be imposed by the school district under adopted administrative discipline procedures.

District Transportation Discipline Policy

The following discipline policy will be used when a student is reported by a driver for failing to obey the transportation rules of conduct:

1. Upon first violation, a conference will take place with the student and school administrator. The transportation director and bus driver may also be a part of this conference. Parents will receive a telephone call and a written report will be documented in ParentVue.

2. Upon second violation, a parent conference will take place with the parent, student, bus driver, transportation director and school administrator in attendance.
3. Upon the third and subsequent violations, the parent will be notified and the student will lose the privilege of riding on the school district's transportation system for one week.

*Serious misconduct, or discipline problems reported during the last week of school are not subject to the procedural sequence of this policy.

Lunch Program (Policies 533 and 534)

Our school provides healthy meals each day. School breakfast and lunches are free for all students this year, ***BUT...We still need you to complete the Free/Reduced lunch form for your family.*** This is very important as other funding from the state/federal government and grants depend on the number of families that are eligible under those guidelines. Contact either office for details on the lunch application or to pick up an application.

Parents/students are responsible for keeping sufficient funds in their account(s) for second chance breakfast, ala carte, or seconds at lunch. Lunch balances may be monitored on ParentVue and StudentVue. Electronic deposits may be made at the school web store isd846.org . Electronic deposits must be made before 11:00 AM in order for funds to be available that day.

Students in grades 7 through 10 that leave campus without a parent/guardian during lunch will be subject to disciplinary action. Juniors and Seniors are allowed to leave the building for lunch.

Online/College Courses:

Students who have online courses on their schedule have specific expectations to follow during those periods. All students in grades 9 through 12 are required to stay on campus and in the school building during the specified period on their schedule. In the event that a student is excused, the student would be required to sign out/in at the High School Office. Students required to stay in the building should remain in the Media Center or in a location deemed appropriate by school administration.

Students in grades 11 and 12 may leave campus to attend an in person college class, but students doing so would be required to sign out/in at the High School Office each time they leave the school building. Students will not be allowed to loiter in the parking lots or be on campus unless in a designated area, including the Media Center or other appropriate locations determined by school administration. Students who violate school policies during these specific blocks may be assigned to be in a specific location. Any student in grades 9-12 who is not considered to be in "good standing" in any of their classes may be assigned to a specific location.. Good standing is determined by passing grades in ALL classes, attendance and behavior standards.

Working Lunch

Students who are consistently late with their school work may have a "working lunch" assigned to them. Students will get their lunch and then go to a designated area to get caught up with their homework. This may be assigned by administration.

Chromebooks: See Chromebook Procedures and Information Handbook

Each student in grades 7-12 will have the option to receive a Chromebook for school use. The purpose of the Chromebook is to increase students' productivity in and outside of the classroom, to capitalize on a plethora of educational resources, facilitate mobile learning, and promote leadership in one's own

learning. **The Chromebook is an educational device which is owned by the school district and shall be used as such.** Each student and the parent receiving a Chromebook will be required to sign and complete a user agreement to be kept on file with the tech department.

Chromebook Insurance (Optional)

Families are encouraged to purchase the following optional insurance coverage from District 846. At a rate of \$25 per year per student (\$65 annual family cap), any and all **accidental damages** will be covered by the policy. Students and families choosing to waive the optional policy would be subject to full repair cost for any damage to a leased chromebook.

- This does not cover Loss, Theft, or Intentional Damage to a chromebook.
- Claims should be filed with the Technology Coordinator within 7 days of the incident.
- Payment can be made on SchoolPay or at the school office between July 1 and October 1 (enrollment deadline) of the applicable year. Families enrolling within the school year must enroll within 2 weeks of their first day of classes.

Electronic, Video, and Communication Devices

Electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, Smart watches, earbuds, etc.) are allowed in the school building, but must be turned off and stored in the school provided pouch from 8:10 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Students are prohibited from photographing, recording, or making any electronic record of other students, staff, or visitors without express consent of the individual that is the subject of the recording, photograph, or electronic record. This policy applies to students during the school day, instructional and non-instructional time, or while participating in school events. **All reported violations of this procedure will be handled based upon Policies 413, 514 and 526: Harassment, Bullying and Hazing. It is against school rules to videotape, stream live or take pictures of another student/faculty member or school employee without their knowledge. If such behavior occurs, students will be subject to school discipline.**

Telephone Use

A telephone for local calls is provided outside the High School office for student use.

Pledge of Allegiance (Policy 531)

Students will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America weekly. Any person who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reason may elect not to do so. Students must respect another person's right to make that choice. Students will also receive instruction in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag.

Parent Volunteers

Parents/guardians are welcome in the schools and are encouraged to volunteer in their children's classrooms. To volunteer in the school building or classroom, parents/guardians should contact the building principal. Parents/guardians who visit the school should sign in at the high school office before entering a classroom. For more information, contact the high school office.

II) Academic and Curriculum Information

Curriculum and Curriculum Procedures (Policy 606, 616, 618)

Academic Lettering

Students may qualify for a Breckenridge High School Letter starting with their completion of 10th grade. The requirement for an academic letter is to carry a composite Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5. Once a letter and lamp are awarded, students may receive a bar for their second and third year of earning a 3.5 GPA. Students who qualify for an academic letter, lamp, or bar will be recognized each year.

Area Learning Center

The Breckenridge Alternative Learning Center (ALC) is a program designed to support at-risk students in grades 9-12. Our individualized approach addresses academic, social, and emotional needs through smaller class sizes, hands-on learning, and community partnerships. Eligibility for the ALC includes criteria such as academic underperformance, truancy, homelessness, and more. We strive to build strong connections with students and focus on college, career, and life readiness. We invite parents and guardians to partner with us in setting high expectations and encouraging students to develop personal responsibility and self-sufficiency. For more information, contact the ALC Coordinator Jessica Holland at 218-643-6681 or hollandj@isd846.org.

College or Vocational-Technical Visits (Gr. 10,11,12)

Students are encouraged to make college and vocational school visits. If you use school time for your visits you must use the following procedure:

1. Make an advance appointment with the school admissions office. The guidance and counseling office will assist you with this.
2. Forms and information can be obtained from the counselor.
3. A college or Vocational visit is considered an excused absence.

Communication of Discipline and Grading

Breckenridge High School will make every effort to communicate effectively and often with parents regarding school issues, especially grading and student progress. We will provide the following:

1. Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled twice each year. Student Showcase Nights are scheduled twice a year.
2. Ineligible Notices every three weeks, for failing or ineligible students.
3. Special Education Staffings.
4. **Academic meetings:** Before a student can fail a quarter or semester course, at least 3 conversations with the parent/guardian need to be given. The 3rd communication will be a meeting between students/parent/teacher/counselor and administration. All communication in regards to academics and failure will be documented to meet this guideline.
5. **Discipline/Agency meetings:** If a student is removed from any class 3 times during a semester, a parent/student/teacher and administration meeting will occur after the 3rd removal and for every removal after the 3rd removal. A discipline/classroom behavior discussion will occur with input from multiple sources.

Return communication from parents / guardians and students that we request, include:

1. Attendance at any meetings in regards to academics or discipline
2. Early notification of planned absences; vacations, working for parents, etc.

3. Phone call notification (643-2694) before 9:00am of unplanned absences; illness, emergency, etc.
4. Homework requests for absent students should be made directly to the teachers by 10:00 am
5. Change of status; address, family changes, multiple addresses, email, etc.

ParentVUE/StudentVUE: Breckenridge High School Student Information System

It is important we have current contact information for all parents/guardians/students. Please review student and family information on ParentVue on the school website at isd846.org and update information as needed. If you do not have electronic access please contact the office and we will assist you.

Students and parents can login to ParentVue/StudentVue to view many items including: CALENDAR for homework and missing assignments, ATTENDANCE, CLASS SCHEDULE please bring a printed copy the first day of school, DISCIPLINE including incident details and scheduled detention dates, GRADE BOOK for current grades and missing assignments, HEALTH information and immunizations record, SCHOOL INFORMATION for staff email addresses, STUDENT INFORMATION please review and update parent and student information before school starts, LUNCH ACTIVITY and balance. If you have questions or need help logging on, please contact the High School office at 643-2694.

*****NOTE: ParentVUE/StudentVue may be disabled if:**

- **Students owe a fee (ex. Activity fee, class fee, band rental, etc.)**
- **Owe lunch money**
- **Have an overdue library book**
- **Have not returned a school uniform, equipment, etc.**

A variety of automatic alerts can be set up to automatically go out to parents through ParentVue. Parents must set up these automatic alerts in their ParentVue account. Alerts can be set up for missing/failing grades, absences, discipline incidents, etc. It will be important to have your email address updated in the system as well so these alerts and other e-mailed information goes to the correct email address. This includes instant alerts for weather related emergencies and other notifications.

Excellence in Education Program

Breckenridge High School recognizes students who achieve academic excellence, combined with good citizenship, leadership, and a respect and concern for others. Each teacher has the opportunity to nominate one or more students per quarter. These students are recognized with a certificate, a reward party or other reward, and an opportunity to win a \$50.00 Savings Bond.

Graduation Requirements: Policy 613

All students must attempt 7 credits per year. Credit requirements for graduation are 24 credits (MN graduation credits). All credits include required and elective credits. *For a copy of the graduation requirements for a particular graduating year, contact the High School Office.*

High School Level Courses Required for Graduation		
Subject Area	Credits	Explanation
Language Arts	4	Must be sufficient to satisfy all academic standards in the English language arts.
Math	3.5	Algebra I is required by the end of eighth grade. Algebra II, geometry, statistics and probability, or its equivalent sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in mathematics is also required. <i>*** Students who pass the 11th grade MCA-III math test will be credited with an additional .5 math credit towards graduation</i> <i>***Students <u>who do not pass</u> the 11th grade Math MCA-III math test will need to take a Senior Math course unless they have met the 3.5 credit graduation requirement.</i>
Science	3	Must include at least one credit of biology, one credit of chemistry or physics, and one elective credit of science. The combination of credits must be sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in either chemistry or physics and all other academic standards in science
Social Studies	3.5	Must include at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and economics sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in social studies.
Arts	1	Must be sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards in the arts. A career and technical education course may fulfill an arts credit.
Elective Courses	6.5	

Minnesota Academic Standards

All students must satisfactorily complete the following required Minnesota Graduation Standards:

Minnesota Academic Standards, English Language Arts K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards, Mathematics K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards, Science K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards, Social Studies K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards, Physical Education K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards or Local Standards, Arts K-12

Academic Standards information can be found on the MDE website at:

<https://education.mn.gov/mde/dse/stds/>

School District Required and Elective Standards

All students must satisfactorily complete the following school district required and elective standards:

- Health (0.5 credit)
- Speech (.5 credits)
- Personal Finance (.5 credits)
- Phy Ed (.5 credits)

Students with an individualized education program, Section 504 accommodation plan, or limited English proficiency needs may be eligible for testing accommodations, modifications, and/or exemption. For additional information, see the *high school counselor or high school principal*.

Recognition at Graduation Ceremony

Breckenridge recognizes graduating students in the form of Summa Cum Laude (Cumulative GPA of 3.90-4.0), Magna Cum Laude (Cumulative GPA of 3.70-3.89) and Cum Laude (Cumulative GPA of 3.50-3.69).

Class Placement: Policy 607

Students will be placed in grades 9-12 at the beginning of each school year according to credits earned the previous years toward graduation. Classification will be determined according to the following scale:

Freshmen:	5.0 or fewer credits earned
Sophomore:	10.0 or fewer but more than 5.0 credits earned
Junior:	16.5 or fewer but more the 10.0 credits earned
Senior:	17 or more credits earned or be enrolled in courses necessary to produce the total needed to be on track to graduate

Eligibility for advancement will be made prior to the start of each school year. School administration will communicate to parents and students the status of only those not promoted to the next grade level.

***Any senior who cannot meet the credit requirements for graduation, has not fulfilled required course or classroom expectations, or is not in good standing with the school will not take part in the commencement program.

***Breckenridge does not allow students to do "Early Graduation"

Promotion and Retention

All students are expected to achieve an acceptable level of proficiency. Students who achieve at an acceptable level will be promoted to the next grade level at the completion of the school year. Retention of a student may be considered when professional staff and parents/guardians feel that it is in the best interest of the student. The superintendent's decision will be final. The district has a variety of services to help students succeed in school. For more information, contact the high school counselor or high school principal.

Grading Scale

Below is the conversion from number to letter grading.

A.....95-100	C..... 73-76
A-.....90-94	C-.....70-72
B+.....87-89	D+.....67-69
B.....83-86	D.....63-66
B-.....80-82	D-.....60-62
C+.....77-79	F..... 59 & below

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be assessed in the following 5 learner outcomes.

- A. Knowledge and Thinking (Content)
- B. Collaboration
- C. Written Communication
- D. Oral Communication
- E. Agency

****Note: At least 10% (or more) of every grade at Breckenridge High School will be in the area of AGENCY. Agency is effort, etiquette and engagement. **Faculty will give an AGENCY grade each week***

GPA

Below is the conversion from letter grade to number on a 4.00 grading scale: This is used to calculate Grade Point Average (GPA)

A 4.00	B- ...2.66	D+ ...1.33
A- ... 3.67	C+ ...2.33	D ... 1.00
B+ ...3.33	C 2.00	D- ... 0.67
B 3.00	C- ...1.66.	F ... 0.00

Failure of a course: Communication

Academic meetings: Before a student can fail a quarter or semester course, at least 3 communications with the parent/guardian need to be given. The 3rd communication will be a meeting between students/parent/teacher/counselor and administration. All communication in regards to academics and failure will be documented to meet this guideline.

Student Drop/Add of Courses

1. Students will have four (4) days at the start of each semester/quarter to drop or add classes with administrative approval. Students need to choose and register for classes carefully so that drops/adds are minimal.
2. Any schedule changes following the drop-add period will be subject to administrative, teacher and counselor discretion. Any student who chooses to drop a course after the drop/add deadline will receive a WF on their transcript 0.00 gpa.
- 3. Any student dropping an alternative education classes such ITV, M-State Online, CollegeNow, etc. will assume financial responsibility for dropping that class past the drop date that coincides with those programs. The fees for these courses vary depending on the program.**

Honor Roll Requirements

1. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of seven Breckenridge High School classes to be on the honor roll, regardless of your grade point average.
2. The courses that do not have honor roll status are: Work Internship, Service Learning, Media Aide, ESL, Transitions, Drivers Ed, Jazz Band, and Swing Choir.
3. Students enrolled in PSEO or M-State College Online classes are unable to have those courses included in the Honor Roll calculations.
4. Honor Roll qualifications are as follows: A Honor Roll is 4.00 - 3.67 (**No F's, D's, I's**) B Honor Roll is 3.66 - 3.00, (**(No F's, D's, I's)**)
5. Any student with an incomplete (I) at the end of the quarter cannot earn honor roll status for that quarter.
6. Students that transfer to Breckenridge High School must be full-time students for a period of three (3) consecutive semesters in order to be eligible for any graduation honors. Consideration will be given to students that do not meet this transfer requirement at the discretion of the administration.

Incomplete Grade

Any instructor may give an INCOMPLETE to a student at the end of the grading period. **Students will have 8 school days to make-up INCOMPLETE work. INCOMPLETE work is determined by the instructor and can be given for any academic reason.**

1. Any students with an incomplete (I) at the end of the quarter cannot earn honor roll status for that quarter. **Students that have a participation fee due at the end of the quarter will be given an incomplete.** An incomplete becomes an F (failure) 8 days after the end of a quarter, including the end of the school year. In the case of an extended illness or family emergency, this 8 day period may be extended through agreement between teacher and administration.

Ineligibility and Failure Policy in Handbook

As a public educational facility, our primary goal is to provide a strong academic and learning environment to all our students. We want all our students to experience the varied curriculums and attitudes inherent with that strong learning environment. A secondary goal is to provide as many students as possible with the exposure to and participation in a variety of extracurricular activities. Activities are an important addition to the school's curriculum; moreover, the two programs must be mutually supportive. An essential belief is that extracurricular activities are secondary to the academic programs. As such, failure in academics results in ineligibility in ALL extracurricular activities including all MSHSL activities for those

7th-12th Grade Students.

1. At the start of each quarter, teachers will submit names of students who are failing after three weeks.

2. Thereafter, throughout the quarter, teachers will submit student failures to the office in three week intervals.
3. A students with one or more failing grades in a class are ineligible to participate in activities for a minimum of one game. This does not include practices. Students are not allowed to be dismissed early from school to travel with a team if they are ineligible. Students are required to work with teachers to raise their grades or the failure will result in a one week penalty. Failures will carry over to next activity for a minimum of a one game suspension.
4. Teachers must report all failures no later than 10:00 am on Tuesday following the reporting week.
5. A master list of students on the fail list will be sent out to teachers and coaches from the office.
6. Students will be informed immediately of their ineligibility. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the teacher. Teachers will provide input on reason(s) for failure and suggestions for change.
7. Teachers, coaches, and the activities director will communicate on to determine if an ineligible student has become eligible or remains ineligible.
8. Teachers will try to provide students with a reasonable opportunity to become eligible during their first week of ineligibility.
9. All grades should be computed from the beginning of the quarter and reflect a composite of the student's progress.
10. Failure is a grade below 59.9.
11. One or more failures at the end of a grading period will make a student ineligible. This includes failures in the 4th Quarter, which will make a student ineligible in the fall. Also included is any "F" at the end of any grading period which will carry over to a 1 game/event suspension at any point of the year.
 - 1 "F" = 1 game/event suspension
 - 4 "F" = 1 game/event suspension
12. **Non-Student Athletes** failing could miss 1 full week of events; which may include Homecoming, Snowball, Prom, and Field Trips. This will be at the Principal's discretion.

Academic Integrity Policy

We uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, and the misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) tools, undermines the values of our educational community. It is essential for all students to adhere to these principles to maintain a fair and honest learning environment.

Cheating

Cheating is defined as any attempt to gain an unfair advantage in an academic setting.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Copying from another student during an exam or quiz.
- Using unauthorized materials or devices during an exam.
- Submitting work that is not your own.
- Providing or receiving unauthorized assistance on assignments or exams.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's work or ideas as your own without proper attribution. This includes:

- Copying text from books, articles, websites, or other sources without citing them.
- Paraphrasing someone else's ideas without acknowledgment.

- Submitting a paper or project that has been written by someone else.

Use of AI Tools

While AI tools can be valuable resources, their use must align with the guidelines set forth by your teacher or syllabus. Inappropriate use of AI tools includes:

- Allowing AI to generate content that you present as your own original work.
- Using AI to complete assignments or exams without explicit permission from your teacher.
- Submitting AI-generated work without proper disclosure or citation as required by your teacher.

Adherence to Instructions

Students are expected to follow all instructions provided by their teachers and outlined in the course syllabus regarding the use of resources, including AI tools. If you are uncertain about what is permissible, it is your responsibility to seek clarification from your teacher.

Consequences

Violations of this academic integrity policy will result in disciplinary actions, which may include:

- Receiving a failing grade for the assignment or exam.
- Notification of parents or guardians.
- Referral to the administration for further disciplinary measures.

The 7-12 English department will have students sign the “Academic Ethics/Academic Honesty” statement. By upholding these standards, we can ensure a learning environment that promotes honesty, fairness, and respect for all members of our school community.

Homework

Homework assignments are made by the teachers. The amount of homework varies by teacher and subject area. The school district asks for parents/guardians to encourage their child(ren) to complete homework thoroughly and promptly. **Students and Parents should review the teacher syllabus for homework expectations.**

Summer School

The school district may provide summer school learning opportunities. **Summer school opportunities will be for students who failed a course in grades 7-12 or are in need of credits to graduate.** For more information, contact the high school counselor or principal.

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options

10th, 11th or 12th grade students may apply to enroll in Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) and other advanced enrichment programs. General information about the PSEO program will be provided to all eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students upon request. Qualifying credits granted to a student through a PSEO course or program that meets or exceeds a graduation standard or requirement will be counted toward graduation and credit requirements of the state academic standards. Interested students must fill out an application form and submit it to the **high school counselor** by October 30 or May 30 for enrollment the following semester. The application form must be signed by the student and his/her parent

or guardian. Students wishing to take a PSEO course should contact **the high school counselor or high school principal**.

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Program including College in the Schools (CIS)

Per Minnesota Statute, Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 are eligible to take select classes at post-secondary institutions. Any student interested should contact the counselor for details by October 30 or May 30 of the preceding semester. Students need to have a pre-qualified GPA to be able to enroll in PSEO/CIS courses.

The following policy has been adopted by the school board;

College Credits	Breckenridge HS credits
1	.250
2	.500
3	.750
4	1.00
5	1.25

A student may wish to have their post-secondary institution send a transcript to Breckenridge High school to receive graduation credit. Credits earned under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program will be equated with high school credit according to guidelines presented in M.S. 123.3514 Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act, subd. 5 Credit. All students taking advantage of this program will be given a copy of this policy prior to their enrollment in the post-secondary institution.

**** College credit may be denied in college courses if a student has exceeded 5 absences from that class in a semester.** Students may still receive high school credit if they don't exceed 10 absences. Students taking PSEO/CIS courses are limited to a maximum amount of credits per semester.

*****Note: Students may take any class as Pass / Fail. A "P" on the transcript will be counted as a 2.0 in the cumulative GPA. An "F" on the transcript will be counted as 0.0 on the cumulative GPA. This also includes all concurrent enrollment courses (PSEO / CIS), correspondence, online and other courses offered at BHS. Excluded are Teaching Assistant (TA), Student Volunteer, and specific Music Lesson / Ensembles grades . Students who opt to take PSEO/CIS classes on a Pass / Fail basis may submit an appeal in writing to the Principal or Counselor requesting that one (1) course per semester be counted for credit only but not counted towards their cumulative GPA. ***All PSEO /CIS courses are included on the high school transcript according to MN Statute. (MS 123.3514)**

Education's Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) webpage:
<https://education.mn.gov/mde/fam/dual/pseo/>

National Honor Society

NHS is the highest honor for students in high schools across the country. To be eligible for election to the Breckenridge Chapter of the NHS, you must be a junior or senior, with a 3.5 GPA at the end of the fifth or seventh semester. In addition to this scholarship criterion for membership, the selection committee considers the attributes of leadership, service, and character. An awards ceremony is conducted each spring.

Student Records

Student records are classified as public, private, or confidential. State and federal laws protect student records from unauthorized inspection or use and provide parents/guardians and eligible students with certain rights. For the purposes of student records, an "eligible" student is one who is 18 or older or who is enrolled in an institution of post-secondary education. For more information on the rights of parents/guardians and eligible students regarding student records, see "Student Records" (*Appendix 3*). A complete copy of the school district's "Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records" policy may be obtained at the district office or on the school website.


Testing

The following are important state and national tests that students are required to take or are recommended for students to take at Breckenridge High School.

- ACT, PSAT/NMSQT, Pre-ACT, and ASVAB
- MCA Testing: Reading(7,8,10), Math(7,8,11), & Science(8,10)
- Minnesota Civics Test

MCA Opt out form

Parents/Guardians may choose not to have their student take the MCA exams. The test out form can be filled out at the website below or see the attached document at the end of the handbook.

 [2024-25 Participation Guide and Refusal Information.form RE_ \(2\).pdf](#)

III) Attendance

Purpose

The Breckenridge School Board believes that regular school attendance is directly related to success in academic work, benefits students socially, provides opportunities for important communications between teachers and students and establishes regular habits of dependability important to the future of the student. The purpose of this policy is to encourage regular school attendance. It is intended to be positive and not punitive.

This policy also recognizes that class attendance is a joint responsibility to be shared by the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), teacher(s) and administrators. This policy will assist students in attending class.

Google Classroom

At Breckenridge High School, teachers use Google classroom for their classroom setup. Assignments, homework, materials and videos are used to assess student learning. At any time, students and parents/guardians can and should access google classroom for any school work or classroom materials.

Responsibilities

1. Student's Responsibility - It is the student's right to be in school. It is also the student's responsibility to attend all assigned classes and study halls every day that school is in session and to be aware of and follow the correct procedures when absent from an assigned class or study hall. Finally, it is the student's responsibility to request any missed assignments due to an absence.

2. Parent or Guardian's Responsibility - It is the responsibility of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure the student is attending school, to inform the school in the event of a student absence, and to work cooperatively with the school and the student to solve any attendance problems that may arise. Parents(s)/guardian(s) must contact the school on the day of the student's absence no later than 9:00 a.m. Messages may be left on the school voicemail if necessary. Requests for homework must also be made prior to 10:00 a.m.

3. Teacher's Responsibility - It is the teacher's responsibility to take daily attendance and to maintain accurate attendance records in each assigned class. It is also the teacher's responsibility to be familiar with all procedures governing attendance and to apply these procedures uniformly. It is also the teacher's responsibility to provide any student who has been absent with any missed assignments upon request. Finally, it is the teacher's responsibility to work cooperatively with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student to solve any attendance problems that may arise.

4. Administrator's Responsibility - It is the administrator's responsibility to require students to attend all assigned classes. It is also the administrator's responsibility to be familiar with all procedures governing attendance and to apply these procedures uniformly to all students, to maintain accurate records on student attendance and to prepare a list of the previous day's absences stating the status of each. Finally, it is the administrator's responsibility to inform the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student's attendance and to work cooperatively with them and the student to solve attendance problems.

Excused Absences

To be considered an excused absence, the student's parent or legal guardian may be asked to verify, in writing, the reason for the student's absence from school. The following reasons are valid and should be used by parents and students as guidelines:

1. Illness of the student.
2. Serious illness or death of a member of the student's immediate family. Immediate family includes parents, siblings, and grandparents.
3. Serious illness or death of a member of the student's family or close family friend.
4. Medical, dental, driving tests, court, and counselor appointments. **IF YOU ARE GONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT, YOU MUST BRING IN A NOTE FROM THE PROVIDER OR YOUR ABSENCE WILL BE UNEXCUSED.**
5. School sponsored activities.
6. Post Secondary Visits. Visits require a "School Visit Pre-Approval" form to be excused.
7. Work to help parents only when necessary.
8. Severe weather conditions, according to the merits of the case.
9. Family Vacations.
10. Religious Instruction

Unexcused Absences: *All other reasons for absences will be deemed an Unexcused Absence.**

IF YOU ARE GONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT, YOU MUST BRING IN A NOTE FROM THE PROVIDER OR YOUR ABSENCE WILL BE UNEXCUSED.

Truancy

(This includes Flex learning days, Edmentum and any college class off-campus)

Absence from school without parent's/guardian's or school's permission is truancy. The violation will result in the assignment of detention. When a student reaches seven (7) unexcused absences per class period, students under the age of 18 will be reported to the Wilkin County Attorney and Wilkin County Family Services. Students under the age of 18 will be classified as being Habitually Truant unless lawfully withdrawn from school. A student is responsible for making up the missing assignments, but their agency score may be affected due to their truancy. Repeated truancy will result in loss of credit for missed class(es).

Excessive excused absences also affect a student's ability to perform well in school and develop healthy attendance practices as an adult in the workplace. Students that have 10 excused absences will be sent a warning letter. An Educational Truancy/Neglect warning letter will be sent when a student 10 excused absences. A conference with administration, parents, and social services will be held to determine a

solution for the absences. Students that reach 15 excused absences will be reported to the Wilkin County Attorney for Educational Truancy/Neglect.

In accordance with the Minnesota Compulsory Instruction Law, Minn. Stat. 120A.22, the students of the school district are REQUIRED to attend all classes and/or study halls every day school is in session, unless the student has been excused by the school board from attendance because the student has already completed state and school district standards required to graduate from high school, has withdrawn, or has a valid excuse for absence.

Tardy to Class

(This includes Flex learning days and Edmentum)

Students are expected to be in class when the hour begins. Promptness and time management are important components to an education. To help create a climate of punctuality and help each teacher better manage their classes, Breckenridge High School employs the following tardy policy:

- Tardies accumulate per quarter per period.
- On the third tardy in one period, **one hour of detention will be assigned, and for every tardy thereafter.**
- Students that are in class or have signed in the office within 5 minutes of the start of the class are considered tardy. Otherwise it will count as an unexcused absence.+-
- Students coming to school following a partial day illness must be on time for their next class.

Make-Up Work

1. Students who have been absent from school have twice the length of time missed to make up daily work or tests assigned while the student was absent (1 day=2 days). At the end of the allotted time, the teacher at her/his own discretion will award either a letter grade or give an incomplete for the assignment. An assignment not turned in by the end of the allotted time may result in an "F".
2. In the cases of both excused and unexcused absences, the teacher may assign different or additional materials to cover the material missed during the absence.
3. Assignments made while students are in attendance should be turned in on time. Example: if an assignment is made on Wednesday for Monday and the student is absent on Friday, the assignment is still due on Monday.
4. In the case of unexcused absences including truancy, the teacher may choose not to award credit for the work missed during the absence.
5. Students that know about absences in advance, i.e. vacations, appointments, school activities or other school events, etc. shall be responsible to get the homework in advance and have it completed upon their return to school. This includes tests, quizzes, papers, projects, etc.

Leaving the School Building

Students who need to leave the school at any time during the course of the school day must secure a leave school permit from the High School Office. When leaving the building, parents/guardians/students must complete the following:

1. A parent/guardian must notify the school the student is to leave.
2. The student is responsible for getting a permission slip to leave class and the building.

3. The student or the parent/guardian must sign out in the High School Office.
4. The student is responsible for attaining and turning in any verification needed.
5. Students must return to school and class in a timely manner.
6. The student or the parent/guardian must sign in in the High School Office.

***This policy also applies to the noon hour if the student will not be returning for afternoon classes. Should a student leave school for lunch and suddenly becomes ill and is unable to return to school after lunch, the parent must contact the high school office immediately. Afternoon leave school permits will not be issued without verbal contact with the student's parent/guardian. Written notes from parents or guardians will be accepted the following day. **In order to participate in all after school extra-curricular activities, students must attend class all day unless they have an appointment or absence cleared through the High School Office.**

IV) Activities

Student Eligibility

*****Note: This includes Flex Learning days, Edmentum and any College classes on & off-campus**

When a student enrolls in an activity at Breckenridge High School, the student is under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) and Breckenridge High School activity policies and regulations. It is the responsibility of the participant in a league-sponsored event to know the requirements to participate and to remain in participation. It is your right to have a coach, advisor, or director explain the requirements to you. Thereafter, lack of knowledge is no defense; you verify this through your signed statement, which is on file with the activities director. A Middle School student who is selected to be on a high school team would also be under the same jurisdictions.

Activities are an important part of the educational process. Teamwork, togetherness, commitment, work ethic, time management, and follow-through can be learned as effectively in football, softball, drama, speech, or mathletes as they can be learned in the classroom.

Eligibility to compete in activities can be maintained by doing your best in the classroom, (**See Academic section for school policy on academic ineligibility**), being a good citizen, remembering that you represent Breckenridge High School, by training effectively, and avoiding illegal and/or controlled substances. A student shall not at any time, regardless of the quantity:

- Use, consume, or have in possession a beverage containing alcohol;
- Use, consume, or have in possession tobacco; or,
- Use, consume, or have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any other controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.

Students who are in Category I and Category II activities will receive penalties as set forth below for violations of this policy or for conduct unbecoming the team.

Penalties -Category I

1. First Violation: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive interscholastic contests or two (2) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.

2. Second Violation: After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next six (6) consecutive interscholastic contests in which the student is a participant for three (3) weeks, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
3. Third and Subsequent Violations: After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for the next twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic contests in which the student is a participant or four (4) weeks, whichever is greater. If after the third or subsequent violations, the student has been assessed to be chemically dependent and the student on her/his own volition becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program, then the student may be certified for reinstatement in MSHSL activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. Such certification must be issued by the director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center.
4. Penalties are progressive and consecutive.
5. **Denial Disqualification: A student shall be disqualified from all interscholastic athletics for nine (9) additional weeks beyond the student's original period of ineligibility when the student denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate and then is subsequently found guilty of the violation.**

Penalties - Category II

1. First Violation: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for 10 school days in session. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
2. Second Violation: After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for 15 school days in session. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
3. Third and Subsequent Violations: After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for 20 school days in session. If after the third or subsequent violations, the student has been assessed to be chemically dependent and the student on her/his own volition becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program, then the student may be certified for reinstatement in MSHSL activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. Such certification must be issued by the director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center.
4. Penalties are progressive and consecutive.
5. **Denial Disqualification: A student shall be disqualified from all interscholastic athletics for nine (9) additional weeks beyond the student's original period of ineligibility when the student denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate and then is subsequently found guilty of the violation.**

If it is unclear whether a particular activity falls within Category I or Category II above, the Superintendent of Schools shall make the determination. The penalties above are not negotiable. A complete copy of the Minnesota State High School League Rules can be found on the Minnesota State High School League website, in the District Office and the Principal's Office.

Absences and Activities

An absence on the day of an activity will result in ineligibility to participate as part of the activity that day or evening. This does not relate to absences such as appointments (medical, dental, counselor, legal, driving tests), funerals, religious instruction, or absences that have prior approval by the principal. Also, any unexcused absence for the day (or any part of the day) of an activity will result in ineligibility for that day's activity. This would include unexcused absences for missed school, unverified medical appointments.

Student Code of Responsibilities

As a student participating in my school's interscholastic activities, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

- I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.
- I will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions.
- I will respect the property of others.
- I will respect and obey the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state, and country.
- I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state, and country.

A student whose character or conduct violates the Student Code of Responsibilities is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as determined by school administration.

District Sponsored Activity Offerings

Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Gymnastics, Swimming, Hockey, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Mathletes, Drama Club, Knowledge Bowl, Student Council, National Honor Society, Concert/Pep/Jazz Band, Concert/Swing Choir, Speech, Lettermen Club, Baseball, Softball, Track, Golf, One Act Play, Peer Mentors, Close Up

Independently Sponsored Activity Offerings (tentative)

Robotics, Big Shots Trap Team, Fishing Team, Dance, SADD, DECA

V) Rules and Discipline

*****ALL School rules and discipline may/can be left up to the discretion of the building administration or designee. School rules and discipline are used as a guide for expectations at Breckenridge high school .School administration reserves the right to increase, decrease or modify disciplinary decisions based upon their undo discretion.**

Expected Behaviors at Breckenridge (This includes Virtual and/or Distance Learning)

Each of your teachers will discuss and explain their expectations for you in their classroom. We feel that the higher our expectations, the greater the opportunity for you to be successful. This involves both expectations of behavior and expectations of learning and growing as a student and a person. We expect to have an educational environment for all our students. We expect all our students to feel safe, cared about, and aware that as a school and as teachers, we have no greater concern than your welfare as a student and as a person. The following general guidelines will help ensure that our school can best function to the advantage of all students and staff.

1. Read the Student handbook
2. Be present in classes daily.
3. Be in class on time.
4. Be prepared for class.
5. Bring all required materials to class; books, chromebook, pencils, gym clothes, etc.
6. Be attentive to class activities.
7. Participate in your classes.
8. Make an effort every day to be successful.
9. Show respect; do not engage in activities that disturb learning opportunities for others.
10. Follow the directions of teachers and other adults.

11. Help keep the classrooms and the school neat.
12. Take care of school property.
13. Know the laws of our Nation, State, and Community, and follow them.
14. Respect yourself and be proud to be a Cowboy/Cowgirl.
15. Be serious about school while you enjoy yourself and have fun, but never at the expense of others.

A principle of American Democracy is that the price of freedom is constant vigilance. Freedom is precious and it is worth watching over, and it is the obligation of every citizen to protect our shared freedoms. An important part of the preservation of freedom is the establishment of a set of rules that govern. Rules, to some, may restrict freedom, but, to most, rules allow freedom to exist. While one person may believe that the rules that restrict his freedom to drive a car fast and recklessly are his loss of personal freedom; in actuality, such a law is in place for all of us to enjoy the freedom to travel safely on the roads. School rules are of such a nature. They are put in place to insure the freedom of the majority to learn and grow.

School rules are put in place to allow our students the freedom to seek and gain an education, an education that will give each of us, in turn, the freedom to pursue the kind of life that will fulfill each of us and make us happy. Most school rules are nothing more than the logical extension of our National, State, and Community laws. In some cases, we have special rules; rules that are put in place to provide a safe, orderly, and academic environment for our students and adult staff. Students need to respect and support the bottom line--the rules that protect us from improper, unacceptable, or intolerable behavior. School rules and disciplinary consequences apply to the "school day"; this includes busing and school events. In addition to the Breckenridge High School code of conduct, school events are governed by the Heart of Lakes Sportsmanship manual, which has been approved by the school board of Breckenridge High School.

Cell Phones and other Devices

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices or any other items that interfere with classroom instruction are prohibited. These items affect concentration and the ability to maintain a classroom environment conducive towards learning. Any and all electronic devices personally owned that are not turned off and stored in the school assigned pouch will be confiscated and will be held in the office until a parent/guardian picks it up.

- Students will enter door #1 or #2 starting at 8:00 when their devices will be placed in their pouch.
- Before school activities will come through door #10 and will receive instruction on locking up their items at that time.

Earbuds/Headphones in the Classroom:

Students shall not use personal wireless earbuds/headphones in the classroom. Students are asked to purchase wired headphones for classroom use.

Technology Use (This includes Flex learning days, Edmentum and college classes off-campus)

Students of Breckenridge Public School will have access to technology with internet capabilities. With this privilege come certain responsibilities. Any student that uses school district technology for inappropriate use will be subject to disciplinary action. Before students may use school district technology the student and parent will be required to fill out the "Student/Parent Technology Use Agreement" and return it to the HS office.

Dress Code: Policy 504 (This includes Flex learning and Edmentum)

Policy 504 Student Dress and Appearance

Students are encouraged to be dressed appropriately for school activities and in keeping with community standards. A student's clothing or appearance may not materially and substantially disrupt or interfere with the educational mission, school environment, classwork, or school activities. A student's dress or appearance may not incite or contribute to substantial disorder or invasion of the rights of others or pose a threat to the health or safety of the student or others.

Students' rights to choose their dress and appearance for school and school-related activities will be protected provided that the clothing:

- does not injure people or damage property;
- does not materially and substantially disrupt or interfere with the educational process or classwork;
- does not interfere with the requirements of discipline in the operation of the school or school activities, materially disrupt classwork;
- does not involve substantial disorder or invasion of the rights of others.

Appropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Clothing appropriate for the weather.
- Clothing that does not create a health or safety hazard.
- Clothing appropriate for the activity (i.e., physical education or the classroom).
- Footwear that does not present a safety hazard.

Inappropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Disruptive to the normal operation of a classroom.
- Clothing or shoes must not be such as to cause damage to school property (for example: steel cleats on shoes).
- Clothing (including emblems, badges, symbols, signs, words, objects or pictures on clothing or jewelry) bearing a message that is lewd, vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrates, harasses, discriminates against others on the basis of protected class status under the Minnesota Human Rights Act, or violates school district policies prohibiting discrimination, violence, harassment, or other harmful activities.
- Apparel promoting products or activities that are illegal for use by minors.
- Communicating a message that is racist, sexist, or otherwise derogatory to a protected minority group, or approves, advances, or provokes any form of religious, racial, or sexual harassment and/or violence against other individuals as defined in Policy 413.
- Students must wear shoes at all times while attending school.
- Students are not allowed to carry backpacks with them throughout the school day.

If the administration or staff member believes a student's appearance, grooming, or mode of dress interferes with or disrupts the educational process or school activities or poses a threat to the health or safety of the student or others, the student will be directed to make modifications.

Professional Dress Days:

It is an expectation that students and facilitators dress "up" for presentations, interviews, and other business and community meetings as requested. We believe professional dress is an important professional component of our learning environment. Because students work hard to produce their end products, the dress they showcase when they present should be at a high level of professionalism. It is our desire to have a sense of unified school spirit that focuses on the importance of professional culture, as we believe professional dress is an aspect of the work world for which practice is important. We also know that professional dress helps establish an

air of confidence, and on presentation day, confidence and a positive attitude are extremely important.

The purpose of the example is not meant to limit dress-wear, simply to provide some foundational ideas. Items of professional dress can be found in multiple locations throughout Breckenridge. If, at any time, professional dress presents a financial concern, please call the school and speak to the school counselor or administration.

Discipline

(This includes Virtual School and/or Distance Learning)

When corrective actions taken by the classroom teacher have failed or the rule infraction is of serious nature, the incident shall be referred to the Principal or Dean of Students for investigation and action. The severity of the consequences applied by the principal depends on two factors: 1) the seriousness of the offense, 2) the previous disciplinary record of the student.

Structured Detention


Structured detention is earned by those who choose to violate school rules or policy, misbehaves, or is unexcused from school. Students will be issued notification of their detention during school hours. Failure to serve or be admitted to the assigned detention on or before the assigned date will result in further discipline. Students absent from school the day of their detention will be responsible to make up for their detention.

Suspension

Suspension is earned and assigned for students that choose to violate school rules or policy, misbehave, or choose to not fulfill obligations of detention. Suspension can be in-school or out of school at the discretion of the administration. Suspensions do not count against the school's attendance policy. Lunch deliveries to students on ISS are not permitted. Students on ISS should bring a lunch or eat the school's hot lunch. Students absent from school the day of their suspension will be responsible to make up their suspension on the next available day they are in school. Suspension will be held at the high school on a schedule to be determined.

Fundamental Authority for the Regulation of Student Behavior (121.45, NED)

121A.45 GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL.

- Subdivision 1. Provision of alternative programs.
 - “No school shall dismiss any pupil without attempting to use non-exclusionary disciplinary policies and practices ( Non-Exclusionary-Interventions-Guide.pdf) before dismissal proceedings or pupil withdrawal agreements, except where it appears that the pupil will create an immediate and substantial danger to self or to surrounding persons or property.”
- Subd. 2. Grounds for dismissal.
 - A pupil may be dismissed on any of the following grounds:
 - (a) willful violation of any reasonable school board regulation. Such regulation must be clear and definite to provide notice to pupils that they must conform their conduct to its requirements;
 - (b) willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education, or the ability of school personnel to perform their duties, or school sponsored extracurricular activities; or
 - (c) willful conduct that endangers the pupil or other pupils, or surrounding persons, including school district employees, or property of the school.

Suspension Procedures

1. While serving in-school suspension (ISS), a student will be assigned to a designated area. Except when the infraction is serious enough to warrant a level six consequence, or when the student's presence in the building poses a threat to the health and safety of the other students, staff or the operation of the school. All other rules pertaining to conduct in designated areas are applicable.
 - a. A written notice containing the grounds for suspension, a brief statement of the facts, a description of the testimony will be mailed to the parent. A conference to discuss the incident may be required in certain circumstances.
2. A student serving out of school suspension (OSS) must remain off of school property. An OSS student is not allowed to attend extra-curricular events or use any of the facilities on the days of suspension including the day of and all assigned days.
 - a. A school administrator shall prepare and enforce an admission plan for any pupil who is excluded or expelled from school. The plan may include measures to improve the pupil's behavior, including completing a character education program, consistent with section 120B.232, subdivision 1, and require parental involvement in the admission or readmission process, and may indicate the consequences to the pupil of not improving the pupil's behavior.
 - b. In the event a student is suspended without an informal administrative conference on the grounds that the pupil will create an immediate and substantial danger to persons or property around him or her; the written notice shall be served either personally or by certified mail upon the pupil and his or her parent or guardian within 48 hours of the suspension.
3. No suspension from school shall be imposed without an informal administrative conference with the pupil, except where it appears that the pupil will create an immediate and substantial danger to him/herself or to property around the student.

Disciplinary Infractions and Consequences

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Breckenridge Secondary Behavior Flow Chart



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Breckenridge Pride...Inspiring to Excel



Ongoing teaching and strategies to encourage appropriate behavior and building of relationships:

- Promote Breckenridge Pride
- Proactively Teach Behavior Expectations
- Specific Praise
- Preventative Prompts
- Individual Reinforcers
- Collaborative Problem Solving - teach lagging thinking skills.

Inappropriate Behavior Occurs

Breckenridge Core Values:
Empathy
Integrity
Respect
Responsibility



Staff (Minor)

Administration (Major)

Interventions

Tier 1

Non-Exclusionary Discipline Examples:

Positive reinforcement
Reteach/Restate expectations
Individual, private conference
Seating change
Proximity
Redirection
Ignore
Individual behavior plan

1) Document as a MINOR in Synergy.
2) Habitual MINORS - Parents will be contacted by teacher.
3) Document a habitual MINOR as a MAJOR.

- Dress Code
- Inappropriate Language/Swearing
- Inappropriate Chromebook usage
- Insubordination
- Disrespect to Staff (Failure to comply, Lack of engagement, Apathy)
- Leaving class
- Hallway Disruptions
- Cheating/Academic Dishonesty (daily work)
- Classroom Disruptions

- Harassment (sexual/verbal/physical)
- Personal Device Violation
- Habitual minors
- Bullying
- Physical altercations
- Student/Staff Safety
- Social Media violations
- Alcohol/Drugs/Vaping
- Weapons
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Cheating/Academic Dishonesty (major assign. or test)

Tier 2

Next Steps:

- 1) Document as MAJOR in Synergy
- 2) Collaborative Problem Solving
- 3) Restitution or Restorative Justice may include a Structured Detention

Tier 3

Possible referral to T.A.T for further review, interventions, and assessment.

- Steps to Specific Error Correction**
1. Respectfully address the student
 2. Describe the inappropriate behavior
 3. Describe expected behavior
 - a. Tie into Breck Pride
 4. Redirect back to appropriate behavior
 - a. Have student practice desired behavior
- Note: Do this privately if at all possible*

- Tips for a Great Day!**
- Remind students of Breckenridge Pride
 - Reinforce students frequently for meeting expectations (4 positives to 1 correction)
 - Hold students accountable for not meeting expectations (privately)
 - Celebrate successes!

Questions? Reach out to Mrs. Erickson or Mr. Christensen

Homophobic and Racial Harassment and Abusive Language

Breckenridge School District does not accept racial and sexual harassment or derogatory/inflammatory language or actions directed at anyone in Breckenridge schools. The use of racial, homophobic, derogatory or insulting language at Breckenridge or on social media will not be accepted.

Reporting Procedures

-Students, parents/guardians and/or community members are encouraged to report via verbal, email, written or any other communication if racial or other derogatory language has been used.

VI) Health and Safety

Safety, Security, and Doors

The High School limits daily school entrance accessibility to Door #2 during school hours. Students should never allow anyone to come in a locked school door at any time. Outside doors should never be propped open to gain access at a later time. Video cameras have been installed both inside and outside the building. The district will also conduct canine searches of the building and parking lots throughout the school year. Students are subject to disciplinary consequence for any illegal substances, alcohol, ammunition, narcotics, tobacco, or weapons that are found on school property or in the student's possession.

Menstrual Products

In accordance with Minnesota state law, our school provides free menstrual products to all students who need them. Our goal is to ensure that every student has access to the necessary resources to support their health and well-being during the school day. If you have any questions or need assistance locating these products, please do not hesitate to inquire in the school office.

Visitors

ALL visitors must sign in at the school office upon arrival in the building. ALL visitors will be required to visibly show a VISITORS badge while they are in the building. No visitors are allowed to be with students during the school day unless it is a classroom assignment, class presentation or by administrative discretion.

Searches

In the interest of student safety and to ensure that schools are drug free, district authorities may conduct searches. Students violate school policy when they carry contraband on their person or in their personal possessions or store contraband in desks, lockers, or vehicles parked on school property. "Contraband" means any unauthorized item, the possession of which is prohibited by school district policy and/or law. If a search yields contraband, school officials will seize the item(s) and, when appropriate, give the item(s) to legal officials for ultimate disposition. Students found to be in violation of this policy are subject to discipline in accordance with the school district's "Student Discipline" policy, which may include suspension, exclusion, expulsion, and, when appropriate, the student may be referred to legal officials.

Lockers and Personal Possessions Within a Locker

Under Minnesota law, school lockers are school district property. At no time does the school district relinquish its exclusive control of lockers provided for students' convenience. School officials may inspect the interior of lockers for any reason at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

Students' personal possessions within a school locker may be searched only when school officials have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law or school rules. As soon as practicable after the search of a student's personal possessions, the school officials will provide notice of the search to students whose lockers were searched, unless disclosure would impede an ongoing investigation by police or school officials.

Desks and Classrooms

School desks are the property of the school district. At no time does the school relinquish its exclusive control of desks provided for the convenience of students. Inspection of the desks may be conducted by school officials for any reason at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

Personal Possessions and Student's Person

The personal possessions of a student and/or a student's person may be searched when school officials have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover a violation of law or school rules. The search will be reasonable in its scope and intrusiveness.

Search of the Interior of a Student's Motor Vehicle (Policy 527)

The interior of a student's motor vehicle in a school district location, including the glove and trunk compartments, may be searched when school officials have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover a violation of law and/or school policy or rule. The search will be reasonable in its scope and intrusiveness. Such searches may be conducted without notice, without consent, and without a search warrant. A student will be subject to withdrawal of parking privileges and to discipline if the student refuses to open a locked motor vehicle or its compartments under the student's control upon the request of a school official.

Patrols and Inspections

School officials may conduct routine patrols of student parking lots and other school district locations and routine inspections of the exterior of the motor vehicles of students. Such patrols and inspections may be conducted without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

Parent Right to Know

If a parent requests it, the school district will provide information regarding the professional qualifications of his/her child's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum, the following:

1. whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
2. whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional licensing status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
3. the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree
4. whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

***In addition, the school district will provide parents with information as to the level of achievement of their child in each of the state academic assessments.

***The school district also will provide notice to parents if, for four or more consecutive weeks, their child has been assigned to or taught by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Suicide Prevention Information

Minnesota's suicide prevention and mental health crisis service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People can **call, text, or online chat** 988 to connect to the Minnesota Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline Centers. You can also contact the local Mobile Mental Health Crisis Response team at 1-800-223-4512. They are also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Telehealth

Students that participate in telehealth sessions with a mental health provider will be allowed access to a private room in order to conduct their session on campus during school hours.

Pesticide Application Notice

The school district may plan to apply pesticide(s) on school property. To the extent the school district applies certain pesticides, the school district will provide a notice by September 15 as to the school district's plan to use these pesticides. A parent may request to be notified prior to the application of certain pesticides on days different from those specified in the notice. Additional information regarding what pesticides are used, the schedule of pesticide applications, and the long-term health effects of the class of pesticide on children can be requested by contacting Jim Gawe, Elementary Building Head Custodian.

VII) Independent School District #846 Policy Statements

Equal Educational Opportunity – School Board Policy 102

It is Breckenridge Public Schools policy to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. The school district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, and parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation or age. The school district also makes reasonable accommodations for disabled students.

A. The school district prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above.

For information about the types of conduct that constitute a violation of the school district's policy on harassment and violence and the school district's procedures for addressing such complaints, refer to the school district's policy on harassment and violence.

B. This policy applies to all areas of education including academics and vocational coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, or other rights or privileges of enrollment.

C. It is the responsibility of every school district employee to comply with this policy conscientiously.

D. Any student, parent or guardian having any questions regarding this policy should discuss it with the appropriate school district official as provided by policy. In the absence of a specific designee, an inquiry or a complaint should be referred to Superintendent Kristie Sullivan, 710 13th St. North, Breckenridge, MN 56520 Ph. (218) 643-2694.

A complete copy of School Board Policy 102, Equal Educational Opportunity, can be requested at the District or High School Office or found online at isd846.org.

Tobacco-Free Environment – School Board Policy 419

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a learning and working environment that is tobacco free.

A. A violation of this policy occurs when any student, teacher, administrator, other school personnel of the school district, or person smokes or uses tobacco, tobacco-related devices, or electronic cigarettes in a public school. This prohibition extends to all facilities, whether owned, rented, or leased, and all vehicles that a school district owns, leases, rents, contracts for, or controls. In addition, this prohibition includes vehicles used, in whole or in part, for work purposes, during hours of school operation, if more than one person is present. This prohibition includes all school district property and all off-campus events sponsored by the school district.

B. A violation of this policy occurs when any elementary school, middle school, or secondary school student possesses any type of tobacco, tobacco-related device, or electronic cigarette in a public school. This prohibition extends to all facilities, whether owned, rented, or leased, and all vehicles that a school district owns, leases, rents, contracts for, or controls and includes vehicles used, in whole or in part, for school purposes, during hours of school operation, if more than one person is present. This prohibition includes all school district property and all off-campus events sponsored by the school district.

C. The school district will act to enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, school personnel, or person who is found to have violated this policy.

D. The school district will not solicit or accept any contributions or gifts of money, curricula, materials, or equipment from companies that directly manufacture and are identified with tobacco products, devices, or electronic cigarettes. The school district will not promote or allow promotion of tobacco products or electronic cigarettes on school property or at school-sponsored events.

Tobacco and Tobacco Related Devices Defined

- A. "Electronic cigarette" means any oral device that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine, lobelia, and/or other similar substance, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such devices, whether they are manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, or under another product name or descriptor.
- B. "Tobacco" means cigarettes and any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product; cigars; cheroots; stogies; perique; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco; snuff; snuff flour; cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine cut and other chewing tobacco; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco.
- C. "Tobacco-related devices" means cigarette papers or pipes for smoking.
- D. "Smoking" means inhaling or exhaling smoke from any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted tobacco or plant product. Smoking also includes carrying a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation.

Enforcement

- A. All individuals on school premises shall adhere to this policy.
- B. Students who violate this tobacco-free policy shall be subject to school district discipline procedures.
- C. School district administrators and other school personnel who violate this tobacco-free policy shall be subject to school district discipline procedures.
- D. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, Minnesota or federal law, and school district policies.
- E. Persons who violate this tobacco-free policy may be referred to the building administration or other school district supervisory personnel responsible for the area or program at which the violation occurred.
- F. School administrators may call the local law enforcement agency to assist with enforcement of this policy. Smoking or use of any tobacco product in a public school is a violation of the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act and/or the Freedom to Breathe Act of 2007 and is a petty misdemeanor. A court injunction may be instituted against a repeated violator.
- G. No persons shall be discharged, refused to be hired, penalized, discriminated against, or in any manner retaliated against for exercising any right to a smoke-free environment provided by the Freedom to Breathe Act of 2007 or other law.

A complete copy of School Board Policy 419, Tobacco Free Environment, can be requested at the District or High School Office or found online at isd846.org.

Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records – School Board Policy 515

The school district gives notice to parents/guardians and eligible students of their rights regarding student records.

Parents/guardians and eligible students have the following rights:

1. That a parent or eligible student has a right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the request for access is received by the school district. A parent or eligible student should submit to the school district a written request to inspect education records which identify as precisely as possible the record or records he or she wishes to inspect. The parent or eligible student will be notified of the time and place where the records may be inspected;
2. That the parent or eligible student has a right to seek amendment of the student's education records to ensure that those records are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. A parent or eligible student may ask the school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. The request shall be in writing, identify the item the parent or

eligible student believes to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the privacy rights of the student, shall state the reason for this belief, and shall specify the correction the parent or eligible student wishes the school district to make. The request shall be signed by the parent or eligible student. If the school district decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school district will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him or her of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing;

3. That the parent or eligible student has a right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that federal and state law and the regulations promulgated thereunder authorize disclosures without consent;

4. That the school district may disclose education records to other school officials within the school district if the school district has determined they have legitimate educational interests. For purposes of such disclosure, a "school official" is a person employed by the school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or other employee; a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school district has consulted to perform a specific task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, therapist, public information officer or data practices compliance official); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or any individual assisting a school official in the performance of his or her tasks. A school official has a "legitimate educational interest" if the individual needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility and includes, but is not limited to, an interest directly related to classroom instruction, teaching, student achievement and progress, discipline of a student and student health and welfare and the ability to respond to a request for educational data;

5. That the school district forwards education records on request to a school or post-secondary education institution in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled, as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment, including information about disciplinary action taken as a result of any incident in which the student possessed or used a dangerous weapon, suspension and expulsion information pursuant to section 4155 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act and any disposition order which adjudicates the student as delinquent for committing an illegal act on school district property and certain other illegal acts;

6. That the parent or eligible student has a right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education regarding an alleged failure by the school district to comply with the requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and the rules promulgated thereunder, the name and address of the office that administers the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

A complete copy of School Board Policy 515, Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, can be requested at the District or High School Office or found online at isd846.org.

Student Surveys – School Board Policy 520

Independent School District No. 846 gives notice to parents of students currently in attendance in the school district, eligible students currently in attendance in the school district, and students currently in attendance in the school district of their rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations.

1. Parents, eligible students, and students are hereby informed that they have the following rights:

a. All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any program funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education, shall be available for inspection by parents or guardians of students.

b. No student shall be required, as part of any program funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education, without the prior consent of the student (if the student is an adult or emancipated minor), or in the case of an emancipated minor, without the prior written consent of the parent, to submit to a survey that reveals information concerning:

- (1) political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
- (2) mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- (3) sex behavior or attitudes;
- (4) illegal, antisocial, 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, and ministers;
- (7) religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent; or
- (8) income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program).

c. A parent, on behalf of a student or an eligible student, has the right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt the student out of participating in:

- (1) Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information, or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose.
- (2) The administration of any third-party survey (non-Department of Education funded) containing one or more of the items contained in Paragraph 1.b., above.
- (3) Any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical examination or screening permitted or required under state law.

d. This notice does not preempt applicable state law that may require parental notification.

e. The school district has developed and adopted a policy, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes.

f. The school district will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes.

g. The school district will directly notify parents and eligible students, at least annually at the start of each school year, of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

- (1) Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- (2) Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education.
- (3) Any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue SW

Washington, DC 20202-4605

If you wish to review any survey instrument or instructional material used in connection with any protected information or marketing survey, please submit a request to Corinna Erickson, High School Principal, Breckenridge Public School, 710 N. 13th St. N. Breckenridge, MN 56520. Administration will notify you of the time and place where you may review these materials. You have the right to review a survey and/or instructional materials before the survey is administered to a student.

A complete copy of School Board Policy 520, Student Surveys, can be requested at the District or High School Office or found online at isd846.org.

Student Disability Nondiscrimination – School Board Policy 521

The purpose of this policy is to protect disabled students from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

A. Disabled students are protected from discrimination on the basis of a disability.

B It is the responsibility of the school district to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

C. For this policy, a learner who is protected under Section 504 is one who:

1. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including learning; or
2. Has a record of such impairment; or
3. Is regarded as having such impairment.

D. Learners may be protected from disability discrimination and be eligible for services, accommodations, or programs under the provisions of Section 504 even though they are not eligible for special education pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Persons who have questions, comments, or complaints should contact the Building Principal regarding grievances or hearing requests regarding disability issues. This person is the high school ADA/504 Coordinator is Noah Brenden, High School Counselor, Breckenridge High School, 710 N 13th Street, Breckenridge, MN 56520 phone 218-643-2694. *Grievance Procedures are posted in the main office and throughout the school building.*

Student Sex Nondiscrimination- School Board Policy 522

Students are protected from discrimination on the basis of sex pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. The purpose of this policy is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students and to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

A. The school district provides equal educational opportunity for all students, and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex. No student will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity operated by the school district on the basis of sex.

B. It is the responsibility of every school district employee to comply with this policy.

C. The school board hereby designates Corinna Erickson, Breckenridge Schools 710 13th St. N Breckenridge, MN 56520 Ph. 218-643-6822 as its Title IX Coordinator. This employee coordinates the school district's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX.

D. Any student, parent or guardian having questions regarding the application of Title IX and its regulations and/or this policy should discuss them with the Title IX coordinator. Questions relating solely to Title IX and its regulations may be referred to the Chicago Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 111 N Canal Street, Suite 1053, Chicago IL 60606-7204 Tele. 312-886-8434. *Grievance Procedures are posted in the main office and throughout each school building.*

A complete copy of School Board Policy 522, Student Sex Nondiscrimination, can be requested at the District or High School Office or found online at isd846.org.

Safe School Standards

By Minnesota Law whoever possesses, stores or keeps a dangerous weapon as defined in Section 609.02, Subdivision 6, on school property is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two (2) years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both. School property means a public or private elementary, middle or secondary school building and its grounds (parking lots, athletic fields, etc.) whether leased or owned by the school. It also means the area within a school bus when that bus is being used to transport one or more elementary, middle or secondary students.

Substance Use/Abuse Policy

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 846 is committed to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other substance use/abuse. This policy describes the philosophy of the district and the program elements the district will use to promote healthy life styles for its students and staff and to inhibit the use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other substances.

No person may use, possess, sell or distribute alcohol or other substances, nor may use or possess drug paraphernalia, on school grounds or at school sponsored events, except drugs prescribed by a physician. The terms "alcohol and other substances" shall be construed throughout this policy to refer to the use of all substances including but not limited to: alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-a-likes and any other of these substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs." The inappropriate use of prescription and over the counter drugs shall also be prohibited.

Additionally, the following persons shall be prohibited from entering school grounds or school sponsored events: any person exhibiting behavior, conduct or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol or other substances.

This policy in its entirety as adopted by the Board of Education in May 1992 is on file in the District office. It is available to any student or parent upon request.

Suspension, Expulsion, Exclusion

Suspension means an action taken by the principal prohibiting a student from attending school for a period of time no more than ten (10) consecutive school days. This definition does not apply to dismissal from school for one day or less. During the suspension, professional staff, parent/guardian and students are to discuss the matter and reach an agreement on future conduct. Students placed on suspension are responsible for all assignments due the day they return to school. A student with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) will be treated in accordance with the Statutes regarding Special Education and Non Exclusionary Discipline.

Expulsion means an action taken by the School Board to prohibit an enrolled student from further attendance for a period that shall not extend beyond the school year. The Pupil Fair Dismissal Act of 1974 (as amended) will be followed in procedural matter of this kind.

Exclusion means an action taken by the School Board to prevent enrollment or re-enrollment of a student for a period that shall not exceed beyond the school year. The Pupil Fair Dismissal Act of 1974 (as amended) will be followed in procedural matters of this kind. Copies of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act of 1974 are available from the office upon request.

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination, which violates Section 703 of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000, et seq., and Minnesota Statute 363.01.13, the

Minnesota Human Rights Act. Sexual violence is a physical act of aggression that includes a sexual act or sexual purpose. The policy in full detail is available upon request from the District office.

It is the policy of Independent School District No. 846 to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment and sexual violence. The School District prohibits any form of sexual harassment and sexual violence.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student or employee of School District No. 846 to be sexually violent to a student or employee.

The School District will act to investigate all complaints, formal or informal, verbal or written, of sexual harassment or sexual violence and to discipline any student or employee who sexually harasses or is sexually violent to a student or employee of the School District.

The policy includes definitions of sexual harassment and violence. It organizes the reporting, investigation, district action and reprisal procedures. The policy in full detail is available upon request from the District office.

Violence Prevention and Weapons Policy

It is the policy of Independent School District No. 846 to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from threats or harmful influence of any person(s) or group(s), which exhibit and promote violence and disruptive behaviors. The Board is committed to promoting healthy human relationships and learning environments that are physically and psychologically safe. It further believes that students are the first priority, and that no physical or emotional harm is to come to them during school activities, on school grounds, buses or field trips.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any pupil or staff member to possess a firearm or a dangerous weapon when in the school building, on school grounds, or at a school-related activity. It shall be the policy of ISD 846 to refer to Law Enforcement any person who brings a firearm to school in violation of the "Gun-Free School Act of 1994."

The Board and administration shall publicize and inform staff and students annually of policies and procedures related to violence prevention and weapons. The District shall act immediately to investigate all acts or complaints of violence, either formal or informal, and take appropriate disciplinary action against any pupil or staff member who is found to have violated this policy. The Superintendent will expel for 365 days any student who brings a firearm to school. The Superintendent may modify such expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

Annual Asbestos Notification

Our school buildings have been inspected for asbestos under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA). Some asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) have been submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), and the report is available for your inspection in the Superintendent's Office. The person designated as Asbestos Program Manager for our district is the Superintendent of Schools who can be reached at 218-643-6822.

Asbestos-containing areas will be kept under surveillance for change or damage. If you notice any change or damage to areas identified as asbestos containing, please notify the Asbestos Program Manager above at once. In addition to periodic surveillance (at least every 6 months), the school will be re-inspected by a certified asbestos inspector every three years.

Harassment and Violence - School Board Policy 413

A. It will be a violation of this policy for any student or district employee to harass a student or district employee through conduct (e.g., physical, verbal, graphic or written) that is based upon that student or employee's actual or perceived race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex/gender, sexual orientation, disability, public assistance, or marital status or age [protected class] as defined by this policy. For

purposes of this policy, a district employee includes school board members, school employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, or persons subject to the supervision and control of the district. For purposes of this policy, school district includes charter schools.

B. It will be a violation of this policy for any student or district employee to inflict, threaten to inflict, or attempt to inflict violence based upon a student or district employee's actual or perceived protected class as defined by this policy.

C. The school district will investigate all complaints, formal or informal, verbal or written, of harassment and/or violence based upon a student or employee's perceived or actual protected class and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student or school district employee who is found to have violated this policy.

Definitions

The following definitions, which have been modified for purposes of this policy, are found in the Minnesota Human Rights Act. Please note that there is not a definition for every protected class.

A. Disability. "Disability" means any condition or characteristic that renders a person a disabled person. A disabled person is any person who (1) has a physical, sensory, or mental impairment which materially limits one or more major life activities; (2) has a record of such an impairment; or (3) is regarded as having such an impairment.[1]

B. Discriminate. The term "discriminate" includes segregate or separate and, for purposes of discrimination based on sex, it includes sexual harassment.

C. Educational Institution. "Educational Institution" means a public or private institution and includes an academy, college, elementary or secondary school, extension course, kindergarten, nursery, school system and a business, nursing, professional, secretarial, technical, vocational school, and includes an agent of an educational institution.

D. National Origin. "National Origin" means the place of birth of an individual or of any of the individual's lineal ancestors.[2]

E. Sexual Harassment. "Sexual Harassment" includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical contact or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

(1) submission to that conduct or communication is made a term or condition, either explicitly or implicitly, of obtaining employment, ... [or] education...;

(2) submission to or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's employment, ...[or] education...; or

(3) that conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's employment, ...[or] education..., or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive employment, ...[or] educational... environment.

F. Sexual Orientation. "Sexual Orientation" means having or being perceived as having an emotional, physical, or sexual attachment to another person without regard to the sex of that person or having or being perceived as having an orientation for such attachment, or having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness.

Harassment and Violence General Applicability

A. The anti discrimination laws apply to all of the academic and nonacademic (e.g. athletic and extracurricular) programs of the school district, whether conducted in school district facilities or elsewhere.

B. For purposes of this policy, any student who is harassed or discriminated against, including subject to violence, by peers or school district employees based upon that student's actual or perceived sex/gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, disability, receipt of public

assistance, or marital status and age [protected class may file a complaint as described more fully in section IV below. (Policy 413 form is available)

C. For purposes of this policy, any school district employee who is harassed or discriminated against, including violence, by students or other school district employees based upon that employee's actual or perceived sex/gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, disability, receipt of public assistance, or marital status and age may file a complaint as described more fully in section IV below.

D. The alleged harassment/violence consists of harassing conduct (e.g. physical, verbal, graphic, or written verbal or physical) based upon that student's actual or perceived protected class that interferes or limits the ability of that student to participate in, enjoy, or benefit from the education program, including athletics and extracurricular activities.

E. The alleged harassment/violence may not be directed at a particular person, but may instead consist of harassing conduct (e.g. physical, verbal, graphic, or written) that creates a hostile environment for students based upon actual or perceived protected class that interferes with or limits the student's ability to participate in, enjoy, or benefit from the academic and nonacademic programs, including athletics and extracurricular activities.

Description of Harassment based upon a person's perceived or actual protected class

A. Harassment is unwelcome conduct that is based upon actual or perceived sex/gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, disability, receipt of public assistance, or marital status and age.

(1) Harassing conduct may take many forms, including verbal acts and name-calling, as well as nonverbal behavior, such as graphic and written statements, or conduct that is physically threatening, harmful, or humiliating.

(2) It is unwelcome if the student or employee did not request or invite it and considered the conduct to be undesirable or offensive.

(3) The conduct is considered harassment if it creates a hostile environment by interfering with or denying a student's participation in or receipt of benefits, services, or opportunities in the school district's programs.

B. Sexual harassment based upon sex/gender and/or sexual orientation.

(1) Sexual conduct that is unwelcome.

a. It is unwelcome if the student or employee did not request or invite it and considered the conduct undesirable or offensive.

b. A student's submission or failure to complain does not mean that the conduct was welcome – look at circumstances.

c. Sexual violence is a physical act of aggression or force or the threat thereof which involves the touching of another's intimate parts, or forcing a person to touch any person's intimate parts. Intimate parts, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 609.341, includes the primary genital area, groin, inner thigh, buttocks or breast, as well as the clothing covering these areas.

(1) Sexual violence includes rape, sexual assault, and dating violence. This includes coerced sexual intercourse or other sexual acts. The physical act is considered non-consensual if a person is incapable of giving consent due to alcohol or drug use or due to an intellectual or other disability.

(2) Sexual violence includes touching, patting, grabbing, or pinching another student's or employee's intimate parts of the clothing covering the intimate parts.

(3) Sexual violence includes coercing or forcing or attempting to coerce or force a student or employee to touch anyone's intimate parts.

(4) A police report does not relieve the school of its responsibilities under Title IX.

D. Assault, as defined in state statute is:

- (1) an act done with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death; or
- (2) the intentional infliction of or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

E. Racial, color, creed, or national origin harassment/violence

- (1) Intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student, based on perceived or actual race, color, creed or national origin, that creates a hostile environment by interfering with or denying a student's participation in or receipt of benefits, services, or opportunities in the school district's programs.
- (2) Racial violence: Racial violence is a physical act of aggression or force, or the threat thereof, which is directed toward a student or employee based upon their perceived or actual race, color, creed, or national origin.

F. Religious harassment/violence

- (1) Intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student based on perceived or actual religious beliefs that create a hostile environment by interfering with or denying a student's participation in or receipt of benefits, services, or opportunities in the school district's programs.
- (2) Religious violence is the threat of or an actual physical act of aggression or force which is directed toward a student or employee based upon their perceived or actual religion.

G. Disability harassment

- (1) Intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student based on disability that creates a hostile environment by interfering with or denying a student's participation in or receipt of benefits, services, or opportunities in the school district's programs.
- (2) Disability harassment also may deny a student with a disability a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). Harassment of a student based on disability may decrease the student's ability to benefit from his or her education and amount to a denial of FAPE.

Reporting Procedures (Policy 413)

A. The adoption and implementation of a proper reporting system can help the school district comply with the Minnesota Human Rights Act by allowing the school district to promptly address allegations of harassment and violence.

B. Pursuant to Title IX, each school district must designate at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under the regulations, including Title IX complaint investigation (Title IX Coordinator). 34 C.F.R., section 106.8(a). Each school district must also publish grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of sex discrimination complaints, including complaints of sexual harassment. In addition, under Section 504 and Title II, school districts are also required to have grievance procedures to address disability harassment.

C. Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.03 requires that school districts have reporting procedures for sexual, religious, and racial harassment and/or violence complaints.

(1) For purposes of meeting the state reporting requirements, the following reporting procedure will be made available for students and staff who wish to report an incident or incidents that may involve harassment or violence based upon actual or perceived sex/gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, disability, receipt of public assistance, or marital status and age.

(2) Designated school district person to receive oral or written complaints/reports of actual or perceived sex/gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, disability, receipt of public assistance, or marital status and age.

D. Human Rights Officer Designation

(1) The school board hereby designates the superintendent as the school district human rights officer(s) to receive reports or complaints of harassment or violence based upon actual or perceived sex/gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, disability, receipt of public assistance, or marital status and age. If the complaint involves one of the designated human rights officers, the complaint will be filed directly with Superintendent Kristie Sullivan.

(2) In the event the superintendent is the designated human rights officer, the complaint should be filed directly with the school board.

E. The school district will conspicuously post the name of the human rights officer(s), superintendent, and school board: including mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

(1) The Human Rights Officer is Kristie Sullivan. Mailing address: 710 13th St. N, Breckenridge, MN 56520. Telephone number: (218) 643-6822. Email address: sullivank@isd846.org

(2) The superintendent is Kristie Sullivan. Mailing address: 710 13th St. N, Breckenridge, MN 56520. Telephone number: (218) 643-6822. Email address: sullivank@isd846.org

(3) The school board contact information is: Brett Johnson. Mailing address: 710 13th St. N, Breckenridge, MN 56520. Telephone number: (218) 643-6822. Email address: johnsonb@isd846.org

F. These reporting procedures are not intended to prevent a person from reporting harassment or violence incident(s) to another school official.

(1) The school official must immediately notify the principal, who is then responsible to submit the oral or written complaint/report to the human rights officer without screening or investigating the credibility of the report. If the school principal is not available on the date of the report, then the school official must forward the oral or written report/complaint directly to the human rights officer.

(2) If the report was given verbally, the principal will personally reduce it to written form within 24 hours and forward it to the human rights officer.

a. If the school principal fails to forward any harassment or violence report or complaint (written or verbal) to the human rights officer within 24 hours, the principal will be subject to disciplinary action.

(3) If the complaint involves the building principal, the complaint will be made or filed directly with the superintendent or the school district human rights officer by the school official or reporting party or complainant.

G. The human rights officer may request, but not insist, upon a written complaint. The school district encourages the reporting party to complete the complaint form for written complaints. It is available from the principal of each building or the school district office. Alternative means of filing a complaint, such as through a personal interview or by tape recording, will be made available upon request for qualified persons with a disability.

H. The complaint (verbal or written) should be reported to a school official immediately, or within 30 calendar days whenever possible, of the alleged violation. The school district will accept reports of alleged incidents that are older than 30 calendar days; however, delays between the date of the alleged incident and the reporting date may make investigations more difficult.

Investigation

A. The human rights officer, upon receipt of a complaint alleging discrimination or harassment toward an employee or student, will promptly undertake an investigation if deemed appropriate. The Title IX coordinator may conduct the investigation complaints of sexual harassment, the 504 coordinator for complaints of disability harassment, or the human rights officer for other types of alleged harassment and violence covered by this policy. The Title IX coordinator/504 coordinator or human rights officer may designate a neutral third party to conduct the investigation. The investigation will be completed within 30 calendar days from receipt of the complaint, unless impracticable.

B. The investigation may consist of personal interviews with the complainant, the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and others who may have knowledge of the alleged incident(s) or circumstances giving rise to the complaint. The investigation may also consist of any other methods and documents deemed pertinent by the investigator.

C. In determining whether alleged conduct constitutes a violation of this policy, the school district will consider the facts and the surrounding circumstances, such as the nature of the behavior, past incidents

or continuing patterns of behavior, the relationships between the parties involved, and the context in which the alleged incident occurred.

D. The school district may take immediate steps to protect the parties involved in the complaint process, pending completion of an investigation of alleged unlawful discrimination or harassment of an employee or student.

(1) Upon completion of the investigation, the school district or neutral third party designated investigator will make a written report to the human rights officer. If the complaint involves the human rights officer, the report must be filed directly with the superintendent. If the complaint involves the superintendent, the report must be filed directly with the school board. The report will include the facts, a determination of whether the allegations have been substantiated and whether a violation of this policy has occurred, as well as a description of any proposed resolution which may include alternate dispute resolution.

(2) Upon completion of the investigation, the human rights officer will inform the complainant/reporter of his or her right to review the written report at the school building where the complainant/reporter is employed or enrolled, in accordance with state and federal law regarding data or records privacy.

(3) If the complainant/reporter is a student, the human rights officer will inform the parent/guardian of his or her right to review the written report at the school building where the student reporter is enrolled, in accordance with state and federal law regarding data or records privacy.

(4) The school district must comply with federal and state law pertaining to retention of records.

Appeal

If the grievance has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant/reporter, s/he may appeal to the human rights officer within ten (10) school days of receipt of the findings of the school district investigation. The school district investigator will conduct a review of the appeal and, within ten (10) school days of receipt of the appeal, will affirm, reverse, or modify the findings of the report. The decision of the school district investigator is final, and action will occur as addressed in VIII below.

School District Action

A. Upon conclusion of the investigation and receipt of the findings, the school district will take appropriate and effective action. If the investigator determined that a violation of this policy has occurred, such action may include, but is not limited to, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination or discharge. Actions may also include alternative dispute resolution, including restorative justice programs, school or district wide training, counseling, and class transfer. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, state and federal law, and school district policies.

B. The result of the school district's investigation of each complaint filed under these procedures will be reported in writing to the complainant by the school district in accordance with state and federal law regarding data or records privacy.

Reprisal

A. The school district will take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator or other school personnel who retaliates against any person who reports alleged unlawful harassment toward an employee or student or any person who testifies, assists, participates in an investigation or hearing related to alleged unlawful harassment covered by this policy. Reprisal also includes retaliation against a student or district employee who associates with a person or group or persons who are disabled or who are of different race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation or harassment. Reprisal is also prohibited based upon a request for a religious or disability accommodation.

Conflict of Interest

A. If there is a conflict of interest with respect to any party affected by this policy, appropriate accommodations will be made, such as, but not limited to, appointing or contracting with a neutral third party investigator to conduct the investigation, or recusal from the process by the person for whom a conflict or potential conflict of interest exists.

Harassment or violence as abuse

A. Under certain circumstances, alleged harassment or violence may also be possible abuse under Minnesota law. If so, the duties of mandatory reporting under Minnesota Statutes, section 626.556 may be applicable.

B. Nothing in this policy will prohibit the school district from taking immediate action to protect victims of alleged harassment, violence, or abuse.

Dissemination of Policy and Training

A. This policy must be conspicuously posted throughout each school building in areas accessible to students and staff members.

B. This policy must be given to each school district employee and independent contractor at the time of entering into the person's employment contract.

C. This policy must be included in each school's student handbook on school policies.

D. The school district has developed the following process for discussing the school's harassment and violence policy with students and school district employees: all staff will review the policy and procedures for harassment reporting at the opening school workshop. Students will review the harassment policies and procedures in their ongoing OLWEUS curriculum.

E. The school board will review this policy annually for compliance with state and federal law.

F. The school district will post this policy on its website and ensure that it is easily accessible to view and download. The school district has also made the policy accessible for parents and community members by making printed copies of the policy available at the District Office.

Right to Alternative Complaint Procedures

A. These procedures do not deny the right of any individual to pursue other avenues of recourse which may include filing charges with the agencies below, filing a report with a law enforcement agency, or initiating action in state or federal court. For claims of unlawful discrimination/harassment:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights

Freeman Building

625 Robert Street North

St. Paul, MN 55155

toll free: 800.657.3704

tty: 651.296.1283

fax: 651.296.9042

<http://www.humanrights.state.mn.us>

U.S. Department of Education

Office for Civil Rights, Region V

500 W. Madison Street- Suite 1475

Chicago IL 60661

Tel: 312.730.1560

TDD: 312.7

Bullying Prohibition (Policy 514)

A safe and civil environment is needed for students to learn and attain high academic standards and to promote healthy human relationships. Bullying, like other violent or disruptive behavior, is conduct that interferes with a student's ability to learn and/or a teacher's ability to educate students in a safe environment. The school district cannot monitor the activities of students at all times and eliminate all incidents of bullying between students, particularly when students are not under the direct supervision of school personnel. However, to the extent such conduct affects the educational environment of the school district and the rights and welfare of its students and is within the control of the school district in its normal operations, the school district intends to prevent bullying and to take action to investigate, respond to, and to remediate and discipline for those acts of bullying which have not been successfully prevented. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal of preventing and responding to acts of bullying, intimidation, violence, reprisal, retaliation, and other similar disruptive and detrimental behavior.

1. An act of bullying, by either an individual student or a group of students, is expressly prohibited on school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, or on school transportation. This policy applies not only to students who directly engage in an act of bullying but also to students who, by their indirect behavior, condone or support another student's act of bullying. This policy also applies to any student whose conduct at any time or in any place constitutes bullying or other prohibited conduct that interferes with or obstructs the mission or operations of the school district or the safety or welfare of the student or other students, or materially and substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services, or privileges. This policy also applies to an act of cyberbullying regardless of whether such act is committed on or off school district property and/or with or without the use of school district resources.
2. No teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district shall permit, condone, or tolerate bullying.
3. Apparent permission or consent by a student being bullied does not lessen or negate the prohibitions contained in this policy.
4. Retaliation against a victim, good faith reporter, or a witness of bullying is prohibited.
5. False accusations or reports of bullying against another student are prohibited.
6. A person who engages in an act of bullying, reprisal, retaliation, or false reporting of bullying or permits, condones, or tolerates bullying shall be subject to discipline or other remedial responses for that act in accordance with the school district's policies and procedures, including the school district's discipline policy (See MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506). The school district may take into account the following factors:

1. The developmental ages and maturity levels of the parties involved;
2. The levels of harm, surrounding circumstances, and nature of the behavior;
3. Past incidences or past or continuing patterns of behavior;
4. The relationship between the parties involved; and
5. The context in which the alleged incidents occurred.

Consequences for students who commit prohibited acts of bullying may range from remedial responses or positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. The school district shall employ research-based developmentally appropriate best practices that include preventative and remedial measures and effective discipline for deterring violations of this policy, apply throughout the school district, and foster student, parent, and community participation.

Consequences for employees who permit, condone, or tolerate bullying or engage in an act of reprisal or intentional false reporting of bullying may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or discharge.

Consequences for other individuals engaging in prohibited acts of bullying may include, but not be limited to, exclusion from school district property and events.

G. The school district will act to investigate all complaints of bullying reported to the school district and will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district who is found to have violated this policy.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the definitions included in this section apply.

A. "Bullying" means intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harming conduct that is objectively offensive and:

1. an actual or perceived imbalance of power exists between the student engaging in the prohibited conduct and the target of the prohibited conduct, and the conduct is repeated or forms a pattern; or
2. materially and substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services, or privileges.

The term, "bullying," specifically includes cyberbullying as defined in this policy.

B. "Cyberbullying" means bullying using technology or other electronic communication, including, but not limited to, a transfer of a sign, signal, writing, image, sound, or data, including a post on a social network Internet website or forum, transmitted through a computer, cell phone, or other electronic device. The term applies to prohibited conduct which occurs on school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, on school transportation, or on school computers, networks, forums, and mailing lists, or off school premises to the extent that it substantially and materially disrupts student learning or the school environment.

C. "Immediately" means as soon as possible but in no event longer than 24 hours.

D. "Intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harming conduct" means, but is not limited to, conduct that does the following:

1. Causes physical harm to a student or a student's property or causes a student to be in reasonable fear of harm to person or property;
2. Under Minnesota common law, violates a student's reasonable expectation of privacy, defames a student, or constitutes intentional infliction of emotional distress against a student; or

3. Is directed at any student or students, including those based on a person's actual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, creed, religion, national origin, immigration status, sex, marital status, familial status, socioeconomic status, physical appearance, sexual orientation including gender identity and expression, academic status related to student performance, disability, or status with regard to public assistance, age, or any additional characteristic defined in the Minnesota Human Rights Act (MHRA). However, prohibited conduct need not be based on any particular characteristic defined in this paragraph or the MHRA.

E. "On school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, or on school transportation" means all school district buildings, school grounds, and school property or property immediately adjacent to school grounds, school bus stops, school buses, school vehicles, school contracted vehicles, or any other vehicles approved for school district purposes, the area of entrance or departure from school grounds, premises, or events, and all school-related functions, school-sponsored activities, events, or trips. School district property also may mean a student's walking route to or from school for purposes of attending school or school-related functions, activities, or events. While prohibiting bullying at these locations and events, the school district does not represent that it will provide supervision or assume liability at these locations and events.

F. "Prohibited conduct" means bullying or cyberbullying as defined in this policy or retaliation or reprisal for asserting, alleging, reporting, or providing information about such conduct or knowingly making a false report about bullying.

G. "Remedial response" means a measure to stop and correct prohibited conduct, prevent prohibited conduct from recurring, and protect, support, and intervene on behalf of a student who is the target or victim of prohibited conduct.

H. "Student" means a student enrolled in a public school or a charter school.

Reporting Procedure

A. Any person who believes he or she has been the target or victim of bullying or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct that may constitute bullying or prohibited conduct under this policy shall report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy. A person may report bullying anonymously. However, the school district may not rely solely on an anonymous report to determine discipline or other remedial responses.

B. The school district encourages the reporting party or complainant to use the report form available from the principal or building supervisor of each building or available in the school district office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well.

C. The building principal, the principal's designee, or the building supervisor (hereinafter the "building report taker") is the person responsible for receiving reports of bullying or other prohibited conduct at the building level. Any person may report bullying or other prohibited conduct directly to a school district human rights officer or the superintendent. If the complaint involves the building report taker, the complaint shall be made or filed directly with the superintendent or the school district human rights officer by the reporting party or complainant.

The building report taker shall ensure that this policy and its procedures, practices, consequences, and sanctions are fairly and fully implemented and shall serve as the primary contact on policy and procedural matters. The building report taker or a third party designated by the school district shall be responsible for the investigation. The building report taker shall provide information about available community resources to the target or victim of the bullying or other prohibited conduct, the perpetrator, and other affected individuals as appropriate.

D. A teacher, school administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other school employee shall be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances, or events that might include bullying. Any such person who witnesses, observes, receives a report of, or has other knowledge or belief of conduct that may constitute bullying or other prohibited conduct shall make reasonable efforts to address and resolve the bullying or prohibited conduct and shall inform the building report taker immediately. School district personnel who fail to inform the building report taker of conduct that may constitute bullying or other prohibited conduct or who fail to make reasonable efforts to address and resolve the bullying or prohibited conduct in a timely manner may be subject to disciplinary action.

E. Reports of bullying or other prohibited conduct are classified as private educational and/or personnel data and/or confidential investigative data and will not be disclosed except as permitted by law. The building report taker, in conjunction with the responsible authority, shall be responsible for keeping and regulating access to any report of bullying and the record of any resulting investigation.

F. Submission of a good faith complaint or report of bullying or other prohibited conduct will not affect the complainant's or reporter's future employment, grades, work assignments, or educational or work environment.

G. The school district will respect the privacy of the complainant(s), the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the school district's obligation to investigate, take appropriate action, and comply with any legal disclosure obligations.

School District Action

- A. Within three days of the receipt of a complaint or report of bullying or other prohibited conduct, the school district shall undertake or authorize an investigation by the building report taker or a third party designated by the school district.
- B. The building report taker or other appropriate school district officials may take immediate steps, at their discretion, to protect the target or victim of the bullying or other prohibited conduct, the complainant, the reporter, and students or others, pending completion of an investigation of the bullying or other prohibited conduct, consistent with applicable law.
- C. The alleged perpetrator of the bullying or other prohibited conduct shall be allowed the opportunity to present a defense during the investigation or prior to the imposition of discipline or other remedial responses.
- D. Upon completion of an investigation that determines that bullying or other prohibited conduct has occurred, the school district will take appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination, or discharge. Disciplinary consequences will be sufficiently severe to try to deter violations and to appropriately discipline prohibited conduct. Remedial responses to the bullying or other prohibited conduct shall be tailored to the particular incident and nature of the conduct and shall take into account the factors specified in Section II.F. of this policy. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements; applicable statutory authority, including the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act; the student discipline policy and other applicable school district policies; and applicable regulations.
- E. The school district is not authorized to disclose to a victim private educational or personnel data regarding an alleged perpetrator who is a student or employee of the school district. School officials will notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) of students who are targets of bullying or other prohibited conduct and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of alleged perpetrators of bullying or other prohibited conduct who have been involved in a reported and confirmed bullying incident of the remedial or disciplinary action taken, to the extent permitted by law.
- F. In order to prevent or respond to bullying or other prohibited conduct committed by or directed against a child with a disability, the school district shall, when determined appropriate by the child's individualized education program (IEP) team or Section 504 team, allow the child's IEP or Section 504 plan to be drafted to address the skills and proficiencies the child needs as a result of the child's disability to allow the child to respond to or not to engage in bullying or other prohibited conduct.

Retaliation or Reprisal

The school district will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district who commits an act of reprisal or who retaliates against any person who asserts, alleges, or makes a good faith report of alleged bullying or prohibited conduct, who provides information about bullying or prohibited conduct, who testifies, assists, or participates in an investigation of alleged bullying or prohibited conduct, or who testifies, assists, or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to such bullying or prohibited conduct. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, harassment, or intentional disparate treatment. Disciplinary consequences will be sufficiently severe to deter violations and to appropriately discipline the individual(s) who engaged in the prohibited conduct. Remedial responses to the prohibited conduct shall be tailored to the particular incident and nature of the conduct and shall take into account the factors specified in Section II.F. of this policy.

Training and Education

A. The school district shall discuss this policy with school personnel and volunteers and provide appropriate training to school district personnel regarding this policy. The school district shall establish a training cycle for school personnel to occur during a period not to exceed every three school years. Newly employed school personnel must receive the training within the first year of their employment with the school district. The school district or a school administrator may accelerate the training cycle or provide additional training based on a particular need or circumstance. This policy shall be included in employee handbooks, training materials, and publications on school rules, procedures, and standards of conduct, which materials shall also be used to publicize this policy.

B. The school district shall require ongoing professional development, consistent with Minn. Stat. § 122A.60, to build the skills of all school personnel who regularly interact with students to identify, prevent, and appropriately address bullying and other prohibited conduct. Such professional development includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Developmentally appropriate strategies both to prevent and to immediately and effectively intervene to stop prohibited conduct;
2. The complex dynamics affecting a perpetrator, target, and witnesses to prohibited conduct;
3. Research on prohibited conduct, including specific categories of students at risk for perpetrating or being the target or victim of bullying or other prohibited conduct in school;
4. The incidence and nature of cyberbullying; and
5. Internet safety and cyberbullying.

C. The school district annually will provide education and information to students regarding bullying, including information regarding this school district policy prohibiting bullying, the harmful effects of bullying, and other applicable initiatives to prevent bullying and other prohibited conduct.

D. The administration of the school district is directed to implement programs and other initiatives to prevent bullying, to respond to bullying in a manner that does not stigmatize the target or victim, and to make resources or referrals to resources available to targets or victims of bullying.

E. The administration is encouraged to provide developmentally appropriate instruction and is directed to review programmatic instruction to determine if adjustments are necessary to help students identify and prevent or reduce bullying and other prohibited conduct, to value diversity in school and society, to develop and improve students' knowledge and skills for solving problems, managing conflict, engaging in civil discourse, and recognizing, responding to, and reporting bullying or other prohibited conduct, and to make effective prevention and intervention programs available to students.

The administration must establish strategies for creating a positive school climate and use evidence-based social-emotional learning to prevent and reduce discrimination and other improper conduct.

The administration is encouraged, to the extent practicable, to take such actions as it may deem appropriate to accomplish the following:

1. Engage all students in creating a safe and supportive school environment;
2. Partner with parents and other community members to develop and implement prevention and intervention programs;
3. Engage all students and adults in integrating education, intervention, and other remedial responses into the school environment;
4. Train student bystanders to intervene in and report incidents of bullying and other prohibited conduct to the schools' primary contact person;
5. Teach students to advocate for themselves and others;
6. Prevent inappropriate referrals to special education of students who may engage in bullying or other prohibited conduct; and

7. Foster student collaborations that, in turn, foster a safe and supportive school climate.
- F. The school district may implement violence prevention and character development education programs to prevent or reduce policy violations. Such programs may offer instruction on character education including, but not limited to, character qualities such as attentiveness, truthfulness, respect for authority, diligence, gratefulness, self-discipline, patience, forgiveness, respect for others, peacemaking, and resourcefulness.
- G. The school district shall inform affected students and their parents of rights they may have under state and federal data practices laws to obtain access to data related to an incident and their right to contest the accuracy or completeness of the data. The school district may accomplish this requirement by inclusion of all or applicable parts of its protection and privacy of pupil records policy (See MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515) in the student handbook.

Notice

- A. The school district will give annual notice of this policy to students, parents or guardians, and staff, and this policy shall appear in the student handbook.
- B. This policy or a summary thereof must be conspicuously posted in the administrative offices of the school district and the office of each school.
- C. This policy must be given to each school employee and independent contractor who regularly interacts with students at the time of initial employment with the school district.
- D. Notice of the rights and responsibilities of students and their parents under this policy must be included in the student discipline policy (See MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506) distributed to parents at the beginning of each school year.
- E. This policy shall be available to all parents and other school community members in an electronic format in the language appearing on the school district's or a school's website.
- F. The school district shall provide an electronic copy of its most recently amended policy to the Commissioner of Education.

Policy Review

To the extent practicable, the school board shall, on a cycle consistent with other school district policies, review and revise this policy. The policy shall be made consistent with Minn. Stat. § 121A.031 and other applicable law. Revisions shall be made in consultation with students, parents, and community organizations.

Hazing Prohibition (Policy 526)

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe learning environment for students and staff that is free from hazing. Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational goals of the school district and are prohibited at all times.

- A. No student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district shall plan, direct, encourage, aid, or engage in hazing.
- B. No teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district shall permit, condone, or tolerate hazing.
- C. Apparent permission or consent by a person being hazed does not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.
- D. This policy applies to behavior that occurs on or off school property and during and after school hours.
- E. A person who engages in an act that violates school policy or law in order to be initiated into or affiliated with a student organization shall be subject to discipline for that act.

F. The school district will act to investigate all complaints of hazing and will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district who is found to have violated this policy.

DEFINITIONS

A. "Hazing" means committing an act against a student, or coercing a student into committing an act, that creates a substantial risk of harm to a person, in order for the student to be initiated into or affiliated with a student organization, or for any other school-related purpose. The term hazing includes, but is not limited to:

1. Any type of physical brutality such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, or placing a harmful substance on the body.
2. Any type of physical activity such as sleep deprivation, exposure to weather, confinement in a restricted area, calisthenics or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
3. Any activity involving the consumption of any alcoholic beverage, drug, tobacco product, or any other food, liquid, or substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
4. Any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects a student to extreme mental stress, embarrassment, shame, or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from remaining in school.
5. Any activity that causes or requires the student to perform a task that involves violation of state or federal law or of school district policies or regulations.

B. "Student organization" means a group, club, or organization having students as its primary members or participants. It includes grade levels, classes, teams, activities, or particular school events. A student organization does not have to be an official school organization to come within the terms of this definition.

Reporting Procedures

A. Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of hazing or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct which may constitute hazing shall report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy.

B. The building principal, the principal's designee, or the building supervisor (hereinafter building report taker) is the person responsible for receiving reports of hazing at the building level. Any person may report hazing directly to a school district human rights officer or to the superintendent. If the complaint involves the building report taker, the complaint shall be made or filed directly with the superintendent or the school district human rights officer by the reporting party or complainant.

C. Teachers, administrators, volunteers, contractors, and other employees of the school district shall be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances, or events which might include hazing. Any such person who receives a report of, observes, or has other knowledge or belief of conduct which may constitute hazing shall inform the building report taker immediately. School district personnel who fail to inform the building report taker of conduct that may constitute hazing in a timely manner may be subject to disciplinary action.

D. Submission of a good faith complaint or report of hazing will not affect the complainant or reporter's future employment, grades, or work assignments.

E. Reports of hazing are classified as private educational and/or personnel data and/or confidential investigative data and will not be disclosed except as permitted by law. The school district will respect the privacy of the complainant(s), the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the school district's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to comply with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

School District Action

- A. Upon receipt of a complaint or report of hazing, the school district shall undertake or authorize an investigation by school district officials or a third party designated by the school district.
- B. The school district may take immediate steps, at its discretion, to protect the complainant, reporter, students, or others pending completion of an investigation of hazing.
- C. Upon completion of the investigation, the school district will take appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination, or discharge. Disciplinary consequences will be sufficiently severe to deter violations and to appropriately discipline prohibited behavior. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, applicable statutory authority, including the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, school district policies and regulations.
- D. The school district is not authorized to disclose to a victim private educational or personnel data regarding an alleged perpetrator who is a student or employee of the school district. School officials will notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) of students involved in a hazing incident and the remedial action taken, to the extent permitted by law, based on a confirmed report.

Reprisal

The school district will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district who retaliates against any person who makes a good faith report of alleged hazing or against any person who testifies, assists, or participates in an investigation, or against any person who testifies, assists, or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to such hazing. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, harassment, or intentional disparate treatment.

Dissemination of Policy

- A. This policy shall appear in each school's student handbook and in each school's building and staff handbooks.
- B. The school district will develop a method of discussing this policy with students and employees.

Insurance

The school district does not insure student losses or injuries. Each student is responsible for his or her own insurance protection.

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[1] This includes students with an IFSP, IEP, and students who qualify for special education and related aids and services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

[2] This includes harassment of students born in the United States who have relatives that are from other countries.

Student Tennessee Warning Information

Students and Parents are to be advised that:

Students attending school in the school district will be asked to supply information to school personnel. Examples of such information requests include homework assignments, test questions and questions during the course of classroom activities.

The information will be collected by the school district in order to evaluate the students current level of performance with respect to his or her education program, to maintain discipline within the school, and to determine the students needs and preferences related to their educational program.

Students are not required by any law or regulation to supply data. However, the school district expects and requires that students participate fully in their educational program by completing homework assignments and tests. Moreover, the student's refusal to supply data may prevent the school district from assessing the student's needs and incorporating the student's preferences into the student's educational program. Refusal to supply information used to evaluate a student, including homework assignments and tests, will result in a failing grade given for the assignment. Continued failure to supply information will result in a failing grade for a particular course and a failing grade for the year. Refusal to supply information to a school district investigating an alleged rule violation may result in action being taken without benefit of information the student could have provided.

Data collected will be provided to school personnel having a legitimate educational interest in obtaining access to the data, and to state and federal authorities having statutory right to the data.

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Statewide Assessments



Statewide Assessments:

Parent/Guardian Participation Guide and Refusal Information

Your student’s participation in statewide assessments is important as it allows your school and district to ensure all students have access to a high-quality education. In the past, students with disabilities and English learners were often excluded from statewide assessments. By requiring that all students take statewide assessments, schools and teachers have more information to see how all students are doing. This helps schools to continuously improve the education they provide and to identify groups, grades, or subjects that may need additional support.

Assessments Connect to Standards

Statewide assessments are based on the [Minnesota Academic Standards](#) or the [WIDA English Language Development Standards](#). These standards define the knowledge and skills students should be learning in K–12 districts and charter schools. Minnesota prioritizes high-quality education and statewide assessments give educators and leaders an opportunity to evaluate student and school success.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)

MCA and the alternate assessments (Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS)/Alternate MCA) are the annual assessments in reading, mathematics and science that measure a snapshot of student learning of the Minnesota K–12 Academic Standards.

ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for English Learners

The ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS are the annual assessments for English learners that provide information about their progress in learning academic English, based on the WIDA English Language Development Standards.

Statewide Assessments Help Families and Students

Participating in statewide assessments helps families see a snapshot of their student’s learning so they can advocate for their success in school. High school students can use MCA results:

- For Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) in grade 10.
- For course placement at a Minnesota State college or university. If students receive a college-ready score, they may not need to take a remedial, noncredit course for that subject.

English learners who take the ACCESS or WIDA Alternate ACCESS and meet certain requirements, have the opportunity to exit from English learner programs.

Taking Statewide Assessments Helps Your Student’s School

Statewide assessments provide information to your school and district about how all students are engaging with the content they learn in school. This information helps:

- Educators evaluate their instructional materials.
- Schools and districts identify inequities between groups, explore root causes and implement supports.
- School and district leaders make decisions on how to use money and resources to support all students.

Student Participation in Statewide Assessments

Student participation in state and locally required assessments is a parent/guardian choice. If you choose to have your student not participate in a statewide assessment, please provide a reason for your decision on the form below. Contact your student’s school to learn more about locally required assessments.

Consequences of Not Participating in Statewide Assessments

- The student will not receive an individual score. For ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS, the student would not have the opportunity to exit their English learner program.
- School and district assessment results will be incomplete, making it more difficult to have an accurate picture of student learning.
- Since all eligible students are included in some calculations even when they do not participate, school and district accountability results are impacted. This may affect the school’s ability to be identified for support or recognized for success.

Check with your local school or district to see if there are any additional consequences for not participating.

Additional Information

- On average, students spend less than 1% of instructional time taking statewide assessments each year.
- Minnesota statutes limit the total amount of time students can spend taking other district- or school-wide assessments to 11 hours or less each school year, depending on the grade.
- School districts and charter schools are required to publish an assessment calendar on their website by the beginning of each school year. Refer to your district or charter school’s website for more information on assessments.

Statewide Assessment: Parent/Guardian Decision Not to Participate

By completing this form, you are acknowledging that your student will not participate in statewide assessments and will not receive individual assessment results.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current Grade in School: _____

Student ID Number (if known): _____

School: _____

District: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reason for Refusal: _____

Please indicate the statewide assessment(s) you are opting your student out of this school year:

MCA/MTAS MCA/Alternate MCA Science

MCA/MTAS Mathematics ACCESS/WIDA Alternate ACCESS

Contact your school or district for more information on how to opt out of local assessments. (Note: This form is only applicable for the 20____ to 20____ school year.)

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PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE, THANK YOU!

This handbook is for your use and includes the basic rules that aid us in operating the Breckenridge Public Schools. Rather than specifically discussing each and every passage in the handbook, I leave the responsibility of reading the book up to you and only ask that you sign this form indicating that you have received the **Breckenridge High School Handbook 2024-25**. If you have any questions or comments about the contents of the handbook, please share them with the appropriate administrator.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date