Elkton School Bulletin

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School Board President – Derek Frerichs

Board Members – Waylon Blasius, Nathan Kinner, Arend Schuurman, and Brooks Van Dyke

The Elkton School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Mr. Brian Jandahl, Superintendent, PO Box 190, 508 Buffalo St, Elkton, SD 57026. School telephone number is 605-542-2541. For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit http://wdcrobcolpOl.ed.gov/CFAPPS/ORC/contactus.cfm for the address and phone number that serves your area, or call 1-816-268-0550.

Elkton School District Philosophy

The Elkton Independent School District 5-3 believes in the worth, dignity, and uniqueness of each individual. We believe the purpose of the educational process is to prepare each student to accept responsibilities for self, family, community, country, and the changing global society and to empower students with a dedication to lifelong learning. Therefore, the District will offer a broad curriculum to fit the needs and levels in the intellectual range of all students by providing academic, vocational, and activity programs which give each individual the opportunity to develop his/her potential. We believe this can best be attained through the joint efforts of students, parents, staff, and community.

Activity Tickets

Grades K-12 may purchase activity tickets for $25.00. Individual game tickets are $3.00 for students and $5.00 for adults at the door. Adults may purchase a season activity ticket for $35.00 single or $60.00 per couple, which is good for all home games. Individual game tickets for double headers are $8.00 and $5.00 at the door. Residents age 65 and older may obtain passes, at no charge, from the school office. This pass allows admittance to all home activities except tournaments. Please send payment for activity tickets in a separate check to the school office.

Immunizations

South Dakota State Law requires that any student entering school or an early childhood program in this state shall, prior to admission, be required to present to school authorities certification for a licensed physician that the child has received, or is in the process of receiving, adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola (measles), rubella, mumps, tetanus, and varicella (chicken pox), according to the recommendations of the State Department of Health.

School Lunch

School breakfast/lunch letters are enclosed in this newsletter. Please return these applications to the school office as soon as possible. Parents are asked to pay for lunches during the first week of each month. Because it is so important for us to keep current with lunch payments, we ask that you contact us immediately if you are unable to pay for your child's lunches. We will make every effort to work with you to ensure that accounts are kept current. Students who bring a sack lunch from home are encouraged to bring a nutritious meal.

Meal Prices		
Breakfast	**1.75**	
K-6 Lunch	**2.80**	**57.00 monthly**
7-12 Lunch	**3.15**	**63.00 monthly**
Adult Breakfast	**2.10**	
Adult Lunch	**4.10**	**82.00 monthly**
Extra Entrée	**1.15**	
Extra Milk	**0.35**	

Many funding opportunities for the district revolve around free and reduce numbers for our district. Any additional funds help our school district so if you think you may qualify for free or reduced lunches, please do not hesitate to apply.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

In October 1987, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. Asbestos is a fiber, which in the past has been used in building construction materials and has been identified as being a disease-causing agent including a cause of cancer. The purpose of the legislation was to ensure that students are provided with a safe environment in which to learn. The only asbestos-containing materials that remain in the Elkton School District building are asbestos vinyl floor tiles located in the 1960 building. Should any parent/patron have questions regarding the Federal Law or its application to our district, those persons are invited to direct inquiries to Superintendent Brian Jandahl.

School Bus Information

The safety of every child on the bus is of great concern to all of us. Every effort is taken to see that children arrive to their destination safely. The cooperation of the parents is needed and requested in this endeavor. Driving a bus is a difficult and responsible task and would anything divert the bus driver's attention from his driving responsibility endanger the safety of all children. It is absolutely necessary that the children riding the bus conduct themselves in the best possible manner. The up-keep and repair of transportation equipment is expensive and students are expected to cooperate in this preservation. Any student found guilty of destroying bus equipment will be expected to pay for the cost of repair or replacement of such destruction. POP AND CANDY ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ROUTE BUSES.

Bus Rules

When students misbehave on the bus, the driver submits a Bus Conduct Report to the principal. Parents will receive a copy of this report for discussion with their student. Guidelines for discipline problems are as follows:

1. The first note is only a warning the misbehavior has occurred. This note must be signed and returned to the driver the following morning in order for the student to ride the bus.
2. The second note will bring disciplinary action and possible suspension of bus riding privileges from one to five days. Parents must contact the bus driver, the child's principal or Mr. Jandahl to see if a solution to the problem can be reached. If no contact is made with one of the above, the student will not be allowed to ride the bus.
3. The third note is one-week suspension from riding the bus. Parents must meet with the bus driver, student, principal, and superintendent, so corrective measure may be worked out.
4. The fourth note brings complete suspension from riding the bus for the remainder of the school year.

From the Athletic Director

One of the missions of co-curricular school activities is to serve as an extension of the classroom. There are strong lessons to be learned in athletics, speech, and music. One of those lessons is to set and maintain high standards of sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity in our school and our society. It is up to us to provide the direction and constant vigilance under which good sportsmanship can prosper and have a positive impact on our children, the leaders of tomorrow.

Our school has joined a statewide campaign sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association to promote sportsmanship at our events. We feel the need to stress the type of exemplary behavior that should be exhibited by all players and spectators. The value of the lessons learned by exhibiting good sportsmanship will last a lifetime. If we lose sight of that, then athletics, or any co-curricular activity, is not worth sponsoring. The positive actions of a coach, athlete, or spectator at an event can influence how our school is perceived in our own community and the communities of those schools we meet on the field of play.

We are asking for your support in this effort by emphasizing to your son or daughter what is expected of them at an athletic event as a competitor or spectator. After all, such events are an extension of the school day, and we should expect the same type of respectful behavior exhibited in the athletic arena as we do in the classroom. We urge you to ask your children to demonstrate self-control and self-discipline and at the same time, enjoy the games.

Finally, we ask you to set a good example when in the stands at an event. It is only through these efforts that we can clearly communicate what is acceptable behavior. We hope that your positive example will help set the tone for those around you so we may all enjoy the games our athletic teams are involved in.

When you purchase a ticket to an athletic event, you are given the privilege to view the action and to voice your support of our team. We want that support to be in a positive tone, so the education value of these events is completely developed and clearly communicated to our students.

Public Complaints Regarding School Personnel

Constructive criticism of the school is welcomed by the Elkton School District when it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the education program and to help the school personnel in performing their tasks more effectively. The Board places trust in its employees and desires to support their actions in such a manner that employees are freed from unnecessary, spiteful, or negative criticism, and complaints.

Whenever a complaint is made directly to the Board as a whole or to a Board member as an individual, it shall be referred to the school administration for study and possible solutions. The individual employee involved shall be advised of the nature of the complaint and will be given every opportunity for explanation, comment, and presentation of the facts as he or she sees them.

In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents will first discuss the matter with the teacher. If, for some reason, they are not satisfied, they may further discuss that matter with the following persons in the following order: the principal, then the superintendent or his designee. If the superintendent is unable to satisfy the parents, he will report the case to the Board for consideration and action. The Board will not consider or act on complaints that have not been explored at the appropriate administrative level. The Board will consider hearing citizen complaints when they cannot be resolved by the administration.

Matters referred to the Board must be in writing and should be specific in terms of the complaint and the action desired. If it appears necessary, the administration, the person who made the complaint, or the employee involved my request an executive session of the board for purposes of further study and a decision by this body. Generally, all parties involved, including the school administration, shall be asked to attend such a meeting for the purposes of presenting additional facts, making further explanations, and clarifying the issues. Hearsay and rumor shall be discounted, as well as emotional feeling except those directly related to the facts for the situation. The Board will render its decision, which the superintendent will implement. The decision of the Board may be appealed pursuant to 13.46.

Date Issued 6-13-17

Effective Date 8-1-2017

Elkton School District Meal Charge Policy

I. Federal Requirement

The purpose of this policy is to address the need for school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to institute and clearly communicate a meal charge policy, which would include, if applicable, the availability of alternate meals. Because all students in participating schools may receive reimbursable school meals, all SFAs must have a policy in place for children who are participating at the reduced price or paid rate, but either do not have money in their account or in hand to cover the cost of the meal at the time of service. Such a policy ensures that school food service professionals, school administrators, families, and students have a shared understanding of expectations in these situations.

You can find more information about this US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) requirement at: https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/unpaid-meal-charges.

II. **PURPOSE OF POLICY:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent meal account procedures throughout the district. Unpaid charges place a financial strain on the food service department. The goals, of this standard of practice are:

- To treat all students with dignity in the serving line regarding meal accounts
- To support positive situations with district staff, district business policies, student and parent/guardian to the maximum extent possible
- To establish policies that are age appropriate
- To encourage parent/guardian to assume the responsibility of meal payments and to promote self-responsibility of the student
- To establish a consistent district policy regarding charges and collection of charges

III. **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY:**

- The food service department, Asst. Business Manager, Administrative Assistant: Responsible for maintaining charge records and notifying the student's parent/guardian.

- The Parent/Guardian: Immediate payment

IV. ADMINISTRATION

1. Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced price meal benefits. Applications are available in the school business office or on the school website www.e1kton.k12.sd.us

2. Families are encouraged to pre-pay for meals and money is accepted in the school business office daily for payments on the day of service. Payments may also be mailed to PO Box 190, Elkton, SD 57026

3. **Elementary students:** Notices on negative balance accounts are sent home with students weekly. Once the family reaches $50 delinquent, child(ren) will be offered an alternate meal. Once a family reaches a negative balance, the student will no longer be able to purchase a second entrée or second milk, until the account is brought into a positive balance.
    a. Calls on delinquent accounts are made on a daily basis to try to collect payment.
    b. All delinquent accounts at the beginning of June of the current school year will be subject to collections for payment.
    c. If a child has money to purchase a reduced price or paid meal at the time of the meal service, the child must be provided a meal. SFAs may not use the child's money to repay previously unpaid charges if the child intended to use the money to purchase that day's meal.

4. **Junior High School students:** Notices on negative balance accounts are sent home with students weekly. Once the family reaches $50 delinquent, child(ren) will be offered an alternate meal. Once a family reaches a negative balance, the student will no longer be able to purchase a second entrée or second milk, until the account is brought into a positive balance.
    a. Calls on delinquent accounts are made on a daily basis to try to collect payment.
    b. All delinquent accounts at the beginning of June of the current school year will be subject to collections for payment.
    c. If a child has money to purchase a reduced price or paid meal at the time of the meal service, the child must be provided a meal. SFAs may not use the child's money to repay previously unpaid charges if the child intended to use the money to purchase that day's meal.

5. **High School students:** Notices on negative balance accounts are sent home with students weekly. Once the family reaches $50 delinquent, child{ren) will be offered an alternate meal. Once a family reaches a negative balance, the student will no longer be able to purchase a second entrée or second milk, until the account is brought into a positive balance.
    a. Calls on delinquent accounts are made on a daily basis to try to collect payment.
    b. All delinquent accounts at the beginning of June of the current school year will be subject to collections for payment.
    c. If a child has money to purchase a reduced price or paid meal at the time of the meal service,

the child must be provided a meal. SFAs may not use the child's money to repay previously unpaid charges if the child intended to use the money. to purchase that day's meal.

6. Any patron whose lunch account is $50 delinquent in payment will be denied further credit until the account is settled or satisfactory payment is made. Once a family reaches a negative balance, the student will no longer be able to purchase a second entrée or second milk, until the account is brought into a positive balance. No charging of any reimbursable meals will be allowed. No alternate breakfast will be offered. For lunch, the child(ren) will be discreetly told that they will be offered an alternate meal of a sandwich and a carton of milk during the time the reimbursable meal is denied.

7. Families may contact the school business office at 605-542-2541 to discuss payment plan options.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Elkton School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.I .The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: .

Supt. Brian Jandahl
508 Buffalo Street Elkton, SD
605-542-2541

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, please contact the Office for Civil Rights:

U.S. Department of Education
One Petticoat Lane
1010 Walnut Street, Suite 320
Kansas City, MO 64106
Telephone: (816) 268-0550
Facsimile: (816) 268-0559 Ema.il
OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov

CHILD FIND

The Elkton School District, in order to fulfill the obligations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is required to inform and provide full educational opportunities to all individuals with disabilities ages birth through twenty-one.

Brian Jandahl Superintendent of the Elkton School District needs your assistance to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities. This public awareness notice is to inform parents and other individuals/agencies of the availability of educational services and related services to all individuals who reside within the jurisdiction of the Elkton School District and who are between the ages of birth through twenty-one, regardless of the severity of their disability. This includes individuals in all public and private agencies and institutions and highly mobile children with disabilities, such as migrant and homeless children, who reside within the legal boundaries of the district.

Anyone aware of an individual who may benefit from educational services and related services is encouraged to call the _ Elkton School District, at _ _ 605-5_42-2541.

PUBLIC INFORi'VIA TION

The Elkton School District has the following documents available for review by parents of children with disabilities and to the general public:

1. Comprehensive Plan for Special Education.
2. IDEA Federal Applications for Funds.
3. Special Education Accountability/Monitoring Final Report.
4. Applications, evaluations, periodic program plan or reports relating to federal programs including auditor's reports, statements of assurance, budget, and grant materials.

MODEL NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION
Of PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

• *Consent* before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)-

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

•*Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of* -

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;

2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening 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 exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and

3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

•*Inspect,* upon request and before administration or use -

1. Protected information surveys of students;

2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and

3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer to from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Elkton School District has adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Elkton School will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Elkton School will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Elkton School will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of

the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

•Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.

•Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.

•Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents 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,
D.C. 20202-5901

Model Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

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

1 . The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Elkton School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal, Kelly Neill, a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

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

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Elkton School to amend their child's or their education record should write the school principal, Kelly Neill, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their 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. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school or school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

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

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in 5 99.31of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, 5
99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student • To other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in 5 99.31(a)(l)(i)(B){l) (a){l){i)(B)(3) are met. (5

To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of 5 99.34. (S 99.31(a)(2)) • To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency (SEA) in the parent or eligible student's State. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of 99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf, if applicable requirements are met. (55 99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)

- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary for such purposes as to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (5
  99.31(a)(4))
- To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to 99.38. (S 99.31(a)(5)) • To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction, if applicable requirements are met.(§
  99.31(a)(6))
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions.
  (S 99.31(a)(7))
- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (5 99.31(a)(8))
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena if applicable requirements are met. (5 99.31(a)(9))
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to S 99.36. (599.31(

- Information the school has designated as "directory information" if applicable requirements under 5 99.37 are met. (S 99.31 (a)(11))
- To an agency caseworker or other representative of a State or local child welfare agency or tribal organization who is authorized to access a student's case plan when such agency or organization is legally responsible, in accordance with State or tribal law, for the care and protection of the student in foster care placement, (20 U.S.C. 51232g(b)(1)(L))

To the Secretary of Agriculture or authorized representatives of the Food and Nutrition Service for purposes of conducting program monitoring, evaluations, and performance measurements of programs authorized under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, under certain conditions. (20 U.S.C. S 1232g(b)(l)(K))

MODEL NOTICE FOR DIRECTORY INFORMATION

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

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

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

If you do not want Elkton School to disclose any or all of the types of information designated below as directory information from your child(s education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the Elkton School in writing by August 19, 2019. Elkton School has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level

- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student's SSN, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose.)
- A student ID number or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student ID badge, but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

When to Notify:

- "FERPA regulations at 34 CFR 99.7(a)(1) state that "each educational agency or institution shall annually notify parents of students currently in attendance, or eligible students currently in attendance, of their rights under the Act and this part (the regulations)."

Methods of Notification:

- FERPA does not specify the means of notification, other than by any means reasonably likely to inform the students. Examples include student handbook, school newspaper or catalog, local newspaper, inclusion in student's registration packet.

- Based on available guidance, it is possible to conclude that FERPA does not require a school to: advise parents in person of their rights; request that parents sign and return an acknowledgement of receipt; or even send the notice to parents in a separate mailing.

- Schools do not have to individually notify parents and eligible students but do have to notify them by any means that are reasonably likely to inform the parents or eligible students of their rights.

- The following is taken from a handout provided at the School Law Seminar held on October 1, 2014, in Sioux Falls, SD. It was presented by Lester Nies, Hood & Nies, P.C., Spearfish, SD.

  "FERPA's publication requirements are not specific, but are best described by the following : "FERPA does not require a school to notify eligible students individually of their rights under FERPA. Rather, the school may provide the notice by any means likely to inform eligible students of their rights. Thus, the annual notification may be published by various means, including any of the following: in a schedule of classes; in a student handbook; in a calendar of school events; on the school's website (though this should not be the exclusive means of notification); in the student newspaper; and/or posted in a central location at the school or various locations throughout the school. Additionally, some schools include their directory information notice as part of the annual notice of rights under FERPA." (February 2011 Guidance for Eligible Students). Note that only including FERPA rights notice and Directory Information notice in the school district policy manual may not be deemed sufficient public notice in comparison to the language of the FPCA Guidance.

PPRA Model Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. 1232h, requires Elkton School to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas ("protected information surveys"):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This parental notification requirement and opt-out opportunity also apply to the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for marketing purposes ("marketing surveys"). Please note that parents are not required by PPRA to be notified about the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions. Additionally, the notice requirement applies to the conduct of certain physical exams and screenings. This includes any non* emergency, invasive physical exam or screening 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. This does not include hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required by State law.

Following is a schedule of activities requiring parental notice and consent or opt-out for the upcoming school year, This list is not exhaustive and, for surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, the Elkton School will provide parents, within a reasonable period of time prior to the administration of the surveys and activities, notification of the surveys and activities, an opportunity to opt their child out, as well as an opportunity to review the surveys. (Please note that this notice and consent/opt-out transfers from parents to any student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.)

Date: On or about [Add date.]

Grades: Eight and Nine

Activity: ABC Survey of At-Risk Behaviors.

Summary: This is an anonymous survey that asks students questions about behaviors such as drug and alcohol use, sexual conduct, violence, and other at-risk behaviors. The survey also asks questions of a demographic nature concerning family make-up, the relationship between parents and children, and use of alcohol and drugs at home.

Consent [only for protected information surveys that are administered as part of an ED program and to which the student is required to submit]: A parent must sign and return the consent below no later than [insert return date] so that your child may participate in this survey.

Sample consent:

[child's name]___ to take the ABC

1 _ [parent's name]
give my consent for _____

Survey of At-Risk Behaviors on or about February 3, 2015,

_____ Parent's signature

Please return this form no later than_ [insert date] to the following school official: Kelly Neill, Principal

Opt-out [for any protected information survey that is not administered as part of an ED program or to which the student is not required to submit]: A parent must sign and return this opt-out form no later than [insert . return date] [OR] Contact [school official] at [telephone number, email, address, etc.] no later than [date] if you do not want your child to take the ABC Survey of At-Risk Behaviors on or about February 3, 2019.

Welcome Back for the 2022-23 School Year
Elkton Public Schools
Mr. Brian Jandahl, Superintendent

Welcome back! School will start on Wednesday, August 17th. I hope everyone had a great summer. For those who felt the summer went by fast, the school year seems to go by equally fast.

As a school district, we will continue to deal with COVID-19. We still have plans in place which are subject to change as the conditions and circumstances change. How students and staff enter the building before school is also part of our Starting Well Plan.

We updated three additional classrooms over the summer, but we are waiting on the delivery of the cabinets and desks for those rooms. Over the summer, our south gym floor was repainted, and it looks like new again. Each year, we continue to look for ways to improve our facilities.

We were pleased to have all our parents and guardians as partners in education. As a district, our staff will focus on student achievement. A focus on the use of data to help inform parents of student progress will be key towards a successful education. So, parents are aware of the growth their individual students are seeing, if your student(s) are at, above, or below expected grade level benchmarks.

I am confident that students, staff, and parents in Elkton School District will have a great year as we all do our part in supporting one another. Together, we can all have an impact.

Mrs. Kelly Neill
Elementary Principal

As I type my newsletter entry for the 2022-2023, I find myself reflecting on all the changes that have taken place over the last few years and the impact this will have on our upcoming year. All these changes will allow the Elkton School District to continue to remain innovative and provide our students and staff with amazing facilities and educational opportunities.

One of the greatest tools a person can have is an education. In Elkton, we are fortunate to be able to offer our students an education that will serve them well in their future. Our teachers want to partner with parents who are the first teacher their children have. I encourage parents and students to ask questions to the teachers about any concerns they may have…drop them an e-mail, set up a time to visit. Your child's teacher can give you the best insight on your child's performance and behavior in the classroom. I want to also remind parents to take an active role in their student's schooling. Attend conferences, check Dojo messages, read teacher e-mails. By working together in this manner, we can ensure success in our students.

We would like to welcome the following staff who will be new to our elementary students:

- Ms. Taylor Thompson is teaching 1st grade.
- Ms. Abbey Strait is teaching 2nd grade.
- Ms. Katie Archer is teaching 3rd grade.
- Ms. Mikaela Hoeke is teaching 6th grade.
- Ms. Ashlynn Terkildsen is teaching 5-12 Instrumental Band.
- Mrs. Madisen McGehee is working as an elementary professional.

Please remember the following regarding dropping off and picking up students:

- All doors are locked until 8am. Students will be able to be dropped off in the mornings at either A2 or B2. We ask that guests bringing students to school and picking students up at the end of the day do not enter the building.
- At the end of the day, all students will be picked up at B2. This is the safest procedure for our students and ensures that staff is with all students during the dismissal time. Elementary students will NOT use A2 or A3 during dismissal time.
- Students who are being picked up by a sibling in grades 7-12 will wait in the main hallway until the bell rings and they are picked up by their sibling.
- If parents need to enter the school to drop off materials or attend a meeting, they will need to enter A2 and follow the checking in procedures with the main office.

Open House for students in grades PK through 6th will occur on Thursday, August 11th from 6pm until 8pm. Teachers will be sending out via e-mail a Sign-Up Genius to allows parents to sign up for a time. Two to three families will be able to sign up for a time slot. This personal time will allow parents and students to meet with teachers and drop off supplies.

We have a lot to be proud of at our school. We have beautiful facilities, supportive parents, great students, and a fantastic staff. All are crucial keys to our success. I wish everyone a school year full of success in all areas. Show your Elk Pride and be thankful for the great education we can provide our children.

Kelly Neill
K-6 Principal

Ms. Jenni Simmons
7-12 Principal

Parents/Guardians & Students,

My name is Ms. Jenni Simmons and this is my second year as the 7-12 Principal and K-12 SPED Director here in Elkton. I am originally from Brandon, SD and have been working with middle and high school students for the past 12 years. I graduated from Brandon Valley in 2006; received my B.A. from Augustana University in 2010; and received my M.A. from the University of South Dakota and my R.A.A. certification from the NIAAA in 2020. I am currently pursuing my Ed.S. in School Superintendency from the University of South Dakota. My daughter, Emma, and I are grateful to be a part of the Herd!

While junior high and high school students are striving towards independence, there are three important ways to stay connected to your student's education.

1. Please make sure all current contact information (cell phone, mailing address, & email address) is provided to the school. All three of these communication outlets are used regularly throughout the school year.
2. Please login to Parent Portal at a minimum of once per week to check your student's grades and attendance. If you do not have an account, please contact Mrs. Bonnie Yackley by calling the school or emailing her at bonnie.yackley@k12.sd.us.
3. Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter and download our free app, "Elkton School District, SD" to stay up-to-date with school events and activities.

We have a very exciting year ahead of us. New staff and students will be filling the hallways soon, along with those that already call this place home. Speaking of new staff, some new and familiar faces are joining the Herd at the secondary level:

- Mr. Avery Sage, Social Studies/JH Science & JH Football/Assistant Boys Track
- Ms. Ashlynne Terkildsen, Band/Pep Band/Summer Band
- Mr. Anthony Zubke, Ag Education & FFA (formerly on staff as an E-mentor/Para)
- Ms. Jenni Kranz, JH ELA/English IV & Oral Interp (formerly on staff as a Para)
- Mrs. Teresa Bunkers, E-mentor/Para
- Mrs. Kim Drietz, Paraprofessional

I look forward to working together to make this a wonderful school year!

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