



# Niles Elementary School District 71

## Regular Session

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### Date and Time

Tuesday December 9, 2025 at 4:00 PM CST

### Location

Media Center

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### Agenda

#### I. Opening Items

- A. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Call the Meeting to Order

#### II. Closed Session

- Discussion of minutes of the meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act as described by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- Consider the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

#### III. Recall To Order of Open Session

**IV. Reading of Communications to the Board of Education**

**V. Additions or Changes to Agenda**

**VI. Consent Agenda**

**A. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

Approve minutes for Regular Session on November 18, 2025

**VII. Discussion and Action Items**

**A. Motion to Approve Accounts Payable**

**B. Motion to Approve the 2025 Tax Levy**

**C. Motion to Approve the 2025 Tax Adjustment Resolution**

**D. Approval of the Assistant Principal's Agreement**

**E. Approval of the Following Board Policies**

**VIII. Informational Items**

**A. NTDSE Report**

**IX. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Building Update**

1. Soffits and Overhangs/Updates

**B. District Enrollment**

**C. FOIA Requests**

**X. Administrative Report**

**A. Admin Report**

**XI. Items of New Business**

**XII. Public Comment**

**XIII. Second Closed Session if Needed**

**XIV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

# Coversheet

## Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

<b>Section:</b>	VI. Consent Agenda
<b>Item:</b>	A. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda
<b>Purpose:</b>	Approve Minutes
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	Minutes for Regular Session on November 18, 2025 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.pdf Carli Antuna- BoE - Rec to Hire (1).pdf

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## Niles Elementary School District 71

### Minutes

#### Regular Session

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday November 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM

##### **Location**

Media Center

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##### **Directors Present**

Dexi Karabatsos, Georgia Chronopoulos, Jackie Jaime, Kenny Krueger, Matt Glancy, Matthew Holbrook, Victoria Luz

##### **Directors Absent**

*None*

##### **Guests Present**

Debra Jordan, Erica Smolinski, John Kosirog, Katie Russ, Ken Kaufhold, Laura Guarraci

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

##### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Matthew Holbrook called a meeting of the board of directors of Niles Elementary School District 71 to order on Tuesday Nov 18, 2025 at 7:10 PM.

#### **II. Consent Agenda**

#### A. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Matt Glancy made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Session on 10-21-25.

Matthew Holbrook seconded the motion.

Minutes Approved Along with Consent Agenda.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### Roll Call

Georgia Chronopoulos	Aye
Kenny Krueger	Aye
Matt Glancy	Aye
Victoria Luz	Aye
Jackie Jaime	Aye
Dexi Karabatsos	Aye
Matthew Holbrook	Aye

### III. Discussion and Action Items

#### A. Motion to Approve Accounts Payable

Matt Glancy made a motion to Approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$200,784.49.

Kenny Krueger seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### Roll Call

Georgia Chronopoulos	Aye
Kenny Krueger	Aye
Matt Glancy	Aye
Victoria Luz	Aye
Jackie Jaime	Aye
Dexi Karabatsos	Aye
Matthew Holbrook	Aye

#### B. Motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in Property Tax Proceedings

Matt Glancy made a motion to to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in Property Tax Proceedings.

Kenny Krueger seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### Roll Call

Matthew Holbrook	Aye
Kenny Krueger	Aye
Matt Glancy	Aye
Jackie Jaime	Aye
Victoria Luz	Aye
Georgia Chronopoulos	Aye

#### Roll Call

Dexi Karabatsos            Aye

### C. Motion to Approve Safe Educational Environment Resolution

Matt Glancy made a motion to Approve Safe Educational Environment Resolution.

Kenny Krueger seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Dexi Karabatsos            Aye

Georgia Chronopoulos    Aye

Matt Glancy                Aye

Kenny Krueger            Aye

Jackie Jaime              Aye

Victoria Luz              Aye

Matthew Holbrook        Aye

### D. Approval of the 2025-2026 CAIP Program

Matt Glancy made a motion to Approve of the 2025-2026 CAIP Program.

Kenny Krueger seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Matthew Holbrook        Aye

Matt Glancy                Aye

Georgia Chronopoulos    Aye

Dexi Karabatsos            Aye

Victoria Luz              Aye

Jackie Jaime              Aye

Kenny Krueger            Aye

### E. First Reading of Board Policies

There was a first reading of Board Policies.

## IV. Informational Items

### A. NTDSE Report

Member Holbrook attended the meeting this month.

## V. Administrative Report

### A. Admin Report

#### Advancing Learning and Innovation

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- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Preschool For All Earns GOLD

### **Fostering Safe and Healthy Learning Environments**

- 5th grade science family event
- PTA's Book Fair and Holiday Shop
- Athletic/Extracurricular Update
- PBIS
- Healthy Snack

## **VI. Superintendent's Report**

### **A. Building Update**

1. Soffits & Overhangs Update

### **B. Safety Program**

1. Safety Committee Meeting Review

### **C. District Enrollment**

### **D. FOIA Requests**

There were none.

## **VII. Public Comment**

### **A. In attendance**

Michelle Baum, Teacher  
Jonathan Carr, Parent  
Ticia Ashcroft, Parent  
Anela Hrnica, Parent

Jonathan Carr and Anela Hrnica addressed the Board with several concerns.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Holbrook



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Attest

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Board President

Attest

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Board Secretary

**MOTION**

*Niles Elementary School District 71 Board December 9th, 2025  
At Culver School*

**Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the following consent agenda with**

**Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconding the motion:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on November 18, 2025.

b. Personnel

**Employment**

- Carli Antuna, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, effective for the 2025-2026 SY at a pro-rated MA 1 rate of \$37,319.76.

Vice President,	Matt Glancy	yes _____	no _____
Secretary,	Victoria Luz	yes _____	no _____
President,	Matt Holbrook	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Ken Krueger	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Dexi Karabatsos	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Jackie Jaime	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Georgia Chronopoulos	yes _____	no _____



# Niles Elementary School District 71

A Community of Excellence

6901 W. Oakton, Niles, IL 60714 847-966-9280 FAX 847-966-1478

To: Board of Education

John Kosiog,  
Ed.D  
*Superintendent*

From: Katherine Russ

Erica Smolinski,  
Ed. D  
*Principal*

Date: December, 2025

Laura Guarraci  
*Director of Student  
Services*

RE: Recommendation for employment for Carli Antuna for the position of first grade general education teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

Katherine Russ  
*Assistant Principal*

We recommend Miss Carli Antuna for the first grade general education teacher position for the 2025-26 school year. Miss Antuna achieved her bachelor's degree from Roosevelt University in 2016 and then went on to achieve her masters from Dominican University in 2025.

Ms. Antuna spent the previous year as a second grade teacher at St. Thomas of Villanova. Prior to teaching at St. Thomas, she spent 2 years substitute teaching in district 15. Ms. Antuna's references had wonderful feedback about her. Her previous principal spoke about how she supported students and was a collaborative team player.

We feel confident Miss Antuna will continue to add to our Culver community as a great fit for our students, teachers, and school.

Thank you.

Katherine Russ

The mission of District 71 is to provide quality learning experiences that nurture, challenge, and inspire each student to contribute to a community of excellence.

# Coversheet

## Motion to Approve Accounts Payable

<b>Section:</b>	VII. Discussion and Action Items
<b>Item:</b>	A. Motion to Approve Accounts Payable
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	Motion to Approve Accounts Payable.pdf Accounts Payable.pdf Fund Balances.pdf

**MOTION**

*Niles Elementary School District 71 Board Meeting December 9, 2025  
At Culver School*

**Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve Accounts Payable for \$155,744.35 with Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconding the motion.**

On a roll call vote, motion approved as follows:

Vice President,	Matt Glancy	yes _____	no _____
Secretary,	Victoria Luz	yes _____	no _____
President,	Matt Holbrook	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Ken Krueger	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Dexi Karabatsos	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Jackie Jaime	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Georgia Chronopoulos	yes _____	no _____

## Niles Elementary School District 71

## Disbursement Detail Listing

Bank Name: COLE TAYLOR BANK - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Date Range: 11/14/2025 - 12/04/2025

Sort By: Check

Bank Account: 0691-59408

Voucher Range: -

Dollar Limit: \$0.00

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

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Check Number	Date	Voucher	Payee	Invoice	Account	Description	Amount
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7100018465	11/20/2025	1124	Employee Vendor	V430240	10.0.2150.410.00.0000.00	REIMBURSEMENT SPEECH ITEMS	\$16.25
							Check Total: \$16.25
7100018466	11/20/2025	1124	ALPHA BAKING CO	V3534	10.0.2560.400.01.0000.00	OCTOBER LUNCH ITEMS	\$165.89
7100018466	11/20/2025	1124	ALPHA BAKING CO	V3534	10.0.2560.404.00.0000.00	OCTOBER FOOD ITEMS	\$176.68
							Check Total: \$342.57
7100018467	11/20/2025	1124	ANDERSON LOCK	1181792	20.0.2540.410.06.0000.00	KEY DUPLICATION	\$211.72
							Check Total: \$211.72
7100018468	11/20/2025	1124	ANDY FRAIN SERVICES, INC	384923	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	OCTOBER CROSSING GUARD	\$4,190.97
							Check Total: \$4,190.97
7100018469	11/20/2025	1124	FIRST STUDENT INC	12086753	40.0.2550.331.06.0000.00	REGULAR ROUTES: OCT 25	\$33,045.52
7100018469	11/20/2025	1124	FIRST STUDENT INC	12086753	40.0.2550.331.12.0000.00	ACTIVITY ROUTES OCT 25	\$1,633.01
							Check Total: \$34,678.53
7100018470	11/20/2025	1124	GET FRESH PRODUCE	V253313	10.0.2560.400.01.0000.00	OCTOBER LUNCH ITEMS	\$486.95
7100018470	11/20/2025	1124	GET FRESH PRODUCE	V253313	10.0.2560.404.00.0000.00	OCTOBER LUNCH ITEMS	\$1,698.12
							Check Total: \$2,185.07
7100018471	11/20/2025	1124	ILLINOIS STATE POLICE	20251001660	10.0.1100.310.00.0000.00	MONTHLY BACKGROUND SERVICES	\$108.00
							Check Total: \$108.00
7100018472	11/20/2025	1124	JOHNSON CONTROLS	53353143	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	WORK ORDER	\$1,376.81
							Check Total: \$1,376.81
7100018473	11/20/2025	1124	KATHERINE RANALLI	V238383	10.0.2210.312.01.0000.00	IL ASCD CONFERENCE 3/4-3/6/26 FOR	\$822.00
							Check Total: \$822.00
7100018474	11/20/2025	1124	MARIA GLASER	V60357	10.0.2220.410.00.0000.00	REIMBURSEMENT MEDIA SUPPLIES	\$38.57
							Check Total: \$38.57
7100018475	11/20/2025	1124	MNJ TECHNOLOGIES DIRECT INC	V752562	10.0.2220.500.01.0000.00	Epson Projector Lamp - ELPLP91	\$400.00

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Check Number	Date	Voucher	Payee	Invoice	Account	Description	Amount
Check Total:							\$400.00
7100018476	11/20/2025	1124	NELSON FIRE PROTECTION	35684	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	5 YEAR INSPECTION- FIRE PROTECTION	\$1,680.00
Check Total:							\$1,680.00
7100018477	11/20/2025	1124	NORTH AMERICAN CORPOF ILLINOIS	e248999	20.0.2540.410.00.0000.00	CUSTODIAL ITEMS	\$292.00
Check Total:							\$292.00
7100018478	11/20/2025	1124	SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC	208136535259	10.0.1100.400.00.0000.00	TURQUOISE CONSTRUCTION PAPER	\$40.60
7100018478	11/20/2025	1124	SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC	208136535259	10.0.1100.400.00.0000.00	STIKKI CLIPS	\$173.75
7100018478	11/20/2025	1124	SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC	208136535259	10.0.1100.400.00.0000.00	YELLOW CONSTRUCTION	\$35.60
Check Total:							\$249.95
7100018479	11/20/2025	1124	THERMOSYSTEMS BUILDING SYSTEM SOLUTIONS	SI008227,8228,8229	20.0.2540.410.06.0000.00	HVAC PARTS - SEE QUOTE QT0010641	\$1,146.23
7100018479	11/20/2025	1124	THERMOSYSTEMS BUILDING SYSTEM SOLUTIONS	SI008227,8228,8229	20.0.2540.410.06.0000.00	HVAC PARTS - SEE QUOTE QT0010647	\$1,052.66
7100018479	11/20/2025	1124	THERMOSYSTEMS BUILDING SYSTEM SOLUTIONS	SI008227,8228,8229	20.0.2540.410.06.0000.00	HVAC PARTS - SEE QUOTE QT010648	\$39.12
7100018479	11/20/2025	1124	THERMOSYSTEMS BUILDING SYSTEM SOLUTIONS	SI008227,8228,8229	20.0.2540.410.06.0000.00	HVAC PARTS - SEE QUOTE QT0010668	\$0.00
Check Total:							\$2,238.01
7100018480	11/20/2025	1124	TRUGREEN #4550	2188653510	20.0.2540.323.06.0000.00	LAWN SERVICE	\$401.27
Check Total:							\$401.27
7100018481	11/20/2025	1124	UNITED PACKAGING PRODUCTS, INC	296027	10.0.2560.410.10.0000.00	LUNCHROOM ITEMS	\$1,052.04
Check Total:							\$1,052.04
7100018482	11/20/2025	1124	VERIZON WIRELESS	6127807156	20.0.2540.340.00.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE: 10/7-11/6/25	\$116.64
Check Total:							\$116.64
7100018484	12/03/2025	1139	ABC COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE INC	2025-117	20.0.2540.323.30.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE: NOV 25	\$12,000.00
Check Total:							\$12,000.00
7100018485	12/03/2025	1139	ALSCO	lch2001917,-6419	10.0.2560.322.00.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE: NOV 25	\$238.86

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Check Number	Date	Voucher	Payee	Invoice	Account	Description	Amount
Check Total:							\$238.86
7100018486	12/03/2025	1139	BOB'S DAIRY SERVICE	V200690	10.0.2560.400.01.0000.00	NOVEMBER FOOD SERVICE	\$1,484.85
Check Total:							\$1,484.85
7100018487	12/03/2025	1139	CHICAGO WOLVES-ATTN: STEFANIE EVANS	V204996	10.0.1100.411.04.0000.00	3RD GRADE FIELDTRIP: 2/19/2026	\$1,013.00
Check Total:							\$1,013.00
7100018488	12/03/2025	1139	CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY - GAS DIVISION	4458760	20.0.2540.465.00.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE: 10/1-10/31/25	\$1,211.34
Check Total:							\$1,211.34
7100018489	12/03/2025	1139	COZZINI BROS	c19797257	10.0.2560.322.00.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE: NOV 25	\$25.90
Check Total:							\$25.90
7100018490	12/03/2025	1139	CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES, INC.	432482.1	10.0.2210.312.00.4930.00	WEBINAR	\$600.00
Check Total:							\$600.00
7100018491	12/03/2025	1139	DIRECT ENERGY	253210058190623	20.0.2540.466.00.0000.00	MONTHLY ELECTRICAL: 10/13-11/10/25	\$10,576.77
Check Total:							\$10,576.77
7100018492	12/03/2025	1139	ECRA GROUP INC	11560	10.0.2210.312.00.0000.00	2ND INSTALLMENT: 25/26	\$11,248.00
Check Total:							\$11,248.00
7100018493	12/03/2025	1139	GARVEY'S OFFICE PRODUCTS	oe-112036-1	10.0.1100.400.00.0000.00	ENVELOPES	\$144.95
Check Total:							\$144.95
7100018494	12/03/2025	1139	GB SPRINKLER SYSTEM INC	90888	20.0.2540.323.06.0000.00	WINTERIZE SYSTEM	\$875.00
Check Total:							\$875.00
7100018495	12/03/2025	1139	GET FRESH PRODUCE	V496543	10.0.2560.400.01.0000.00	NOVEMBER FOOD SERVICE	\$353.35
7100018495	12/03/2025	1139	GET FRESH PRODUCE	V496543	10.0.2560.404.00.0000.00	NOVEMBER FOOD SERVICE	\$749.37
Check Total:							\$1,102.72
7100018496	12/03/2025	1139	GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	V512716	10.0.2560.400.01.0000.00	NOVEMBER FOOD SERVICE	\$9,823.56
7100018496	12/03/2025	1139	GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	V512716	10.0.2560.404.00.0000.00	NOVEMBER STAFF FOOD	\$1,836.31
7100018496	12/03/2025	1139	GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	V512716	10.0.2560.404.00.0000.00	NOVEMBER FOOD SERVICE	\$1,377.58
7100018496	12/03/2025	1139	GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	V512716	10.0.2560.405.00.3705.00	NOVEMBER PREK FOOD	\$351.24
Check Total:							\$13,388.69
7100018497	12/03/2025	1139	GROOT INDUSTRIES INC	155304271092	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE: DEC 25	\$603.44
Check Total:							\$603.44



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Check Number	Date	Voucher	Payee	Invoice	Account	Description	Amount
7100018498	12/03/2025	1139	HODGES, LOIZZI, EISENHAMMER, RODICK	67396	10.0.2310.318.02.0000.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: OCT 25	\$2,602.83
Check Total:							\$2,602.83
7100018499	12/03/2025	1139	IGSMA	V509902	10.0.1100.300.10.0000.00	SOLE & ENSEMBLE FEES	\$531.25
Check Total:							\$531.25
7100018500	12/03/2025	1139	ILL OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL	10003062	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	INSPECTIONS/CERTIFICATE FEE	\$280.00
Check Total:							\$280.00
7100018501	12/03/2025	1139	LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC	19399205	10.0.1100.323.00.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE DEC 25	\$1,272.38
Check Total:							\$1,272.38
7100018502	12/03/2025	1139	LEARNING A-Z	CI-00447166	10.0.2220.412.04.0000.00	Raz-Plus - 4 Licenses	\$992.00
7100018502	12/03/2025	1139	LEARNING A-Z	CI-00447166	10.0.2220.412.04.0000.00	Reading A-Z - 1 License	\$135.00
7100018502	12/03/2025	1139	LEARNING A-Z	CI-00447166	10.0.2220.412.04.0000.00	Raz-Kids - 10 Licenses	\$1,350.00
Check Total:							\$2,477.00
7100018503	12/03/2025	1139	MEIKEM INC.	271772	20.0.2540.410.00.0000.00	CUSTODIAL ITEMS-KITCHEN	\$772.70
Check Total:							\$772.70
7100018504	12/03/2025	1139	NET56, INC	17121	10.0.2630.300.00.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICES: DEC 25	\$6,796.35
Check Total:							\$6,796.35
7100018505	12/03/2025	1139	NORTH SHORE TRANSIT	RNSTR2002524	40.0.2550.331.20.0000.00	NTDSE SPED: OCT 25	\$20,854.13
Check Total:							\$20,854.13
7100018506	12/03/2025	1139	O'HARE MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS INC.	12785	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	WORK ORDER 10/14+10/24	\$3,870.00
Check Total:							\$3,870.00
7100018507	12/03/2025	1139	PER MAR SECURITY SERVICES	694771,694233,693669	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	SECURITY WEEKENDING:	\$959.04
7100018507	12/03/2025	1139	PER MAR SECURITY SERVICES	694771,694233,693669	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	SECURITY WEEKENDING: 11/15/25	\$1,198.80
7100018507	12/03/2025	1139	PER MAR SECURITY SERVICES	694771,694233,693669	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	SECURITY: WEEKENDING 11/22/25	\$1,198.80
Check Total:							\$3,356.64
7100018508	12/03/2025	1139	PROVEN BUSINESS SYSTEMS	1400896	10.0.1100.323.00.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE: 10/28-11/27/25	\$1,750.81
Check Total:							\$1,750.81

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7100018509	12/03/2025	1139	RIVAL5 TECHNOLOGIES CORP	26116	20.0.2540.340.00.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE: DEC 25	\$1,853.67
Check Total:							\$1,853.67
7100018510	12/03/2025	1139	SCHOOL DISTRICT #71 IMPREST FUND	V495626	10.0.1500.319.00.0000.00	BASKETBALL: 11/13	\$252.00
7100018510	12/03/2025	1139	SCHOOL DISTRICT #71 IMPREST FUND	V495626	10.0.1500.319.00.0000.00	BASKETBALL: 11/14	\$126.00
7100018510	12/03/2025	1139	SCHOOL DISTRICT #71 IMPREST FUND	V995408	10.0.1500.319.00.0000.00	BASKETBALL: 11/5 (4 GAMES)	\$252.00
Check Total:							\$630.00
7100018511	12/03/2025	1139	THERMOSYSTEMS BUILDING SYSTEM SOLUTIONS	SI0008680	20.0.2540.410.06.0000.00	HVAC PARTS - SEE QUOTE QT0010641	\$0.00
7100018511	12/03/2025	1139	THERMOSYSTEMS BUILDING SYSTEM SOLUTIONS	SI0008680	20.0.2540.410.06.0000.00	HVAC PARTS - SEE QUOTE QT0010647	\$0.00
7100018511	12/03/2025	1139	THERMOSYSTEMS BUILDING SYSTEM SOLUTIONS	SI0008680	20.0.2540.410.06.0000.00	HVAC PARTS - SEE QUOTE QT010648	\$0.00
7100018511	12/03/2025	1139	THERMOSYSTEMS BUILDING SYSTEM SOLUTIONS	SI0008680	20.0.2540.410.06.0000.00	HVAC PARTS - SEE QUOTE QT0010668	\$1,052.66
Check Total:							\$1,052.66
7100018512	12/03/2025	1139	ULINE-ACCTS RECEIVABLE	200624683	20.0.2540.410.00.0000.00	CUSTODIAL ITEMS	\$952.83
Check Total:							\$952.83
7100018513	12/03/2025	1139	URBAN ELEVATOR SERVICE	15233956-106901	20.0.2540.323.20.0000.00	MONTHLY SERVICE: DEC 25	\$364.75
Check Total:							\$364.75
7100018514	12/03/2025	1139	VILLAGE OF NILES	220297+220299	20.0.2540.370.00.0000.00	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE: 10/2-11/3/25	\$1,407.43
7100018514	12/03/2025	1139	VILLAGE OF NILES	220297+220299	20.0.2540.370.00.0000.00	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE: 10/2-11/3/25	\$5.00
Check Total:							\$1,412.43
Bank Total:							\$155,744.35

## Niles Elementary School District 71

## Disbursement Detail Listing

Bank Name: COLE TAYLOR BANK - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Date Range: 11/14/2025 - 12/04/2025

Sort By: Check

Bank Account: 0691-59408

Voucher Range: -

Dollar Limit: \$0.00

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

☐ Print Employee Vendor Names☐ Exclude Voided Checks☐ Exclude Manual Checks☐ Include Non Check Batches

Check Number	Date	Voucher	Payee	Invoice	Account	Description	Amount
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Fund	Amount
10	\$50,522.04
20	\$49,689.65
40	\$55,532.66

Fund Totals:	\$155,744.35
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Disbursements Grand Total:	\$155,744.35
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## Niles Elementary School District 71

## Fund Balances

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Month: October

Year: 2025

Fund Type:

☐ Include Cash Balance☐ FY End Report

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u>
10	EDUCATIONAL	\$4,391,416.62	\$711,802.82	(\$2,825,756.46)	\$0.00	\$2,277,462.98
20	OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	\$2,770,221.86	\$23,259.32	(\$608,556.43)	\$0.00	\$2,184,924.75
30	DEBT SERVICE	\$681,151.66	\$4,438.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$685,590.41
40	TRANSPORTATION	\$835,651.55	\$40,323.55	(\$143,648.67)	\$0.00	\$732,326.43
51	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$498,904.91	\$3,710.65	(\$19,196.30)	\$0.00	\$483,419.26
52	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$354,032.39	\$2,789.14	(\$52,794.05)	\$0.00	\$304,027.48
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$621,450.64	\$3,381.77	(\$374,731.24)	\$0.00	\$250,101.17
70	WORKING CASH	\$1,094,635.35	\$7,138.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,101,773.78
80	TORT IMMUNITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
90	FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total:		\$11,247,464.98	\$796,844.43	(\$4,024,683.15)	\$0.00	\$8,019,626.26

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## Niles Elementary School District 71

## Fund Balances

Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

Month: October

Year: 2024

Fund Type:

☐ Include Cash Balance☐ FY End Report

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u>
10	EDUCATIONAL	\$7,691,359.53	\$4,685,568.23	(\$2,085,541.21)	\$0.00	\$10,291,386.55
20	OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	\$2,593,451.46	\$841,401.94	(\$478,627.38)	\$0.00	\$2,956,226.02
30	DEBT SERVICE	\$29,630.28	\$183.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,813.34
40	TRANSPORTATION	\$733,480.27	\$262,631.15	(\$68,782.97)	\$0.00	\$927,328.45
51	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$464,825.58	\$49,771.09	(\$12,616.41)	\$0.00	\$501,980.26
52	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$385,485.48	\$67,815.19	(\$40,732.13)	\$0.00	\$412,568.54
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$1,401,004.88	\$3,071.66	(\$3,499,450.95)	\$0.00	(\$2,095,374.41)
70	WORKING CASH	\$3,844,012.46	\$24,303.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,868,316.39
80	TORT IMMUNITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
90	FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total:		\$17,143,249.94	\$5,934,746.25	(\$6,185,751.05)	\$0.00	\$16,892,245.14

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# Coversheet

## Motion to Approve the 2025 Tax Levy

<b>Section:</b>	VII. Discussion and Action Items
<b>Item:</b>	B. Motion to Approve the 2025 Tax Levy
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	Motion to Approve the 2025 Tax Resolution.pdf Levy Resolution 2025 Motion (1).pdf Levy Certificate TY 2025 (1).pdf Truth in Taxation.pdf

**MOTION**

*Niles Elementary School District 71 Board Meeting December 9, 2025  
At Culver School*

**Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the Niles School District 71 Board of Education adopts the 2025 Property Tax Levy resolutions as presented. The Board also directs the Superintendent to file the Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance and all other documentation before the last Tuesday in December with Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconding the motion.**

On a roll call vote, motion approved as follows:

Vice President,	Matt Glancy	yes _____	no _____
Secretary,	Victoria Luz	yes _____	no _____
President,	Matt Holbrook	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Ken Krueger	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Dexi Karabatsos	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Jackie Jaime	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Georgia Chronopoulos	yes _____	no _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL AGGREGATE TAX LEVY  
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Niles Elementary School District 71, Cook County, Illinois (“the Board of Education”), is empowered to levy a tax on the real property within the Niles School District No. 71, Cook County, Illinois (“the School District”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education previously estimated the property taxes to be levied for 2025 and based on said estimate and the aggregate levy adopted below, notice and public hearing are not required under the *Truth in Taxation Law*.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Niles Elementary School District 71, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The aggregate property taxes to be levied for 2025, exclusive of debt service levies and levies made for the purpose of paying amounts due under public building commission leases, shall be as set forth in the Certificate of Tax Levy attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1.

Section 2: The Secretary of the Board, or designee, is authorized and directed to file with the Clerk of Cook County on or before the last Tuesday in December 2025: a copy of this resolution, including Exhibit 1; a copy of the Truth in Taxation Law Certification of Compliance of Tax Levy; and any other additional levies, and resolutions authorizing such additional levies, adopted by the Board of Education for 2025.

Section 3: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025 by a roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NAYS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_

President, Board of Education

\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Board of Education

**STATE OF ILLINOIS )**  
**) SS**  
**COUNTY OF COOK )**

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE FINAL LEVY**

I, Victoria Luz, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Niles Elementary School District 71, Cook County, Illinois, and that, as such official, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board of Education of said School District.

I do further certify that the foregoing Resolution Authorizing the Final Aggregate Tax Levy for the Year 2025, including the Certificate of Tax Levy attached thereto, is the true, correct, and complete copy of said Resolution as adopted by the Board of Education of said School District at a meeting held on the 9th day of December 2025,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Secretary  
Board of Education  
Niles Elementary School District 71  
Cook County, Illinois



Original: ☒ X  
Amended: ☐

## ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

School Business Services Department  
217-785-8779

## CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY

*A copy of this Certificate of Tax Levy shall be filed with the county clerk of each county in which the school district is located on or before the last Tuesday of December.*

District Name Niles ESD 71	District Number 50160-710-0220-01	County Cook
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## Amount of Levy

Educational	\$ 9,410,271	Fire Prevention & Safety *	\$ 0
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 1,900,000	Tort Immunity	\$ 0
Transportation	\$ 560,000	Special Education	\$ 200,000
Working Cash	\$ 1,000	Leasing	\$ 0
Municipal Retirement	\$ 50,000	Other	\$ 0
Social Security	\$ 150,000	Other	\$ 0
		<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>\$ 12,271,271</b>

\* Includes Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security, and Specified Repair Purposes.

See explanation on reverse side.

Note: Any district proposing to adopt a levy must comply with the provisions set forth in the Truth in Taxation Law.

## We hereby certify that we require:

the sum of 9,410,271 dollars to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes; and  
the sum of 1,900,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes; and  
the sum of 560,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes; and  
the sum of 1,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund; and  
the sum of 50,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for municipal retirement purposes; and  
the sum of 150,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes; and  
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes; and  
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes; and  
the sum of 200,000 dollars to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes; and  
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes; and  
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for \_\_\_\_\_; and  
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for \_\_\_\_\_  
on the taxable property of our school district for the year \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed this 9 day of december 20 25.

(President)

(Clerk or Secretary of the School Board of Said School District)

When any school is authorized to issue bonds, the school board shall file a certified copy of the resolution in the office of the county clerk of each county in which the district is situated to provide for the issuance of the bonds and to levy a tax to pay for them. The county clerk shall extend the tax for bonds and interest as set forth in the certified copy of the resolution, each year during the life of the bond issue. Therefore to avoid a possible duplication of tax levies, the school board should not include a levy for bonds and interest in the district's annual tax levy.

## Number of bond issues of said school district that have not been paid in full

\_\_\_\_\_.

(Detach and Return to School District)

This is to certify that the Certificate of Tax Levy for School District No. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois, on the equalized assessed value of all taxable property of said school district for the year \_\_\_\_\_, was filed in the office of the County Clerk of this County on \_\_\_\_\_.

In addition to an extension of taxes authorized by levies made by the Board of Education (Directors), an additional extension(s) will be made, as authorized by resolution(s) on file in this office, to provide funds to retire bonds and pay interest thereon.

The total levy, as provided in the original resolution(s), for said purposes for the year \_\_\_\_\_, is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

(Signature of County Clerk)

(Date)

(County)

**EXPLANATION**

The school board of any school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants may levy a tax annually, for educational purposes, upon all the taxable property of the district at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue (Section 17-2 of the School Code).

The school board of any school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants may levy a tax annually, for operations and maintenance purposes, upon all the taxable property of the district at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue (Section 17-2 of the School Code).

The school board of any school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants may levy a tax annually, for transportation purposes, upon all the taxable property of the district at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue (Section 17-2 of the School Code).

The school board of any school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants may levy a tax known as a Working Cash Fund Tax upon all the taxable property of the district, annually (Section 20-3 of the School Code).

The school board of any school district may levy a tax for municipal retirement purposes in a sum sufficient to provide all the contributions required of the school district by including the amount to be levied for such purposes in the Certificate of Tax Levy for other school taxes, or such district may file with the county clerk a separate certificate or resolution setting forth the amount of tax to be levied for such purpose (40 ILCS 5/7-171).

The school board of any school district may levy a tax for Social Security (includes Medicare only) purposes in a sum sufficient to provide all the contributions required of the school district by including the amount to be levied for such purposes in the Certificate of Tax Levy for other taxes, or such district may file with the county clerk a separate certificate or resolution setting forth the amount of tax to be levied for such purpose (40 ILCS 5/21-110, 21-110.1).

The school board of any school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants may levy a tax upon all the taxable property of the district at the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the purposes of professional surveys, alterations, and reconstruction for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes upon meeting certain statutory conditions (Section 17-2.11 of the School Code).

The school board of any school district may levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the district for tort immunity purposes in a sum sufficient to pay the costs of purchasing such insurance or sufficient to pay any tort judgment, settlement, or insurance imposed upon it under the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act including liabilities under the Workers' Compensation Act, Occupational Diseases Act, or the Unemployment Insurance Act (745 ILCS 10/9-107 and Section 17-2.5 of the School Code).

The school board of any school district may levy, with voter approval, a tax upon the full, fair cash value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue within the district for capital improvement purposes (which levy is in addition to that for building purposes) and such funds are to be levied, accumulated, and spent only in accordance with Section 17-2.3 of the School Code.

The school board of any school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants, by proper resolution, may levy an annual tax upon the full, fair cash value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for special education purposes including the purposes authorized by Section 10-22.31b and Section 17-2.2a of the School Code.

The school board of any school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants, with voter approval, may levy a tax annually, for summer school purposes, upon all the taxable property of the district at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue (Section 17-2.1 of the School Code).

The school board of any school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants may, by proper resolution, levy an annual tax upon the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for a period of not more than five years for area vocational education building purposes including the purposes authorized by Section 10-22.31b of the School Code, upon the condition that there are not sufficient funds available in the operations and maintenance fund of the district to pay the cost thereof. Such tax shall not be levied without the prior approval of the State Superintendent of Education and prior approval by a majority of the electors voting upon the proposition at a general or special election (Section 17-2.4 of the School Code).

The school board of any school district having a population of less than 500,000 inhabitants may levy an annual tax not to exceed 0.05% upon the taxable property, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, for the purposes of leasing educational facilities or computer technology or both, and for temporary relocation expense (Section 17-2.2c of the School Code).

The school board of any school district, upon determining that a surplus of funds is available, shall adopt a resolution or ordinance reducing the tax levy of such district for the year for which the resolution or ordinance is adopted. The district shall certify the action to the county clerk who shall abate the levy in accordance with the provision of the ordinance (35 ILCS 200/18-20).

The Truth in Taxation Law affects all units of local government, school districts, and community colleges, including home rule units, who are authorized to levy property taxes. For the requirements of the law, refer to 35 ILCS 200/18-55 et seq.



# Niles Elementary School District 71

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## TRUTH IN TAXATION

### CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

John Kosiog, Ed.D  
*Superintendent*

Erica Smolinski, Ed. D  
*Principal*

Laura Guarraci  
*Asst. Sup. Of  
Programs and Student  
Services*

Katherine Russ  
*Assistant Principal*

**I, Matt Holbrook, hereby certify that I am the presiding officer of Niles Elementary School District No. 71, Cook County, Illinois, and as such presiding officer I certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of which is attached, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Property Tax Code – Truth in Taxation Law, 35 ILCS 200/18-60 through 18-85.**

**This certificate applies to the 2025 Levy.**

December 9, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Presiding Officer

# Coversheet

## Motion to Approve the 2025 Tax Adjustment Resolution

<b>Section:</b>	VII. Discussion and Action Items
<b>Item:</b>	C. Motion to Approve the 2025 Tax Adjustment Resolution
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	Motion to Approve the 2025 Tax Adjustment Resolution.pdf LEVY RESOLUTION 2025 (1).pdf

**MOTION**

*Niles Elementary School District 71 Board Meeting December 9, 2025  
At Culver School*

**Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the 2025 Tax  
Adjustment Resolution with Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconding  
the motion.**

On a roll call vote, motion approved as follows:

Vice President,	Matt Glancy	yes _____	no _____
Secretary,	Victoria Luz	yes _____	no _____
President,	Matt Holbrook	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Ken Krueger	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Dexi Karabatsos	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Jackie Jaime	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Georgia Chronopoulos	yes _____	no _____

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING COUNTY CLERK REGARDING TAX LEVY EXTENSION SUBJECT TO THE PROPERTY  
TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION ACT

Moved by Matt Glancy seconded by Victoria Luz, that the following resolution be adopted:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Niles Elementary School District 71, County of Cook, State of Illinois the following:

1. The Cook County Clerk is hereby directed to extend from the 2025 Levy no less than the amounts indicated as follows:

Education	\$9,300,000.00
Liability	\$0
Special Education	\$200,000.00
Building (Operations & Maintenance)	\$1,766,168.00
Transportation	\$560,000.00
Working Cash Funds	\$1,000.00
IMRF	\$50,000.00
Social Security	\$150,000.00
Life Safety	\$0

2. Should any further reduction be necessary under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act, such reductions should be taken according to the same percentage from the following:
  - a. Education
  - b. O & M

VOTE: Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Niles Elementary School District 71  
County of Cook  
State of Illinois

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Education

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025

# Coversheet

## Approval of the Assistant Principal's Agreement

<b>Section:</b>	VII. Discussion and Action Items
<b>Item:</b>	D. Approval of the Assistant Principal's Agreement
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	Motion to Approve the Assistant Principal's Agreement.pdf Assistant Principal's Agreement.pdf

**MOTION**

*Niles Elementary School District 71 Board Meeting December 9, 2025  
At Culver School*

**Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the Assistant  
Principal's Agreement with Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconding  
the motion.**

On a roll call vote, motion approved as follows:

Vice President,	Matt Glancy	yes _____	no _____
Secretary,	Victoria Luz	yes _____	no _____
President,	Matt Holbrook	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Ken Krueger	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Dexi Karabatsos	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Jackie Jaime	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Georgia Chronopoulos	yes _____	no _____



## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made this December 9, 2025 by and between the BOARD OF EDUCATION of NILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71 ("BOARD"), and KATIE RUSS ("ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL"), has been approved at the meeting of the BOARD held on December 9, 2025, and is appended to the Minutes of said meeting.

### **IT IS AGREED:**

1. **EMPLOYMENT** - The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL is hereby hired and retained from August 1, 2026 through and including June 30, 2029, as ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL of Niles Elementary School District 71. Each school year, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will work eleven months from August 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. During the teacher work year, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S work week will be the same as the teachers' work week so that, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will not work during winter break and spring break. This Agreement will not be extended or renewed without the express, written consent of the parties.

2. **DUTIES** - The duties and responsibilities of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will be those incidental to the office of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, those set forth in the job description for the position of ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (or, those duties contained in Board Policy, as adopted, and which may be amended from time to time), those obligations imposed by the laws of the State of Illinois upon the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, and the performance of other professional duties customarily performed by an ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL as from time to time may be assigned to the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL by the BOARD, Superintendent or Principal. The BOARD reserves the right to reassign the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL to different duties from time to time requiring licensing during the term of this Agreement, without loss of pay or notice of a hearing.

3. **STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT** – This Agreement is a performance-based contract. The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will address and fulfill the student performance and academic improvement goals attached in Exhibit 1.

4. **SALARY** – For the 2026-2027 contract year, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S annual salary will be ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$101,846). For the 2027-2028 contract year the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S annual salary will be calculated by increasing her 2028-2029 annual salary by the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers, as reported in January 2025. Provided, however, in no event will the salary increase granted under this Agreement be less than three percent (3%), nor greater than five percent (5%).

Notwithstanding the salary computation method described above, in no case will the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S annual creditable earnings reportable to the Illinois Teacher's Retirement System exceed 6% of the prior year's reportable creditable earnings or by any other

amount that would cause a penalty to the BOARD or ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.

In consideration of the annual salary set forth above, The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL agrees to devote such time, skill, labor and attention to her employment, during the term of this Agreement, in order to faithfully perform the duties of ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL. Salary will be paid in twenty-four (24) equal installments in accordance with the BOARD policy governing payment of salary to the other members of the professional staff, less such amounts as required by law or provided for in this Agreement. The BOARD retains the right to increase the annual salary and/or fringe benefits of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL during the term of this Agreement, and thereafter, provided that any salary and/or fringe benefit(s) adjustments will not be lower than the annual salary and fringe benefits paid by the BOARD for the preceding contract year. Any adjustment in salary and/or fringe benefits made during the life of this Agreement will be in writing and will become a part of this Agreement. It is provided, however, that by doing so it will not be considered that the BOARD has entered into a new agreement with the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL nor that the termination date of this Agreement has been in any way extended. The BOARD and the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, however, may enter into subsequent agreements or extensions of this Agreement for additional periods of time provided both parties agree, and the agreement is reduced to writing.

**5. TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTION** – In addition to the salary paid to the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL by the BOARD as expressed in Section 4, the BOARD will pick up and pay on the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S behalf, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S entire contribution to the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS") pursuant to the *Illinois Pension Code*.

It is the intention of the parties to qualify all such payments picked up and paid by the BOARD on the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S behalf as employer payments pursuant to Section 414(h) of the *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, as amended. The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will have no right or claim to the funds so remitted except as they may subsequently become available upon retirement or resignation from TRS. The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL does not have the option of choosing to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having those contributions paid by the BOARD to TRS. These contributions are made as a condition of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S employment for her future service, knowledge and experience.

**6. TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE SECURITY FUND CONTRIBUTION** - The BOARD will pick up and pay on the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S behalf, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S entire retirement contribution to the Teachers' Health Insurance Security ("THIS") fund. The BOARD will remit this contribution to TRS as the THIS fund's collection agent.

**7. HOSPITALIZATION/MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE** - The BOARD will provide the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, under a group policy, a certificate of hospitalization insurance providing benefits identical to that given other administrative and teaching personnel as more fully described in the contract between the BOARD and the NILES COUNCIL OF TEACHERS, DISTRICT 71.

8. **TERM LIFE INSURANCE** - The BOARD will provide and pay the premiums for a term life insurance policy for the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL during the term of this Agreement in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00). The BOARD will assign the ownership of the term life insurance policy to a person or trust designated by the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, and upon termination of this Agreement will allow that owner to continue the life insurance policy at its (or his/her) own expense.

9. **MEDICAL EXAMINATION** – Annually during the term of this Agreement, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will obtain a comprehensive medical examination, one hundred percent (100%) of the actual cost will be paid by the BOARD. A copy of the examination or certificate of the physician certifying the physical ability of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL to perform her essential job functions will be given to the President of the BOARD. The physician performing the medical examination will be one licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches and will be chosen by the BOARD, or by mutual agreement of the BOARD and ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.

10. **SICK LEAVE** –The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will be entitled to fifteen (15) work days of sick leave annually. If the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL does not use the full amount of annual sick leave allowed, the unused amount will accumulate without limit. Sick leave availability and usage will be governed by Section 24-6 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/24-6). The BOARD may require a physician's certificate, or equivalent, as a basis for pay during leave after an absence of three (3) days for personal illness, or as it may deem necessary in other cases.

11. **VACATION AND PERSONAL LEAVE** - The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will not be entitled to any work days of vacation. Instead, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will not be required to work during the month of July or during winter break or spring break in any contract year. Additionally, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will receive THREE (3) work days of personal leave annually.

12. **BUSINESS AND TRAVEL EXPENSES** - It is anticipated and agreed that the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will be required to incur certain personal expenses for the official business of the BOARD. As such, the BOARD agrees to reimburse the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL for mileage incurred by him on behalf of the BOARD at the standard IRS rate for mileage reimbursement, subject, however, to the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S substantiation and the BOARD'S approval of such expenses.

13. **MEMBERSHIP DUES** – With prior BOARD approval and upon proper substantiation, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will be reimbursed for the dues and membership fees for three (3) national or state administrator, teacher and/or school board organization memberships and for local organizations to which he belongs.

14. **OTHER BENEFITS AND LEAVE** - The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will be allowed other non-TRS creditable privileges, leaves, and/or fringe benefits, including tuition reimbursement, not specifically enumerated herein, but as are extended to all other members of the professional administrative staff, except as set forth herein.

15. **OTHER WORK** - With the prior agreement of the BOARD, the ASSISTANT

PRINCIPAL may undertake consultation work, speaking engagements, writing, teaching a college or university course, lecturing, or other professional duties and obligations unrelated to her duties as ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL or unrelated to maintaining her license, provided, however, that this other work will not interfere in a material and substantial manner with the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S obligations set forth in this Agreement. With the prior agreement of the BOARD, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL may keep any fee or stipend he receives for speaking engagements.

16. **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES** - The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will be encouraged to attend appropriate professional meetings and continuing education at the local, state and national levels. The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL may attend one national and one state convention each year. Within budget constraints, as approved by the BOARD, the cost of attendance will be paid by the BOARD.

17. **LICENSE** - The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will furnish to the BOARD, during the term of this Agreement, a valid, appropriate, and properly registered license to act as ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois and as directed by the BOARD.

18. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT** - This Agreement may be terminated prior to June 30, 2029, by:

- A. Mutual agreement of the parties.
- B. Retirement.
- C. Resignation provided, however, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL gives the BOARD at least ninety (90) days prior written notice of the proposed resignation.
- D. Disability. In the event of disability by illness or incapacity, after the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S sick leave has been exhausted, the compensation will be reinstated after the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL has returned to employment and undertaken the full discharge of his duties. The BOARD may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL at any time after the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL has exhausted any accumulated sick leave and such other leave as may be available and has been absent from her employment for whatever cause for an additional continuous period of three (3) months. All obligations of the BOARD will cease upon such termination.

If a question exists concerning the capacity of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL to return to her duties the BOARD may require the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL to submit to a medical examination, to be performed by a doctor licensed to practice medicine. The BOARD and ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will mutually agree upon the physician who

will conduct the examination. The examination will be done at the expense of the BOARD. The physician will limit his/her report to the issue of whether the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL has a continuing disability which prohibits him from performing her duties.

E. Discharge for cause. "For cause" will mean any conduct, act, or failure to act by the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL which is seriously prejudicial to the operations of the School District as determined by the BOARD. Reasons for discharge for cause will be given in writing to the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, who will be entitled to notice and a hearing before the BOARD to discuss the discharge. If the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL chooses to be accompanied by legal counsel, he will bear any costs involved therein. The BOARD hearing will be conducted in closed session. The BOARD will not arbitrarily or capriciously dismiss the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.

F. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Nothing will prohibit the BOARD from suspending the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL without pay pending completion of the requirements of this Section. After the effective date of dismissal, the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will not be entitled to further payments of compensation of any kind under this Agreement, except that the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will be entitled to any vested benefits payable under the terms and provisions of the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System.

19. **EVALUATION** - The BOARD and ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL agree that there will be an annual evaluation of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S performance under this Agreement. The evaluation will consider, but not be limited to, an examination of the establishment and maintenance of educational goals, administration of personnel, rapport with the BOARD, Superintendent and Principal and other factors of appraisal that may be established by the parties.

In the event that the Superintendent determines that the performance of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL is unsatisfactory in any respect, he will describe in writing, in reasonable detail, specific instances of unsatisfactory performance. The evaluation will include recommendations as to areas of improvement in all instances where the Superintendent deems performance to be unsatisfactory. The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL will have the right to make a written reaction or response to the evaluation. This response will become a permanent attachment to the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S personnel file.

20. **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY** - The BOARD agrees that it will defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL from any and all demands, claims, suits, actions and legal proceedings brought against the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL in her individual capacity, or in her official capacity as agent and employee of the BOARD provided the incident arose while the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL was acting within the scope of her employment and excluding criminal litigation and such liability coverage as is beyond the authority of the BOARD to provide under state law. Except that, in no case, will individual BOARD members be



considered personally liable for indemnifying the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL against such demands, claims, suits, actions and legal proceedings.

21. **NOTICE** - Any notice or communication permitted or required under this Agreement will be in writing and will become effective on the day of mailing thereof by first class mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed:

***If to the BOARD, to:***

President  
Board of Education  
Niles Elementary School District 71  
6901 W. Oakton Street  
Niles, Illinois 60714

***If to the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, to:***

Ms. Katie Russ  
1105 Lois Ave  
Park Ridge, Il 60068

(or at the last address of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL contained in official Business Office records of the BOARD).

22. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. This Agreement has been executed in Illinois and will be governed in accordance with the laws of the state of Illinois in every respect.
- B. Section headings and numbers have been inserted for convenience of reference only, and if there will be any conflict between such headings or numbers and the text of this Agreement, the text will control.
- C. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be considered an original, and all of which taken together will be considered one and the same instrument.
- D. This Agreement contains all the terms agreed upon by the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior contracts, arrangements, and communications between the parties concerning such subject matter, whether oral or written.
- E. This Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, her successors, assigns, heirs, executors, and personal representatives, and will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the BOARD, its successors and assigns.
- F. Both parties have had the opportunity to seek the advice of counsel.

- G. No subsequent alteration, amendment, change, or addition to this Agreement, will be binding upon the parties unless reduced to writing and duly authorized and signed by each of them.
- H. The BOARD retains the right to appeal, change or modify any policies or procedures which it has adopted or may hereafter adopt, subject however, to restrictions contained in the *Illinois School Code* and other applicable law.
- I. If any section, provision, paragraph, phrase, clause or word contained herein is held to be void, invalid or contrary to law by a court of competent jurisdiction, it will be deemed removed herefrom, and the remainder of this Agreement will continue to have its intended full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed in their respective names and in the case of the BOARD, by its President and Secretary on the day and year first above written.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 71

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

# Coversheet

## Approval of the Following Board Policies

<b>Section:</b>	VII. Discussion and Action Items
<b>Item:</b>	E. Approval of the Following Board Policies
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	Motion to Approve Board Policies.pdf Board Policies Issue 120.pdf



**MOTION**

*Niles Elementary School District 71 Board Meeting December 9, 2025  
At Culver School*

**Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve following Board Policies: 2:120, 2:270, 4:10, 4:30,4:80, 4:140, 4:190, 5:10, 5:90, 5:100, 5:190, 5:200, 5:220, 5:280, 5:300, 6:20, 6:40, 6:60, 6:130, 6:160, 6:260, 6:315, 7:10, 7:70, 7:180, 7:190, 7:290, 7:310, 7:340, 8:30 with Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconding the motion.**

On a roll call vote, motion approved as follows:

Vice President,	Matt Glancy	yes _____	no _____
Secretary,	Victoria Luz	yes _____	no _____
President,	Matt Holbrook	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Ken Krueger	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Dexi Karabatsos	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Jackie Jaime	yes _____	no _____
Member,	Georgia Chronopoulos	yes _____	no _____

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### SCHOOL BOARD

#### **2:120 Board Member Development**

The School Board desires that its individual members learn, understand, and practice effective governance principles. The Board is responsible for Board member orientation and development. Board members have an equal opportunity to attend State and national meetings designed to familiarize members with public school issues, governance, and legislation.

The Board President and/or Superintendent shall provide all Board members with information regarding pertinent education materials, publications, and notices of training or development.

#### Mandatory Board Member Training

Each Board member is responsible for his or her own compliance with the mandatory training laws that are described below:

1. Each Board member elected or appointed to fill a vacancy of at least one year's duration must complete at least four hours of professional development and leadership training in: (1) education and labor law; (2) financial oversight and accountability; (3) fiduciary responsibilities; (4) trauma-informed practices for students and staff; and (5) improving student outcomes, within the first year of his or her first term.
2. Each Board member must complete training on the Open Meetings Act (OMA) no later than 90 days after taking the oath of office for the first time. After completing the training, each Board member must file a copy of the certificate of completion with the Board. Training on OMA is only required once.
3. Each Board member must complete a training program on evaluations under the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) before participating in a vote on a tenured teacher's dismissal using the optional alternative evaluation dismissal process. This dismissal process is available after the District's PERA implementation date. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain on the District website a log identifying the complete training and development activities of each Board member, including both mandatory and non-mandatory training.

#### Professional Development; Adverse Consequences of School Exclusion; Student Behavior

The Board President or Superintendent, or their designees, shall make reasonable efforts to provide ongoing professional development to Board members about the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6 and 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, adverse consequences of school exclusion and justice-system involvement, effective classroom management strategies, culturally responsive discipline, trauma-responsive learning environments, appropriate and available supportive services for the promotion of student attendance and engagement, and developmentally appropriate disciplinary methods that promote positive and healthy school climates.

#### Board Self-Evaluation

The Board will conduct periodic self-evaluations with the goal of continuous improvement.

### New Board Member Orientation

The orientation process for newly elected or appointed Board members includes:

1. The Board President or Superintendent, or their designees, shall give each new Board member a copy of or online access to the Board Policy Manual, the Board's regular meeting minutes for the past year, and other helpful information including material describing the District and explaining the Board's roles and responsibilities.
2. The Board President or designee shall schedule one or more special Board meetings, or schedule time during regular meetings, for Board members to become acquainted and to review Board processes and procedures.
3. The Board President may request a veteran Board member to mentor a new member.
4. All new members are encouraged to attend workshops for new members conducted by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

### Candidates

The Superintendent or designee shall invite all current candidates for the office of Board member to attend: (1) Board meetings, except that this invitation shall not extend to any closed meetings, and (2) pre-election workshops for candidates.

LEGAL REF.:

5 ILCS 120/1.05 and 120/2, Open Meetings Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-16a and 5/24-16.5.

CROSS REF.: 2:80 (Board Member Oath and Conduct), 2:125 (Board Member Compensation; Expenses), 2:200 (Types of School Board Meetings)

Adopted: December 10, 2024

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### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated for continuous improvement. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### SCHOOL BOARD

## **2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited**

Discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin negatively affect a student's ability to learn and an employee's ability to work. Providing an educational and workplace environment free from such discrimination and harassment is an important District goal. The District does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, or national origin in any of its education programs or activities, and it complies with federal and State non-discrimination laws.

### Examples of Prohibited Conduct

Examples of conduct that may constitute discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin include: disciplining students more harshly and frequently because of their race, color, or national origin; denying students access to high-rigor academic courses, extracurricular activities, or other educational opportunities based on their race, color, or national origin; denying language services or other educational opportunities to English learners; and assigning students special education services based on a student's race, color, or national origin.

Harassment is a form of prohibited discrimination. Examples of conduct that may constitute harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin include: the use of racial, ethnic or ancestral slurs or stereotypes; taunts; name-calling; offensive or derogatory remarks about a person's actual or perceived race, color, or national origin; the display of racially-offensive symbols; racially-motivated physical threats and attacks; or other hateful conduct.

### Making a Report or Complaint; Investigation Process

Individuals are encouraged to promptly report claims or incidents [see PRESSPlus1](#) of discrimination or harassment based on race, color, or national origin to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, a Complaint Manager, or any employee with whom the student is comfortable speaking. Reports under this policy will be processed under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Any District employee who receives a report or complaint of discrimination or harassment must promptly forward the report or complaint to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager. Any employee who fails to promptly comply may be disciplined, up to and including discharge.

Reports and complaints of discrimination or harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain an educational environment that is productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment.

This policy does not impair or otherwise diminish the existing rights of unionized employees to request an exclusive bargaining representative to be present during any investigatory interviews, nor does this policy diminish any rights available under an applicable collective bargaining agreement, including, but not limited to, a grievance procedure.

## Federal and State Agencies

If the District fails to take necessary corrective action to stop harassment based on race, color, or national origin, further relief may be available through the Ill. Dept. of Human Rights (IDHR) or the U.S. Dept. of Education's Office for Civil Rights. To contact IDHR, go to: <https://dhr.illinois.gov/about-us/contact-idhr.html> or call (312) 814-6200 (Chicago) or (217) 785-5100 (Springfield).

## Prevention and Response Program

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a prevention and response program to respond to complaints of discrimination based on race, color, and national origin, including harassment, and retaliation. The program shall include procedures for responding to complaints which:

1. Reduce or remove, to the extent practicable, barriers to reporting discrimination, harassment, and retaliation;
2. Permit any person who reports or is the victim of an incident of alleged discrimination, harassment, or retaliation to be accompanied when making a report by a support individual of the person's choice who complies with the District's policies and rules;
3. Permit anonymous reporting, except that an anonymous report may not be the sole basis of any disciplinary action;
4. Offer remedial interventions or take such disciplinary action as may be appropriate on a case-by-case basis;
5. Offer, but do not require or unduly influence, a person who reports or is the victim of an incident of harassment or retaliation the option to resolve allegations directly with the accused; and
6. Protects a person who reports or is the victim of an incident of harassment or retaliation from suffering adverse consequences as a result of a report of, investigation of, or a response to the incident.

## Policy Posting and Distribution

This policy shall be posted on the District's website. The Superintendent shall annually inform staff members of this policy by posting it in a prominent and accessible location such as the District website, employee handbook, staff intranet site, and/or in other areas where policies and rules of conduct are made available to staff. The Superintendent shall annually inform students and their parents/guardians of this policy by posting it on the District's website and including an age-appropriate summary of the policy in the student handbook(s).

## Enforcement

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to remedial action and/or disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

Any District student who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to remedial action and/or disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension and expulsion consistent with Board policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*.

Any third party who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, e.g., vendor, parent, invitee, etc. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding prohibited conduct will likewise be subject to remedial and/or disciplinary action.

## Retaliation Prohibited

Retaliation against any person for bringing complaints, participating in the complaint process, or otherwise providing information about discrimination or harassment based on race, color, or national origin is prohibited (see Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*).

Individuals should report allegations of retaliation to the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

#### LEGAL REF.:

42 U.S.C. §2000d, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 34 C.F.R. Part 100.

42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 29 C.F.R. Part 1601.

105 ILCS 5/22-95 ~~(final citation pending)~~.

775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq., Illinois Human Rights Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities)

Adopted: May 21, 2024

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated for continuous improvement. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### OPERATIONAL SERVICES

#### 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management

The Superintendent is responsible for the School District's fiscal and business management. This responsibility includes annually preparing and presenting the District's statement of affairs to the School Board and publishing it by ~~before~~ [PRESSPlus1](#) December 1 as required by State law.

The Superintendent shall ensure the efficient and cost-effective operation of the District's business management using computers, computer software, data management, communication systems, and electronic networks, including electronic mail, the Internet, and security systems. Each person using the District's electronic network shall complete an *Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Network*.

#### Budget Planning

The District's fiscal year is from July 1 until June 30. The Superintendent shall present to the Board, July, a tentative budget with appropriate explanation. This budget shall represent the culmination of an ongoing process of planning for the fiscal support needed for the District's educational program. The District's budget shall be entered upon the Ill. State Board of Education's (ISBE) *School District Budget Form*. To the extent possible, the tentative budget shall be balanced as defined by ISBE guidelines. The Superintendent shall complete a tentative deficit reduction plan if one is required by ISBE guidelines.

#### Preliminary Adoption Procedures

After receiving the Superintendent's proposed budget, the Board sets the date, place, and time for:

1. A public hearing on the proposed budget, and
2. The proposed budget to be available to the public for inspection.

The Board Secretary shall arrange to publish a notice in a local newspaper stating the date, place, and time of the proposed budget's availability for public inspection and the public hearing. The proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at least 30 days before the time of the budget hearing.

At the public hearing, the proposed budget shall be reviewed, including the cash reserve balance of all funds held by the District related to its operational levy and, if applicable, any obligations secured by those funds, and the public shall be invited to comment, question, or advise the Board.

#### Final Adoption Procedures

The Board adopts a budget before the end of the first quarter of each fiscal year, September 30, or by such alternative procedure as State law may define. To the extent possible, the budget shall be balanced as defined by ISBE; if not balanced, the Board will adopt a deficit reduction plan to balance the District's budget within three years according to ISBE requirements.

The Board adopts the budget by roll call vote. The budget resolution shall be incorporated into the meeting's official minutes. Board members' names voting *yea* and *nay* shall be recorded in the minutes.

The Superintendent or designee shall perform each of the following:

1. Post the District's final annual budget, itemized by receipts and expenditures, on the District's Internet website; notify parents/guardians that it is posted and provide the website's address.
2. File a certified copy of the budget resolution and an estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received in the following fiscal year, certified by the District's Chief Fiscal Officer, with the County Clerk within 30 days of the budget's adoption.
3. Ensure disclosure to the public of the cash reserve balance of all funds held by the district related to its operational levy and, if applicable, any obligations secured by those funds, at the public hearing at which the Board certifies its operational levy.
4. Present a written report that includes the annual average expenditures of the District's operational funds for the previous three fiscal years at or before the board meeting at which the Board adopts its levy. In the event the District's combined cash reserve balance of its operational funds is more than 2.5 times the annual average expenditures of those funds for the previous three fiscal years, the Board will adopt and file with ISBE a reserve reduction plan by December 31.
5. Make all preparations necessary for the Board to timely file its Certificate of Tax Levy, including preparations to comply with the Truth in Taxation Act; file the Certificate of Tax Levy with the County Clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December. The Certificate lists the amount of property tax money to be provided for the various funds in the budget.
6. Submit the annual budget, a deficit reduction plan if one is required by ISBE guidelines, and other financial information to ISBE according to its requirements.

Any amendments to the budget or Certificate of Tax Levy shall be made as provided in the School Code and Truth in Taxation Act.

#### Budget Amendments

The Board may amend the budget by the same procedure as provided for in the original adoption.

#### Implementation

The Superintendent or designee shall implement the District's budget and provide the Board with a monthly financial report that includes all deficit fund balances. The amount budgeted as the expenditure in each fund is the maximum amount that may be expended for that category, except when a transfer of funds is authorized by the Board.

The Board shall act on all interfund loans, interfund transfers, transfers within funds, and transfers from the working cash fund or abatements of it, if one exists.

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-17, 5/10-22.33, 5/17-1, 5/17-1.2, 5/17-1.3, 5/17-1.10, 5/17-2A, 5/17-3.2, 5/17-11, 5/20-5, 5/20-8, and 5/20-10.

35 ILCS 200/18-55 et seq., Truth in Taxation Law.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 100.



CROSS REF.: 4:20 (Fund Balances), 4:40 (Incurring Debt), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks)

Adopted: January 16, 2024

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-17, amended by P.A. 104-261, eff. 1-1-26. No later than December 1 each year, a school board must make its statement of affairs available to the public by posting it on the district's website and publishing it in a newspaper of general circulation. See sample exhibit 2:250-E2, *Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### OPERATIONAL SERVICES

#### **4:30 Revenue and Investments**

##### Revenue

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for making all claims for property tax revenue, State Aid, special State funds for specific programs, federal funds, and categorical grants.

##### Investments

The Superintendent shall either appoint a Chief Investment Officer or serve as one. The Chief Investment Officer shall invest money that is not required for current operations, in accordance with this policy and State law.

The Chief Investment Officer and Superintendent shall use the standard of prudence when making investment decisions. They shall use the judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, that persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of their capital as well as its probable income.

##### Investment Objectives

The objectives for the School District's investment activities are:

1. Safety of Principal - Every investment is made with safety as the primary and over-riding concern. Each investment transaction shall ensure that capital loss, whether from credit or market risk, is avoided.
2. Liquidity - The investment portfolio shall provide sufficient liquidity to pay District obligations as they become due. In this regard, the maturity and marketability of investments shall be considered.
3. Rate of Return - The highest return on investments is sought, consistent with the preservation of principal and prudent investment principles.
4. Diversification - The investment portfolio is diversified as to materials and investments, as appropriate to the nature, purpose, and amount of the funds.

##### Authorized Investments

The Chief Investment Officer may invest District funds in one or more of the following:

1. Bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, treasury bills, or other securities now or hereafter issued, that are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America as to principal and interest.
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or other similar obligations of the United States of America, its agencies, and its instrumentalities.

The term "agencies of the United States of America" includes: (a) the federal land banks, federal

intermediate credit banks, banks for cooperative, federal farm credit banks, or any other entity authorized to issue debt obligations under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 and Acts amendatory thereto, (b) the federal home loan banks and the federal home loan mortgage corporation, and (c) any other agency created by Act of Congress.

3. Interest-bearing savings accounts, interest-bearing certificates of deposit or interest-bearing time deposits or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any bank as defined by the Illinois Banking Act.
4. Short-term obligations of corporations organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500,000,000 if: (a) such obligations are rated at the time of purchase at one of the three highest classifications established by at least two standard rating services and that mature not later than 270 days from the date of purchase, (b) such purchases do not exceed 10% of the corporation's outstanding obligations, and (c) no more than one-third of the District's funds may be invested in short-term obligations of corporations under this paragraph.
5. Obligations of corporations organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500,000,000 if: (a) such obligations are rated at the time of purchase at one of the three highest classifications established by at least two standard rating services and which mature more than 270 days but less than 10 years from the date of purchase, (b) such purchases do not exceed 10% of the corporation's outstanding obligations, and (c) no more than one-third of the District's funds may be invested in obligations of corporations under this paragraph.
6. Money market mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, provided that the portfolio of any such money market mutual fund is limited to obligations described in paragraph (1) or (2) and to agreements to repurchase such obligations.
7. Interest-bearing bonds of any county, township, city, village, incorporated town, municipal corporation, school district, the State of Illinois, any other state, or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Illinois or any other state, whether the interest earned is taxable or tax-exempt under federal law. The bonds shall be (a) registered in the name of the municipality, county, or other governmental unit, or held under a custodial agreement at a bank, and (b) rated at the time of purchase within the four highest general classifications established by a rating service of nationally recognized expertise in rating bonds of states and their political subdivisions.
8. Short term discount obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association or in shares or other forms of securities legally issuable by savings banks or savings and loan associations incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or under the laws of the United States. Investments may be made only in those savings banks or savings and loan associations, the shares, or investment certificates that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Any such securities may be purchased at the offering or market price thereof at the time of such purchase. All such securities so purchased shall mature or be redeemable on a date or dates prior to the time when, in the judgment of the Chief Investment Officer, the public funds so invested will be required for expenditure by the District or its governing authority.
9. Dividend-bearing share accounts, share certificate accounts, or class of share accounts of a credit union chartered under the laws of this State or the laws of the United States; provided, however, the principal office of any such credit union must be located within the State of Illinois. Investments may be made only in those credit unions the accounts of which are insured by applicable law.
10. A Public Treasurers' Investment Pool created under Section 17 of the State Treasurer Act. The District may also invest any public funds in a fund managed, operated, and administered by a bank, subsidiary of a bank, or subsidiary of a bank holding company or use the services of such an entity to hold and invest or advise regarding the investment of any public funds.
11. The Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus.

12. Repurchase agreements of government securities having the meaning set out in the Government Securities Act of 1986, as now or hereafter amended or succeeded, subject to the provisions of said Act and the regulations issued there under. The government securities, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the District, shall be purchased through banks or trust companies authorized to do business in the State of Illinois.

Except for repurchase agreements of government securities that are subject to the Government Securities Act of 1986, as now or hereafter amended or succeeded, the District may not purchase or invest in instruments that constitute repurchase agreements, and no financial institution may enter into such an agreement with or on behalf of the District unless the instrument and the transaction meet all of the following requirements:

- a. The securities, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the District, are purchased through banks or trust companies authorized to do business in the State of Illinois.
- b. The Chief Investment Officer, after ascertaining which firm will give the most favorable rate of interest, directs the custodial bank to "purchase" specified securities from a designated institution. The "custodial bank" is the bank or trust company, or agency of government, that acts for the District in connection with repurchase agreements involving the investment of funds by the District. The State Treasurer may act as custodial bank for public agencies executing repurchase agreements.
- c. A custodial bank must be a member bank of the Federal Reserve System or maintain accounts with member banks. All transfers of book-entry securities must be accomplished on a Reserve Bank's computer records through a member bank of the Federal Reserve System. These securities must be credited to the District on the records of the custodial bank and the transaction must be confirmed in writing to the District by the custodial bank.
- d. Trading partners shall be limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in the State of Illinois or to registered primary reporting dealers.
- e. The security interest must be perfected.
- f. The District enters into a written master repurchase agreement that outlines the basic responsibilities and liabilities of both buyer and seller.
- g. Agreements shall be for periods of 330 days or less.
- h. The Chief Investment Officer informs the custodial bank in writing of the maturity details of the repurchase agreement.
- i. The custodial bank must take delivery of and maintain the securities in its custody for the account of the District and confirm the transaction in writing to the District. The custodial undertaking shall provide that the custodian takes possession of the securities exclusively for the District; that the securities are free of any claims against the trading partner; and that any claims by the custodian are subordinate to the District's claims to rights to those securities.
- j. The obligations purchased by the District may only be sold or presented for redemption or payment by the fiscal agent bank or trust company holding the obligations upon the written instruction of the Chief Investment Officer.
- k. The custodial bank shall be liable to the District for any monetary loss suffered by the District due to the failure of the custodial bank to take and maintain possession of such securities.

13. Any investment as authorized by the Public Funds Investment Act, and Acts amendatory thereto. Paragraph 13 supersedes paragraphs 1-12 and controls in the event of conflict.

Except as provided herein, investments may be made only in banks, savings banks, savings and loan

associations, or credit unions that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other approved share insurer.

The Chief Investment Officer and Superintendent shall regularly consider material, relevant, and decision-useful sustainability factors in evaluating investment decisions, within the bounds of financial and fiduciary prudence. Such factors include, but are not limited to: (1) corporate governance and leadership factors, (2) environmental factors, (3) social capital factors, (4) human capital factors, and (5) business model and innovation factors, as provided under the Ill. Sustainable Investing Act, 30 ILCS 238/.

### Selection of Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers, and Brokers

The Chief Investment Officer shall establish a list of authorized depositories, investment managers, dealers and brokers based upon the creditworthiness, reputation, minimum capital requirements, qualifications under State law, as well as a long history of dealing with public fund entities. The Board will review and approve the list at least annually.

In order to be an authorized depository, each institution must submit copies of the last two sworn statements of resources and liabilities or reports of examination that the institution is required to furnish to the appropriate State or federal agency. Each institution designated as a depository shall, while acting as such depository, furnish the District with a copy of all statements of resources and liabilities or all reports of examination that it is required to furnish to the appropriate State or federal agency.

The above eligibility requirements of a bank to receive or hold public deposits do not apply to investments in an interest-bearing savings account, demand deposit account, interest-bearing certificate of deposit, or interest-bearing time deposit if: (1) the District initiates the investment at or through a bank located in Illinois, and (2) the invested public funds are at all times fully insured by an agency or instrumentality of the federal government.

The District may consider a financial institution's record and current level of financial commitment to its local community when deciding whether to deposit funds in that financial institution. The District may consider factors including:

1. For financial institutions subject to the federal Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (CRA), the current and historical ratings that the financial institution has received, to the extent that those ratings are publicly available, under the CRA;
2. For financial institutions subject to the Ill. Community Reinvestment Act (ICRA), the current and historical ratings that the financial institution has received, to the extent that those ratings are publicly available, under the ICRA. [PRESSPlus1](#)
3. Any changes in ownership, management, policies, or practices of the financial institution that may affect the level of the financial institution's commitment to its community;
4. The financial impact that the withdrawal or denial of District deposits might have on the financial institution;
5. The financial impact to the District as a result of withdrawing public funds or refusing to deposit additional public funds in the financial institution; and
6. Any additional burden on the District's resources that might result from ceasing to maintain deposits of public funds at the financial institution under consideration.

The District may not deposit public funds in a financial institution subject to the CRA unless the institution has a current rating of satisfactory or outstanding under the CRA. The District may not deposit public funds in a financial institution subject to the ICRA unless either: (1) the institution has a

current rating of satisfactory under the ICRA at the time of deposit; or (2) the Ill. Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation has not yet completed its initial examination of the institution under the ICRA. The District may not withdraw public funds from a financial institution prior to the date of maturity solely on the basis of a less than satisfactory rating under the ICRA. When investing or depositing public funds, the District may give preference to financial institutions that have a current rating of outstanding under the CRA and the ICRA.

### Collateral Requirements

All amounts deposited or invested with financial institutions in excess of any insurance limit shall be collateralized in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, 30 ILCS 235/. The Superintendent or designee shall keep the Board informed of collateral agreements.

### Safekeeping and Custody Arrangements

The preferred method for safekeeping is to have securities registered in the District's name and held by a third-party custodian. Safekeeping practices should qualify for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements, Category I, the highest recognized safekeeping procedures.

### Controls and Report

The Chief Investment Officer shall establish a system of internal controls and written operational procedures to prevent losses arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, or imprudent employee action.

The Chief Investment Officer shall provide a quarterly investment report to the Board. The report will: (1) assess whether the investment portfolio is meeting the District's investment objectives, (2) identify each security by class or type, book value, income earned, and market value, (3) identify those institutions providing investment services to the District, and (4) include any other relevant information. The investment portfolio's performance shall be measured by appropriate and creditable industry standards for the investment type.

The Board will determine, after receiving the Superintendent's recommendation, which fund is in most need of interest income and the Superintendent shall execute a transfer. This provision does not apply when the use of interest earned on a particular fund is restricted.

### Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

The Board and District officials will avoid any investment transaction or practice that in appearance or fact might impair public confidence. Board members are bound by the Board policy 2:100, *Board Member Conflict of Interest*. No District employee having influence on the District's investment decisions shall:

1. Have any interest, directly or indirectly, in any investments in which the District is authorized to invest,
2. Have any interest, directly or indirectly, in the sellers, sponsors, or managers of those investments, or
3. Receive, in any manner, compensation of any kind from any investments in that the agency is authorized to invest.

LEGAL REF.:

30 ILCS 235/, Public Funds Investment Act.

30 ILCS 238/, Ill. Sustainable Investing Act.

105 ILCS 5/8-7, 5/10-22.44, 5/17-1, and 5/17-11.

CROSS REF.: 2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 4:10 (Fiscal and Business Management), 4:80 (Accounting and Audits)

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### OPERATIONAL SERVICES

#### 4:80 Accounting and Audits

The School District's accounting and audit services shall comply with the *Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing*, as adopted by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE), State and federal laws and regulations, and generally accepted accounting principles. Determination of liabilities and assets, prioritization of expenditures of governmental funds, and provisions for accounting disclosures shall be made in accordance with government accounting standards as directed by the auditor designated by the Board. The Superintendent, in addition to other assigned financial responsibilities, shall report monthly on the District's financial performance, both income and expense, in relation to the financial plan represented in the budget.

##### Annual Audit

At the close of each fiscal year, the Superintendent shall arrange an audit of the District funds, accounts, statements, and other financial matters. The audit shall be performed by an independent certified public accountant designated by the Board and be conducted in conformance with prescribed standards and legal requirements. A complete and detailed written audit report shall be provided to each Board member and to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall annually, on or before October 15, submit ~~an original and~~ one copy of the audit to the appropriate Intermediate Service Center Executive Director. The Superintendent shall also ensure the District's auditing firm files the District's audit with ISBE annually on or before October 15. [PRESSPlus1](#)

##### Annual Financial Report

The Superintendent or designee shall annually prepare and submit the Annual Financial Report (AFR) on a timely basis using the form adopted by the ISBE. The Superintendent shall review and discuss the ~~Annual Financial Report~~ AFR with the Board before it is submitted, and submit one copy of the AFR to the appropriate Intermediate Service Center Executive Director annually on or before October 15. The Superintendent shall also ensure the District's auditing firm files the District's AFR with ISBE annually on or before October 15. [PRESSPlus2](#)

##### Inventories

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for establishing and maintaining accurate inventory records. The inventory record of supplies and equipment shall include a description of each item, quantity, location, purchase date, and cost or estimated replacement cost, unless the supplies and equipment are acquired by the District pursuant to a federal or State grant award, in which case the inventory record shall also include the information required by 2 C.F.R. §200.313, if applicable. The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the management of property acquired by the District under grant awards that comply with federal and State law.

##### Capitalization Threshold

To be considered a capital asset for financial reporting purposes, a capital item must be at or above a capitalization threshold of \$10,000 and have an estimated useful life greater than one year.



### Disposition of District Property

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board, as necessary, of the following so that the Board may consider its disposition: (1) District personal property (property other than buildings and land) that is no longer needed for school purposes, and (2) school site, building, or other real estate that is unnecessary, unsuitable, or inconvenient. Notwithstanding the above, the Superintendent or designee may unilaterally dispose of personal property of a diminutive value. The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the disposition and, when permitted by the terms and conditions of the award, the retention of property acquired by the District under grant awards that comply with federal and State law.

### Taxable Fringe Benefits

The Superintendent or designee shall: (1) require that all use of District property or equipment by employees is for the District's convenience and best interests unless it is a Board-approved fringe benefit, and (2) ensure compliance with the Internal Revenue Service regulations regarding when to report an employee's personal use of District property or equipment as taxable compensation.

### Controls for Revolving Funds and Petty Cash

Revolving funds and the petty cash system are established in Board policy 4:50, *Payment Procedures*. The Superintendent shall: (1) designate a custodian for each revolving fund and petty cash fund, (2) obtain a bond for each fund custodian, and (3) maintain the funds in compliance with this policy, State law, and ISBE rules. A check for the petty cash fund may be drawn payable to the designated petty cash custodian. Each revolving fund shall be maintained in a bank that has been approved by the Board and established in an amount approved by the Superintendent consistent with the annual budget. All expenditures from these bank accounts must be directly related to the purpose for which the account was established and supported with documentation, including signed invoices or receipts. All deposits into these bank accounts must be accompanied with a clear description of their intended purpose. The Superintendent or designee shall include checks written to reimburse revolving funds on the Board's monthly listing of bills indicating the recipient and including an explanation.

### Control Requirements for Checks

The Board must approve all bank accounts opened or established in the District's or a District school's name or with the District's Federal Employer Identification Number. All checks issued by the School District must be signed by either the Treasurer or Board President, except that checks from accounts containing student activity funds or fiduciary funds and checks from revolving accounts may be signed by their respective account custodians.

### Internal Controls

The Superintendent is primarily responsible for establishing and implementing a system of internal controls for safeguarding the District's financial condition; the Board, however, will oversee these safeguards. The control objectives are to ensure efficient business and financial practices, reliable financial reporting, and compliance with State law and Board policies, and to prevent losses from fraud, waste, and abuse, as well as employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, or other imprudent employee action.

The District's system of internal controls shall include the following:

1. All financial transactions must be properly authorized and documented.
2. Financial records and data must be accurate and complete.

3. Accounts payable must be accurate and punctual.
4. District assets must be protected from loss or misuse.
5. Incompatible duties should be segregated, if possible.
6. Accounting records must be periodically reconciled.
7. Equipment and supplies must be safeguarded.
8. Staff members with financial or business responsibilities must be properly trained and supervised, and must perform their responsibilities with utmost care and competence.
9. Any unnecessary weaknesses or financial risks must be promptly corrected.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually audit the District's financial and business operations for compliance with established internal controls and provide the results to the Board. The Board may from time-to-time engage a third-party to audit internal controls in addition to the annual audit.

#### LEGAL REF.:

2 C.F.R. §200 et seq.

30 ILCS 708/, Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, ~~implemented by~~ 44 Ill.Admin.Code 7000 et seq.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.27, 5/2-3.28, 5/3-7, 5/3-15.1, 5/5-22, 5/10-21.4, 5/10-20.19, 5/10-22.8, and 5/17-1 et seq.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 100.

CROSS REF.: 4:10 (Fiscal and Business Management), 4:50 (Payment Procedures), 4:55 (Use of Credit and Procurement Cards), 4:90 (Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds)

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### OPERATIONAL SERVICES

#### **4:140 Waiver of Student Fees**

The Superintendent will recommend to the School Board a schedule of fees, if any, to be charged students for the use of textbooks, consumable materials, extracurricular activities, and other school student fees. Students must also pay fines for the loss of or damage to school books or other school-owned materials.

All school student fees and fines as defined by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) are waived for students who meet the eligibility criteria for a waiver contained in this policy.

#### Notification

The Superintendent shall ensure that a notice of waiver applicability is provided to parents/guardians with every bill for fees and/or fines, and that applications for waivers are widely available and distributed according to State law and ISBE rule and that provisions for assisting parents/guardians in completing the application are available.

#### Eligibility Criteria

A student shall be eligible for a fee and fine waiver when:

1. The student currently lives in a household that meets the same income guidelines, with the same limits based on household size, that are used for the federal free meals program;
2. The student's parents/guardians are veterans or active-duty military personnel with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line; or
3. The student is homeless, as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. §11434a).

The Superintendent or designee will give additional consideration when one or more of the following factors are present:

- Illness in the family;
- Unusual expenses such as fire, flood, storm damage, etc.;
- Unemployment;
- Emergency situations;
- When one or more of the parents/guardians are involved in a work stoppage.

#### Verification

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for determining a student's eligibility for a waiver of fees and fines in accordance with State law requirements.

If a student receiving a waiver is found to be no longer eligible during the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian and charge the student a

prorated amount based upon the number of school days remaining in the school year.

### Determination and Appeal

Within 30 calendar days after the receipt of a waiver request, the Superintendent or designee shall mail a notice to the parent/guardian whenever a waiver request is denied. The denial notice shall include: (1) the reason for the denial, (2) the process and timelines for making an appeal, and (3) a statement that the parent/guardian may reapply for a waiver any time during the school year if circumstances change. If the denial is appealed, the District shall follow the procedures for the resolution of appeals as provided in the ISBE rule on waiver of fees.

### LEGAL REF.:

42 U.S.C. §11434a, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.13, 5/10-22.25, and 5/27-24.2815, and ~~5/28-19.2~~. [PRESSPlus1](#)

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245 [may contain unenforceable provisions].

CROSS REF.: 4:130 (Free and Reduced-Price Food Services), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

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### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated in response to P.A. 104-391. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### OPERATIONAL SERVICES

#### **4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program**

Threats and acts of targeted school violence harm the District's environment and school community, diminishing students' ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Providing students and staff with access to a safe and secure District environment is an important Board goal. While it is not possible for the District to completely eliminate threats in its environment, a Targeted School Violence Prevention Program (Program) using the collective efforts of local school officials, staff, students, families, and the community helps the District reduce these risks to its environment.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement the Program. The Program oversees the maintenance of a District environment that is conducive to learning and working by identifying, assessing, classifying, responding to, and managing threats and acts of targeted school violence. The Program shall be part of the District's Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan, required by Board policy 4:170, *Safety*, and shall:

1. Establish a District-level School Violence Prevention Team to: (a) develop a District-level Targeted School Violence Prevention Plan, and (b) oversee the District's Building-level Threat Assessment Team(s).
2. Establish Building-level Threat Assessment Team(s) to assess and intervene with individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to safety. This team may serve one or more schools.
3. Require all District staff, volunteers, and contractors to report any expressed threats or behaviors that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self.
4. Encourage parents/guardians and students to report any expressed threats or behaviors that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self.
5. Comply with State and federal law and align with Board policies.

The Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act protects the District from liability. The Program does not: (1) replace the care of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed medical practitioner or professional trained in violence prevention, assessments and counseling services, (2) extend beyond available resources within the District, (3) extend beyond the school day and/or school-sponsored events, or (4) guarantee or ensure the safety of students, District staff, or visitors.

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-21.7, 5/10-27.1A, 5/10-27.1B, 5/24-24, and 5/22-1107-23.7. [PRESSPlus1](#)

105 ILCS 128/, School Safety Drill Act.

745 ILCS 10/, Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act.

29 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1500.

CROSS REF.: 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 4:170 (Safety), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected

Child Reporting), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:270 (Guidance and Counseling Program), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Law Enforcement Requests ~~Police Interviews~~), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:290 (Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention), 7:340 (Student Records), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

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### General Personnel

#### 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

The School District shall provide equal employment opportunities to all persons regardless of their race; color; creed; religion; national origin; sex; sexual orientation; age; ancestry; marital status; arrest record; military status; order of protection status; unfavorable military discharge; citizenship status provided the individual is authorized to work in the United States; work authorization status; use of lawful products while not at work; being a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime of violence or use of District-issued equipment to record such types of violence; PRESSPlus1 genetic information; physical or mental handicap or disability, if otherwise able to perform the essential functions of the job with reasonable accommodation; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions; reproductive health decisions; credit history, unless a satisfactory credit history is an established bona fide occupational requirement of a particular position; conviction record, unless authorized by law; family responsibilities; or other legally protected categories. No one will be penalized solely for his or her status as a registered qualifying patient or a registered designated caregiver for purposes of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, 410 ILCS 130/.

Persons who believe they have not received equal employment opportunities should report their claims to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator and/or a Complaint Manager under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, or in the case of denial of equal employment opportunities on the basis of race, color, or national origin, Board policy 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*. These individuals are listed below. No employee or applicant will be discriminated or retaliated against because he or she: (1) requested, attempted to request, used, or attempted to use a reasonable accommodation as allowed by the Illinois Human Rights Act, or (2) initiated a complaint, was a witness, supplied information, or otherwise participated in an investigation or proceeding involving an alleged violation of this policy or State or federal laws, rules or regulations, provided the employee or applicant did not make a knowingly false accusation nor provide knowingly false information.

#### Administrative Implementation

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator for personnel who shall be responsible for coordinating the District's nondiscrimination efforts. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator may be the Superintendent or a Complaint Manager under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

The Superintendent shall appoint a Title IX Coordinator to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with Title IX.

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

#### **Nondiscrimination Coordinator:**

Dr. John Kosirog

#### **Title IX Coordinator:**

Dr. John Kosirog

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jkosirog@niles71.org  
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### **Complaint Managers:**

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

### Minority Recruitment

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

### LEGAL REF.:

8 U.S.C. §1324a et seq., Immigration Reform and Control Act.

20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

29 U.S.C. §206(d), Equal Pay Act.

29 U.S.C. §218d, Fair Labor Standards Act.

29 U.S.C. §621 et seq., Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

29 U.S.C. §701 et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

38 U.S.C. §4301 et seq., Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (1994).

42 U.S.C. §1981 et seq., Civil Rights Act of 1991.

42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq., Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 34 C.F.R. Part 100.

42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 29 C.F.R. Part 1601.

42 U.S.C. §2000ff et seq., Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

42 U.S.C. §2000gg et seq., Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; 29 C.F.R. Part 1636.

42 U.S.C. §2000e(k), Pregnancy Discrimination Act.



42 U.S.C. §12111 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act, Title I.

Ill. Constitution, Art. I, §§17, 18, and 19.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.7, 5/10-20.7a, 5/10-21.1, 5/10-22.4, 5/10-23.5, 5/22-19, 5/24-4, 5/24-4.1, and 5/24-7.

410 ILCS 130/40, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

410 ILCS 513/25, Genetic Information Privacy Act.

740 ILCS 174/, Ill. Whistleblower Act.

775 ILCS 5/1-103, 5/2-101, 5/2-102, 5/2-103, 5/2-103.1, 5/2-104(D) and 5/6-101, Ill. Human Rights Act.

775 ILCS 35/, Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

820 ILCS 55/10, Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act.

820 ILCS 70/, Employee Credit Privacy Act.

820 ILCS 75/, Job Opportunities for Qualified Applicants Act.

820 ILCS 112/, Ill. Equal Pay Act of 2003.

820 ILCS 180/30 and 180/33, Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act.

820 ILCS 260/, Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:40 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 5:70 (Religious Holidays), 5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence), 5:270 (Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment), 5:300 (Schedules and Employment Year), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities)

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### General Personnel

#### 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

Any District employee who suspects or receives knowledge that a student may be an abused or neglected child shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on its Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873)(within Illinois); 1-217-524-2606 (outside of Illinois); or 1-800-358-5117 (TTY). Any District employee who believes a student is in immediate danger of harm, shall first call 911. The employee shall also promptly notify the Superintendent or Building Principal that a report has been made. The Superintendent or Building Principal shall immediately coordinate any necessary notifications to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) with DCFS, the applicable school resource officer (SRO), and/or local law enforcement. Negligent failure to report occurs when a District employee personally observes an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect and reasonably believes, in his or her professional or official capacity, that the instance constitutes an act of child abuse or neglect under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA) and he or she, without willful intent, fails to immediately report or cause a report to be made of the suspected abuse or neglect to DCFS.

Any District employee who discovers child sexual abuse material ~~pornography~~ PRESSPlus1 on electronic and information technology equipment, as defined in 325 ILCS 5/4.5(a), shall immediately report it to local law enforcement, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or online at <https://report.cybertip.org> or [www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org). The Superintendent or Building Principal shall also be promptly notified of the discovery and that a report has been made.

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

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

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

All District employees shall:

1. Before beginning employment, sign the *Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status* form provided by DCFS. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the signed forms are retained.
2. Complete mandated reporter training as required by law within three months of initial employment and at least every three years after that date.
3. Complete an annual evidence-informed training related to child sexual abuse, grooming

behaviors (including *sexual misconduct* as defined in *Faith's Law*), and boundary violations as required by law and policy 5:100, *Staff Development Program*.

### Alleged Incidents of Sexual Abuse; Investigations

An *alleged incident of sexual abuse* is an incident of sexual abuse of a child, as defined in 720 ILCS 5/11-9.1A, that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred: on school grounds during a school activity; or outside of school grounds or not during a school activity.

If a District employee reports an alleged incident of sexual abuse to DCFS and DCFS accepts the report for investigation, DCFS will refer the matter to the local Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). The Superintendent or designee will implement procedures to coordinate with the CAC.

DCFS and/or the appropriate law enforcement agency will inform the District when its investigation is complete or has been suspended, as well as the outcome of its investigation. The existence of a DCFS and/or law enforcement investigation will not preclude the District from conducting its own parallel investigation into the alleged incident of sexual abuse in accordance with Board policy 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*.

### Special Superintendent Responsibilities

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

When the Superintendent has reasonable cause to believe that a license holder (1) committed an intentional act of abuse or neglect with the result of making a child an abused child or a neglected child under ANCRA or an act of sexual misconduct under *Faith's Law*, and (2) that act resulted in the license holder's dismissal or resignation from the District, the Superintendent shall notify the State Superintendent and the appropriate Intermediate Service Center Executive Director in writing, providing the Ill. Educator Identification Number as well as a brief description of the misconduct alleged. The Superintendent must make the report within 30 days of the dismissal or resignation and mail a copy of the notification to the license holder.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for notifying a student's parents/guardians when a District employee, contractor, or agent is alleged to have engaged in sexual misconduct with the student as defined in *Faith's Law*. The Superintendent shall also develop procedures for notifying the student's parents/guardians when the Board takes action relating to the employment of the employee, contractor, or agent following the investigation of sexual misconduct. Notification shall not occur when the employee, contractor, or agent alleged to have engaged in sexual misconduct is the student's parent/guardian, and/or when the student is at least 18 years of age or emancipated.

The Superintendent shall execute the recordkeeping requirements of *Faith's Law*.

### Special School Board Member Responsibilities

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

If the Board determines that any District employee, other than an employee licensed under 105 ILCS 5/21B, has willfully or negligently failed to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as

required by ANCRA, the Board may dismiss that employee immediately.

When the Board learns that a licensed teacher was convicted of any felony, it must promptly report it to the State agencies listed in Board policy 2:20, *Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification*.

LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §7926, Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-21.9, 5/10-23.13, 5/21B-85, 5/22-85.5, and 5/22-85.10.

20 ILCS 1305/1-1 et seq., Department of Human Services Act.

325 ILCS 5/, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1, Criminal Code of 2012.

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 3:40 (Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 3:60 (Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:165 (Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:150 (Personnel Records), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:150 (Agency and Law Enforcement Requests Police Interviews)

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### General Personnel

#### 5:100 Staff Development Program

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a staff development program. The goal of the program shall be to update and improve the skills and knowledge of staff members in order to achieve and maintain a high level of job performance and satisfaction. Additionally, the development program for licensed staff members shall be designed to effectuate any School Improvement Plans so that student learning objectives meet or exceed goals established by the District and State.

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

The staff development program shall include the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA) mandated reporter training and training on the awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and grooming behaviors (*Erin's Law*) as follows (see Board policies 4:165, *Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors*, and 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*):

1. Within three months of employment, each staff member must complete mandated reporter training from a provider or agency with expertise in recognizing and reporting child abuse. Mandated reporter training must be completed again at least every three years.
2. By January 31 of every year, all school personnel must complete evidence-informed training on preventing, reporting, and responding to child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors (including *sexual misconduct* as defined in *Faith's Law*), and boundary violations.

#### In-Service Training Requirements

The staff development program shall provide, at a minimum, within six months of employment and renewed at least once every five years thereafter (unless required more frequently by other State or federal law), the in-service training of all District staff who work with pupils on:

1. Health conditions of students, including but not limited to training on:
  - a. Anaphylactic reactions and management, conducted by a person with expertise on anaphylactic reactions and management;
  - b. Management of asthma, prevention of asthma symptoms, and emergency response in the school setting;
  - c. The basics of seizure recognition and first aid and emergency protocols, consistent with best practice guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
  - d. The basics of diabetes care, how to identify when a diabetic student needs immediate or emergency medical attention, and whom to contact in case of emergency;
  - e. Current best practices regarding identification and treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; and
  - f. How to respond to an incident involving life-threatening bleeding, including use of a school's trauma bleeding control kit, if applicable.
2. Social-emotional learning. Training may include providing education to all school personnel about the content of the Illinois Social and Emotional Learning Standards, how they apply to

everyday school interactions, and examples of how social emotional learning can be integrated into instructional practices across all grades and subjects.

3. Developing cultural competency, including but not limited to understanding and reducing implicit bias, including *implicit racial bias* as defined in 105 ILCS 5/10-20.61 (implicit bias training).
4. Identifying warning signs of mental illness, trauma, and suicidal behavior in youth, along with appropriate intervention and referral techniques, including resources and guidelines as outlined in 105 ILCS 5/2-3.166 (*Ann Marie's Law*) and the definitions of *trauma*, *trauma-responsive learning environments*, and *whole child* as set forth in 105 ILCS 5/3-11.
5. Domestic and sexual violence and the needs of expectant and parenting youth, conducted by persons with expertise in domestic and sexual violence and the needs of expectant and parenting youth. Training shall include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Communicating with and listening to youth victims of domestic or sexual violence and expectant and parenting youth;
  - b. Connecting youth victims of domestic or sexual violence and expectant and parenting youth to appropriate in-school services and other agencies, programs, and services as needed;
  - c. Implementing the District's policies and procedures regarding such youth, including confidentiality; and
  - d. Procedures for responding to incidents of teen dating violence that take place at school, on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation as outlined in 105 ILCS 110/3.105/27-240 [PRESSPlus1](#) (see Board policy 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*).
6. Protections and accommodations for students, including but not limited to training on:
  - a. The federal Americans with Disabilities Act as it pertains to the school environment; and
  - b. Homelessness.
7. Educator ethics and responding to child sexual abuse and grooming behavior (see Board policy 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*); including but not limited to training on:
  - a. Teacher-student conduct;
  - b. School employee-student conduct; and
  - c. Evidence-informed training on preventing, recognizing, reporting, and responding to child sexual abuse and grooming as outlined in 105 ILCS 5/10-23.13 (*Erin's Law*).
8. Effective instruction in violence prevention and conflict resolution, conducted in accordance with the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/27-11523.4 [PRESSPlus2](#) (violence prevention and conflict resolution education).

### Additional Training Requirements

In addition, the staff development program shall include each of the following:

1. Ongoing professional development for all school personnel and school resource officers on the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6 and 5/10-20.14, the adverse consequences of school exclusion and justice-system involvement, effective classroom management strategies, culturally responsive discipline, trauma-responsive learning environments as defined in 105 ILCS 5/3-11(b), the appropriate and available supportive services for the promotion of student attendance and engagement, and developmentally appropriate disciplinary methods that promote positive and healthy school climates.
2. Annual continuing education and/or training opportunities (professional standards) for school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff. Each school food authority's director shall

document compliance with this requirement by the end of each school year and maintain documentation for a three-year period.

3. The following individuals must complete concussion training as specified in the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act: coaches and assistant coaches (whether volunteer or employee) of an interscholastic athletic activity; nurses, licensed and/or non-licensed healthcare professionals serving on the Concussion Oversight Team; athletic trainers; game officials of an interscholastic athletic activity; and physicians serving on the Concussion Oversight Team.
4. For school personnel who work with hazardous or toxic materials on a regular basis, training on the safe handling and use of such materials.
5. For delegated care aides performing services in connection with a student's seizure action plan, training in accordance with 105 ILCS 150/, the Seizure Smart School Act.
6. For delegated care aides performing services in connection with a student's diabetes care plan, training in accordance with 105 ILCS 145/, the Care of Students with Diabetes Act.
7. For all District staff, annual sexual harassment prevention training.
8. Title IX requirements for training in accordance with 34 C.F.R. §106.8 (see Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*).
9. Training for all District employees on the prevention of discrimination and harassment based on race, color, and national origin in school as part of new employee training and at least once every two years.
10. Training for at least one designated employee at each school about the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) database and steps required to register students for it.
11. Training in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/26A for at least one staff member in each school designated as a resource for students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence, and for any employees whose duties include the resolution of complaints of violations of 105 ILCS 5/26A (see Board policy 7:255, *Students who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*).

The Superintendent shall develop protocols for administering youth suicide awareness and prevention education to staff consistent with Board policy 7:290, *Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention*.

#### LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

42 U.S.C. §1758b, Pub. L. 111-296, Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010; 7 C.F.R. Parts 210 and 235.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.62, 5/2-3.166, 5/3-11, 5/10-20.17a, 5/10-20.61, 5/10-22.6(c-5), 5/10-22.39, 5/10-23.12, 5/10-23.13, 5/22-80(h), 5/22-95, 5/22-115, 5/24-5, and 5/26A.

105 ILCS 25/1.15, Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act.

105 ILCS 145/25, Care of Students with Diabetes Act

105 ILCS 150/25, Seizure Smart School Act.

105 ILCS 110/3, Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act.

325 ILCS 5/4, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

745 ILCS 49/, Good Samaritan Act.

775 ILCS 5/2-109 and 5/5A-103, Ill. Human Rights Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 22.20, 226.800, and Part 525.

77 Ill.Admin.Code §527.800.

CROSS REF.: 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 3:40 (Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 4:160 (Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds), 4:165 (Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:50 (School Wellness), 6:160 (English Learners), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 7:285 (Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program), 7:290 (Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention), 7:305 (Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries)

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### Professional Personnel

#### **5:190 Teacher Qualifications**

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall:

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

LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §6312(e)(1)(A).

105 ILCS 5/10-20.15, 5/21B-15, 5/21B-20, 5/21B-25, 5/21B-120, [PRESSPlus1](#) and 5/24-23.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.610 et seq., §1.705 et seq., and Part 25.

CROSS REF.: 6:170 (Title I Programs)

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated in response P.A. 104-111, eff. 1-1-26, establishing a short-term approval credential for teachers in accordance with rules developed by ISBE. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### Professional Personnel

#### **5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal**

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

School Year and Day, Duty-Free Lunch, Salary, Assignments and Transfers, Evaluation

**Please refer to the applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

#### Nursing Mothers

The District accommodates employees who are nursing mothers and compensates them for reasonable time needed to express breast milk [PRESSPlus1](#) according to provisions in State and federal law.

#### School Social Worker Services Outside of District Employment

School social workers may not provide services outside of their District employment to any student(s) attending school in the District. *School social worker* has the meaning stated in 105 ILCS 5/14-1.09a.

#### Dismissal

The District will follow State law when dismissing a teacher.

LEGAL REF.:

29 U.S.C. §218(d), Pub. L. 117-328, Pump for Nursing Mothers Act.

42 U.S.C. §2000gg et seq., Pub. L. 117-328, Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-19.05, 5/10-20.65, 5/14-1.09a, 5/22-96, 5/22.4, 5/24-16.5, 5/24-2, 5/24-8, 5/24-9, 5/24-11, 5/24-12, 5/24-21, 5/24A-1 through 24A-20.

820 ILCS 260/, Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Parts 50 (Evaluation of Educator Licensed Employees) and 51 (Dismissal of Tenured Teachers).

Cleveland Bd. of Educ. v. Loudermill, 470 U.S. 532(1985).

CROSS REF.: 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day)

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### Professional Personnel

#### **5:220 Substitute Teachers**

The Superintendent may employ substitute teachers as necessary to replace teachers who are temporarily absent.

A substitute teacher must hold either a valid teaching or substitute license and may teach in the place of a licensed teacher who is under contract with the Board. There is no limit on the number of days that a substitute teacher may teach in the District during the school year, except as follows:

1. A substitute teacher holding a substitute license may teach for any one licensed teacher under contract with the District only for a period not to exceed 90 paid school days in any one school term.
2. A teacher holding a Professional Educator License or Educator License with Stipulations may teach for any one licensed teacher under contract with the District only for a period not to exceed 120 paid school days.

The Ill. Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) limits a substitute teacher who is a TRS annuitant to substitute teaching for a period not to exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year through June 30, 2026, but not more than 100 paid days in the same classroom. Beginning July 1, 2026, a substitute teacher who is a TRS annuitant may substitute teach for a period not to exceed 100 paid days or 500 paid hours in any school year, unless the subject area is one where the appropriate Intermediate Service Center Executive Director has certified that a personnel shortage exists.

The School Board establishes a daily rate of pay for substitute teachers. Substitute teachers receive only monetary compensation for time worked and no other benefits.

#### Short-Term Substitute Teachers

A short-term substitute teacher must hold a valid short-term substitute teaching license and have completed the District's short-term substitute teacher training program. Unless otherwise permitted by law, short-term substitutes may teach no more than five consecutive school days for each licensed teacher who is under contract with the Board.

#### Emergency Situations

A substitute teacher may teach when no licensed teacher is under contract with the Board if the District has an emergency situation as defined in State law. During an emergency situation, a substitute teacher is limited to 30 calendar days of employment per each vacant position. The Superintendent shall notify the appropriate Intermediate Service Center (ISC) within five business days after the employment of a substitute teacher in an emergency situation. The Board may continue to employ the same substitute teacher in a vacant position for 90 calendar days or until the end of the semester, whichever is greater, if, prior to the end of the then current 30-calendar-day period, the District makes a written request to the ISC for a 30-calendar-day extension and the extension is granted by the ISC.

## LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.68, 5/21B-20(2), 5/21B-20(3), and 5/21B-20(4).

105 ILCS 128/22, School Safety Drill Act. [PRESSPlus1](#)

40 ILCS 5/16-118, Ill. Pension Code.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.790 (Substitute Teacher) and §25.520 (Substitute Teaching License).

CROSS REF.: 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria)

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## PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated in response to P.A. 104-198, eff. 1-1-26, requiring districts to provide all substitute personnel with: (1) training on school evacuation drills and law enforcement lockdown drills, and (2) support that includes, at a minimum, the information packet given to employees with district-approved materials outlining evacuation and lockdown procedures. Maps indicating all school exits must also be prominently displayed in every classroom. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### Educational Support Personnel

#### **5:280 Duties and Qualifications**

All support staff: (1) must meet qualifications specified in job descriptions, (2) must be able to perform the essential tasks listed and/or assigned, and (3) are subject to School Board policies as they may be changed from time to time at the Board's sole discretion.

#### Paraprofessionals

Paraprofessionals provide supervised instructional support. Service as a paraprofessional requires an educator license with stipulations endorsed for a paraprofessional educator unless a specific exemption is authorized by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE).

Individuals with only non-instructional duties (e.g., providing technical support for computers, providing personal care services, or performing clerical duties) are not paraprofessionals, and the requirements in this section do not apply. In addition, individuals completing their clinical experiences and/or student teaching do not need to comply with this section, provided their service otherwise complies with ISBE rules.

#### Nonlicensed Personnel Working with Students and Performing Non-Instructional Duties

Nonlicensed personnel performing non-instructional duties may be used:

1. For supervising study halls, long distance teaching reception areas used incident to instructional programs transmitted by electronic media (e.g., computers, video, and audio), detention and discipline areas, and school-sponsored extracurricular activities;
2. As supervisors, chaperones, or sponsors for non-academic school activities or for school activities connected to the academic program during any time in which the Governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency, in accordance with ISBE rule; or
3. For non-teaching duties not requiring instructional judgment or student evaluation.

Nothing in this policy prevents a nonlicensed person from serving as a guest lecturer or resource person under a ~~certificated~~ licensed [PRESSPlus1](#) teacher's direction and with the administration's approval.

#### Coaches and Athletic Trainers

Athletic coaches and trainers shall have the qualifications required by any association in which the School District maintains a membership. Regardless of whether the athletic activity is governed by an association, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each athletic coach: (1) is knowledgeable regarding coaching principles, (2) has first aid training, and (3) is a trained Automated External Defibrillator user according to rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Anyone performing athletic training services shall be licensed under the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act, be an athletic trainer aide performing care activities under the on-site supervision of a licensed athletic trainer, or otherwise be qualified to perform athletic trainer activities under State law.

## Bus Drivers

All school bus drivers must have a valid school bus driver permit. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the Illinois Secretary of State, within 30 days of being informed by a school bus driver, that the bus driver permit holder who is a service member [PRESSPlus2](#) has been called to active duty. New bus drivers and bus drivers who are returning from a lapse in their employment are subject to the requirements contained in Board policy 5:30, *Hiring Process and Criteria* and Board policy 5:285, *Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers*.

### LEGAL REF.:

34 C.F.R. §200.58.

105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b.

625 ILCS 5/6-104 and 5/6-106.1, Ill. Vehicle Code.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.280, 1.630, and 25.510.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:170 (Safety), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act), 5:285 (Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

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PRESSPlus 2. *Service member* means a member of the Armed Services or reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Ill. National Guard. 625 ILCS 5/6-106.1(j). **Issue 120, October 2025**



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### **Educational Support Personnel**

#### **5:300 Schedules and Employment Year**

The Superintendent shall supervise a process for setting work schedules and an employment year for educational support employees in accordance with State and federal law, School Board policy, and applicable agreements and shall:

1. Assign each employee one supervisor who will establish a work schedule, including breaks, as required by building or District needs, workload, and the efficient management of human resources;
2. Allow for the ability to respond to changing circumstances by altering work schedules as needed; and
3. Consider the well-being of the employee. The Superintendent's approval is required to establish a flexible work schedule or job-sharing.

#### Breaks

**Please refer to the applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

**For employees not covered by a current applicable bargaining agreement:**

An employee who works at least 7.5 continuous hours shall receive a 30-minute duty-free meal break that begins within the first five hours of the employee's workday.

#### Nursing Mothers

The District accommodates employees who are nursing mothers and compensates them for reasonable time needed to express breast milk [PRESSPlus1](#) according to State and federal law.

#### LEGAL REF.:

29 U.S.C. §§207 and 218d, Fair Labor Standards Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.14a, 5/10-22.34, and 5/10-23.5.

740 ILCS 137/, Right to Breastfeed Act.

820 ILCS 105/, Minimum Wage Law.

820 ILCS 260/, Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act.

CROSS REF.: 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act)

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### INSTRUCTION

#### 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day

##### School Calendar

The School Board, upon the Superintendent's recommendation and subject to State regulations, annually establishes the dates for opening and closing classes, teacher institutes and in-services, the length and dates of vacations, and the days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have a minimum of 185 days to ensure 176 days of actual student attendance.

##### Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students ~~shall~~ **PRESSPlus1** may devote a portion of the school day on each commemorative holiday designated in the School Code to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The Board may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

##### School Day

The Board establishes the length of the school day with the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to State law requirements. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that observances required by State law are followed during each day of school attendance.

##### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-19.05, **5/10-20.46**, 5/10-20.56, ~~5/10-20.46~~, 5/10-30, 5/18-12, 5/18-12.5, 5/24-2, 5/27-~~5103~~, ~~5/27-18~~, ~~5/27-19~~, ~~5/27-20~~, **and** 5/27-~~1025~~**20.1**, **and** ~~5/27-20.2~~.

10 ILCS 5/11-4.1, Election Code.

5 ILCS 490/, State Commemorative Dates Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(f).

Metzl v. Leininger, 850 F.Supp. 740 (N.D. Ill. 1994), *aff'd* by 57 F.3d 618 (7th Cir. 1995).

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 4:180 (Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 7:90 (Release During School Hours)

Adopted: December 13, 2022

#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/24-2(c), amended by P.A. 104-391, making

commemorative holidays optional to observe and moving the last Friday in April (Arbor and Bird Day), October 9 (Leif Erikson Day), and the day immediately after Thanksgiving (Native American Heritage Day) to commemorative holidays. In addition, 105 ILCS 5/27-20 and 105 ILCS 5/27-20.2, both repealed by P.A. 104-391, removed American Indian Day and Just Say No Day, respectively, from the list of commemorative holidays. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### INSTRUCTION

#### 6:40 Curriculum Development

##### Adoption

The Superintendent shall recommend a comprehensive curriculum that is aligned with:

1. The District's educational philosophy and goals,
2. Student needs as identified by research, demographics, and student achievement and other data,
3. The knowledge, skills, and abilities required for students to become life-long learners,
4. The minimum requirements of State and federal law and regulations for curriculum and graduation requirements,
5. The curriculum of non-District schools that feed into or from a District school, provided that the necessary cooperation and information is available,
6. The Illinois State Learning Standards and any District learning standards, and
7. Any required State or federal student testing.

The School Board will adopt, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a curriculum that meets the above criteria.

##### Experimental Educational Programs and Pilot Projects

The Superintendent may recommend experimental educational programs and/or pilot projects for Board consideration. Proposals must include goals, material needs, anticipated expenses, and an evaluation process. The Superintendent shall submit to the Board periodic progress reports for programs that exceed one year in duration and a final evaluation with recommendation upon the program's completion.

##### Single-Gender Classes and Activities

The Superintendent may recommend a program of nonvocational single-gender classes and/or activities to provide diverse educational opportunities and/or meet students' identified educational needs. Participation in the classes or activities must be voluntary, both genders must be treated with substantial equality, and the program must otherwise comply with State and federal law and with Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*. At least every two years, PRESSPlus1 The Superintendent must periodically evaluate any single-gender class or activity to ensure that: (1) it does not rely on overly broad generalizations about the different talents, capabilities, or preferences of either gender, (2) it is substantially related to the achievement of the important objective for the class or activity, and (3) it continues to comply with State and federal law and with Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*.

##### Development

The Superintendent shall develop a curriculum review program to monitor the current curriculum and

promptly suggest changes to make the curriculum more effective, to take advantage of improved teaching methods and materials, and to be responsive to social change, technological developments, student needs, and community expectations.

The Superintendent shall report to the Board as appropriate, the curriculum review program's efforts to:

1. Regularly evaluate the curriculum and instructional program.
2. Ensure the curriculum continues to meet the stated adoption criteria.
3. Include input from a cross-section of teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and students, representing all schools, grade levels, disciplines, and specialized and alternative programs.
4. Coordinate with the process for evaluating the instructional program and materials.

### Curriculum Guides and Course Outlines

The Superintendent shall develop and provide subject area curriculum guides to appropriate staff members.

### LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §1681, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, ~~implemented by~~ 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.8 and 5/10-19.

CROSS REF.:6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 6:80 (Teaching About Controversial Issues) 6:100 (Using Animals in the Educational Program), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:130 (Program for the Gifted), 6:135 (Accelerated Placement Program), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:145 (Migrant Students), 6:150 (Home and Hospital Instruction), 6:160 (English Learners), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:185 (Remote Educational Program), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights)

Adopted: May 21, 2024

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### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Districts are required to evaluate single-sex classes and extracurricular activities at least every two years. 34 C.F.R. §106.34(b)(4)(ii). See also an FAQ from the U.S. Dept. of Education's Office of Civil Rights at: [www.ed.gov/sites/ed/files/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/faqs-title-ix-single-sex-201412.pdf](https://www.ed.gov/sites/ed/files/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/faqs-title-ix-single-sex-201412.pdf). Consult the board attorney about accommodation issues for transgender or gender non-conforming students in single-sex classes. This subhead may be removed if a district will not offer single-gender classes or activities. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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## INSTRUCTION

### 6:60 Curriculum Content

The curriculum shall contain instruction on subjects required by State statute or regulation as follows:

1. In kindergarten through grade 8, subjects include: (a) language arts, (b) reading, (c) other communication skills, (d) science, (e) mathematics, (f) social studies, (g) art, and (h) music, and (i) drug and substance abuse prevention including the dangers of opioid abuse. [PRESSPlus1](#) A reading opportunity of 60 minutes per day will be promoted for all students in kindergarten through grade 3 whose reading levels are one grade level or more lower than their current grade level. Daily time of at least 30 minutes (with a minimum of at least 15 consecutive minutes if divided) will be provided for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for all students in kindergarten through grade 5. Before the completion of grade 5, students will be offered at least one unit of cursive instruction. In grades 6, 7, or 8, students must receive at least one semester of civics education in accordance with Illinois Learning Standards for social science.
2. In all schools, drug and alcohol abuse prevention education, including: [PRESSPlus2](#) (a) in each year in grades K through 4, age- and developmentally appropriate instruction, study, and discussion of effective methods for the prevention and avoidance of drugs and the dangers of opioid and substance abuse, (b) in grades 5 through 8, age- and developmentally appropriate classroom instruction on alcohol and drug use and abuse, (c) in grades 6-8, the dangers of fentanyl, and (d) in grades 7 and 8, as well as in interscholastic athletic programs, anabolic steroid abuse prevention, which must also be taught in interscholastic athletic programs.
3. In kindergarten through grade 8, provided it can be funded by private grants or the federal government, violence prevention and conflict resolution must be stressed, including: (a) causes of conflict, (b) consequences of violent behavior, (c) non-violent resolution, and (d) relationships between drugs, alcohol, and violence. In addition, anti-bias education and intergroup conflict resolution may be taught as an effective method for preventing violence and lessening tensions in schools; these prevention methods are most effective when they are respectful of individuals and their divergent viewpoints and religious beliefs, which are protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.
4. In grades kindergarten through 8, through the 2026-2027 school year, [PRESSPlus3](#) age-appropriate Internet safety must be taught, the scope of which shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee. The curriculum must incorporate Board policy 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*, and, at a minimum, include: (a) education about appropriate online behavior, (b) interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and (c) cyberbullying awareness and response.
5. Beginning in the fall of 2027, in grades 3-8 each year, age- and developmentally appropriate instruction on online safety. [PRESSPlus4](#)
6. In all grades, students must receive developmentally appropriate opportunities to gain computer literacy skills that are embedded in the curriculum.
7. In all grades, character education [PRESSPlus5](#) must be taught including respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness, and citizenship in order to raise students' honesty, kindness, justice, discipline, respect for others, and moral courage. Instruction on in all grades will include

~~examples of~~ behaviors that violate Board policy 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*.

8. In all schools, citizenship values must be taught, including: (a) American patriotism, (b) principles of representative government (the American Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Illinois), (c) proper use and display of the American flag, and (d) the Pledge of Allegiance, ~~and (e) the voting process.~~ [PRESSPlus6](#)
9. In all grades, physical education must be taught including a developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development of movement skills, enhances health-related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle. Unless otherwise exempted, all students are required to engage with such frequency as determined by the Board, but at a minimum of three days per five-day week, during the school day, except on block scheduled days, in a physical education course. For exemptions and substitutions, see policy 7:260, *Exemption from Physical Education*.
10. In all schools, health education must be stressed, including: [PRESSPlus7](#) (a) human ecology, health, growth, development, personal health habits, and nutrition, (b) family life, (c) prevention and control of disease, ~~proper nutrition, (b) physical fitness, (c) personal health habits, (d) dangers and avoidance of abduction, (d) age- and developmentally~~ appropriate and evidence-informed sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in all grades, (e) public health, environmental health, disaster preparedness, and safety education, [PRESSPlus8](#) (f) mental health and illness, (g) dental health, (h) cancer education, and (i) age- and developmentally appropriate consent education [PRESSPlus9](#) ~~and (f) in grades 6-8, the dangers of fentanyl~~. The Superintendent shall implement a comprehensive health education program in accordance with State law.
11. In all schools, abduction education that addresses the danger of and avoidance of abduction. [PRESSPlus10](#)
12. In all schools, career/vocational education must be taught, including: (a) the importance of work, (b) the development of basic skills to enter the world of work and/or continue formal education, (c) good work habits and values, (d) the relationship between learning and work, and (e) if possible, a student work program that provides the student with work experience as an extension of the regular classroom. A career awareness and exploration program must be available at all grade levels. In grades 6-8, students engage in career exploration and career development activities to prepare them to make informed plans and decisions about their future education and career goals.
13. In all schools, environmental education, including instruction on: (a) the current problems and needs in the conservation of natural resources and (b) beginning in the fall of 2026, instruction on climate change.
14. In all schools, instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on United States (U.S.) history must be taught, including: (a) the principles of representative government, (b) the Constitutions of the U.S. and Illinois, (c) the role of the U.S. in world affairs, (d) the role of labor unions, (e) the role and contributions of ethnic groups, including but not limited to, African Americans, Albanians, Asian Americans, Bohemians, Czechs, French, Germans, Hispanics (including the events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression), Hungarians, Irish, Italians, Lithuanians, Polish, Russians, Scots, and Slovaks in the history of this country and State, (f) a study of the roles and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people in the history of the U.S. and Illinois, (g) Illinois history, (h) the contributions made to society by Americans of different faith practices, including, but not limited to, Muslim Americans, Jewish Americans, Christian



Americans, Hindu Americans, Sikh Americans, Buddhist Americans, and any other collective community of faith that has shaped America, (i) Native American nations' sovereignty and self-determination, both historically and in the present day, with a focus on urban Native Americans, and (j) ~~beginning in the fall of 2024,~~ the events of the Native American experience and Native American history within the Midwest and Illinois since time immemorial in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/27-20.05.

In addition, all schools shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on Constitution Day, each September 17, commemorating the September 17, 1787 signing of the Constitution. However, when September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week.

15. ~~In grade 7, students must view a Congressional Medal of Honor film made by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, provided there is no cost for the film.~~ [PRESSPlus11](#)
16. In all schools, the curriculum includes instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on the Holocaust and crimes of genocide, including Nazi atrocities of 1933-1945, the Native American genocide in North America, Armenian Genocide, the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine, [Q1](#) and more recent atrocities in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Sudan.
17. In all schools, the curriculum includes instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on the history, struggles, and contributions of women.
18. In all schools, the curriculum includes instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on Black History, including the history of the pre-enslavement of Black people from 3,000 BCE to AD 1619, the African slave trade, slavery in America, the study of the reasons why Black people came to be enslaved, the vestiges of slavery in this country, the study of the American civil rights renaissance, as well as the struggles and contributions of African-Americans.
19. In all schools, instruction during courses as determined by the Superintendent or designee on disability history, awareness, and the disability rights movement.
20. In all schools, instruction as determined by the Superintendent or designee on the events of Asian American history, including the history of Asian Americans in Illinois and the Midwest, as well as the contributions of Asian Americans toward advancing civil rights from the 19th century onward, which must include the contributions made by individual Asian Americans in government and the arts, humanities, and sciences, as well as the contributions of Asian American communities to the economic, cultural, social, and political development of the United States.
21. In kindergarten through grade 8, education must be available to students concerning effective methods of preventing and avoiding traffic injuries related to walking and bicycling.

#### LEGAL REF.:

Pub. L. No. 108-447, Section 111 of Division J, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005.

Pub. L. No. 110-385, Title II, 122 stat. 4096 (2008), Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

47 C.F.R. §54.520.

5 ILCS 465/3 and 465/3a.

20 ILCS 2605/2605-480.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.80(e) and (f), 5/10-20.79, 5/10-20.84, 5/10-23.13, ~~5/27-3, 5/27-3.5, 5/27-5, 5/27-6, 5/27-6.5, 5/27-7, 5/27-12, 5/27-12.1, 5/27-13.1, 5/27-13.2, 5/27-20.05, 5/27-20.08, 5/27-20.3, 5/27-~~

~~20.4, 5/27-20.5, 5/27-20.7, 5/27-20.8, 5/27-21, 5/27-22, 5/27-23.3, 5/27-23.4, 5/27-23.7, 5/27-23.8, 5/27-23.10, 5/27-23.11, 5/27-23.15, 5/27-23.16, 5/27-24.1, and 5/27-24.2~~ 5/22-110, 5/27-105, 5/27-110, 5/27-115, 5/27-210, 5/27-215, 5/27-245, 5/27-250, 5/27-255, 5/27-260, 5/27-305, 5/27-310, 5/27-315, 5/27-405, 5/27-410 (scheduled for repeal on 7-1-27), 5/27-415 (scheduled for repeal on 7-1-27), 5/27-505, 5/27-510, 5/27-515, 5/27-520, 5/27-525, 5/27-530, 5/27-535, 5/27-540, 5/27-545, 5/27-605, 5/27-705, 5/27-710, 5/27-715, 5/27-720, 5/27-725, 5/27-810, 5/27-815, and 5/27-1050. [PRESSPlus12](#)

~~105 ILCS 110/3, Comprehensive Health Education Program.~~ [PRESSPlus13](#)

105 ILCS 435/, Vocational Education Act.

625 ILCS 5/6-408.5, III. Vehicle Code.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.420, 1.425, 1.430, and 1.440.

CROSS REF.: 4:165 (Awareness and Prevention of Child Sex Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:260 (Exemption from Physical Education)

Adopted: December 10, 2024

## Questions and Answers:

\*\*\*Required Question 1. A district may include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the causes and effects of mass starvation in mid-19th century Ireland, known as the "Irish Famine." 105 ILCS 5/27-1030, renumbered by P.A. 104-391. If offered, the board locally determines the minimum amount of instruction time. For a resource originally developed by the NJ Commission on Holocaust Education, see [www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/standards/socialsciences/Documents/IrishFamine.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/standards/socialsciences/Documents/IrishFamine.pdf).

Does the Board provide instruction studying the causes and effects of the Irish Famine?

☐ No. (Default)

☐ Yes. (IASB will add "the Irish Famine" after "the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine," and IASB will add 5/27-1030 to the Legal References.)

## PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Stricken from #1 and added below. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. Drug abuse prevention education is no longer part of the Comprehensive Health Education Program (CHEP) and is therefore listed as a separate item. P.A. 104-391 consolidated drug prevention education related topics into one new section of the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-255. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 3. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/27-410 (scheduled for repeal on 7-1-27), amended by P.A. 104-399, eff. 1-1-26, and renumbered by P.A. 104-391. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 4. Required by 105 ILCS 5/27-405(b), added by P.A. 104-391. Boards locally determine the scope and duration of this unit of instruction. Topics to include in online safety instruction are not mandated, but the following are recommended: (1) safe and responsible use of the Internet, social networking websites, electronic mail, online messaging and posting, and other means of communication on the Internet; (2) recognizing, avoiding, and reporting online solicitations of students, their classmates, and their friends by sexual predators; (3) risks of transmitting personal information on the Internet; (4) recognizing and avoiding unsolicited or deceptive communications received online; (5) reporting online harassment, cyber-bullying, and illegal activities and communications on the Internet; (6) the legal penalties and social ramifications for illicit actions taken online, including infringement of copyright laws and the creation and sharing of harmful, defamatory, or sexually explicit content; and (7) the relationship between responsible use of online resources and social-emotional health. *Online safety* means safe practices relating to an individual's or group's use of the Internet, social networking website, electronic mail, online messaging and posting, and other means of communication on the Internet. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 5. Updated in response to P.A. 104-391, which repealed the requirement to teach character education formerly at 105 ILCS 5/27-12. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 6. Updated in response to P.A. 104-391, which moved instruction on the voting process to civics education for grades 6, 7, or 8. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 7. Letters (a) - (i) are required by CHEP. 105 ILCS 5/27-215, added by P.A. 104-391. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 8. 105 ILCS 5/27-815, renumbered by P.A. 104-391, also requires safety instruction in each of grades 1 through 8, equivalent to one class period each week. Neither CHEP nor 105 ILCS 5/27-815 (as it pertains to grades 1-8) define safety education or explain how it differs from the optional safety education that boards can offer under 105 ILCS 5/27-1020, renumbered by P.A. 104-391, though districts could draw from the topics listed in that section. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 9. Consent education under CHEP is limited to the definition of *consent* under 105 ILCS 5/27-215(a), added by P.A. 104-391; this basic consent instruction is separate from the more extensive, optional consent education under 105 ILCS 5/27-1010, amended and renumbered by P.A. 104-391. For more information, see PRESS sample policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, at footnote 33, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 10. Required by 105 ILCS 5/27-105, added by P.A. 104-391. The Ill. State Police and Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) must develop instruction on child abduction prevention. 20 ILCS 2605/2605-480. See [www.isbe.net/Documents/Child-Abduction-Prevention.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/Documents/Child-Abduction-Prevention.pdf). Although this topic is no longer required by CHEP, it is also addressed in sample administrative procedure 6:60-AP1, *Comprehensive Health Education Program*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 11. Repealed by P.A. 104-391, formerly at 105 ILCS 5/27-3.5. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 12. Updated in response to P.A. 104-391, renumbering, reorganizing, and repealing citations throughout 105 ILCS 5/27. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 13. Repealed by P.A. 104-391 and replaced, in part, by 105 ILCS 5/27-215, added by P.A. 104-391. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### INSTRUCTION

#### **6:130 Program for the Gifted**

The Superintendent or designee shall implement an education program for gifted and talented learners that will challenge and motivate academically advanced learners and engage them in appropriately differentiated learning experiences to develop their unique abilities. This program will be responsive to student needs and within the budget parameters as set by the Board. ~~If the State Superintendent of Education issues a Request for Proposals because sufficient State funding is available to support local programs of gifted education the Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board concerning the feasibility and advisability of developing a "plan for gifted education" that would qualify for State funding.~~ [PRESSPlus1](#)

Eligibility to participate in the gifted program shall not be conditioned upon race, religion, sex, disability, or any factor other than the student's identification as gifted or talented learner.

The School Board will monitor this program's performance by meeting periodically with the Superintendent or designee to determine and/or review the indicators and data that evidence whether the educational program for gifted and talented learners is accomplishing its goals and objectives and is otherwise in compliance with this policy.

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/14A.

~~23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 227.~~

CROSS REF.: 6:135 (Accelerated Placement Program)

Adopted: December 13, 2022

#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/14A, amended by P.A. 104-129, eff. 1-1-26, removing references to State funding for gifted programs and related requirements. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### INSTRUCTION

#### **6:160 English Learners**

The District offers opportunities for resident English Learners to achieve at high levels in academic subjects and to meet the same challenging State academic standards that all children are expected to meet. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a program for English Learners that will:

1. Assist all English Learners to achieve English proficiency, facilitate effective communication in English, and encourage their full participation in school activities and programs as well as promote participation by the parents/guardians of English Learners.
2. Appropriately identify students with limited English language proficiency.
3. Comply with State law regarding the Transitional Bilingual Educational Program (TBE) or Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI), whichever is applicable.
4. Comply with any applicable State and federal requirements for the receipt of grant money for English Learners and programs to serve them.
5. Determine the appropriate instructional program and environment for English Learners.
6. Annually assess the English proficiency of English Learners and monitor their progress in order to determine their readiness for a mainstream classroom environment.
7. Include English Learners, to the extent required by State and federal law, in the District's student assessment program to measure their achievement in reading/language arts and mathematics.
8. Provide information to the parents/guardians of English Learners about: (a) the reasons for their child's identification, (b) their child's level of English proficiency, (c) the method of instruction to be used, (d) how the program will meet their child's needs, (e) how the program will specifically help their child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation, (f) specific exit requirements of the program, (g) how the program will meet their child's individualized education program, if applicable, and (h) information on parent/guardian rights. Parents/guardians will be regularly apprised of their child's progress and involvement will be encouraged.

#### Parent/Guardian Involvement [PRESSPlus1](#)

Parents/guardians of English Learners will be informed how they can: (1) be involved in the education of their children; (2) be active participants in assisting their children to attain English proficiency, achieve at high levels within a well-rounded education, and meet the challenging State academic standards expected of all students; and (3) participate and serve on the District's Transitional Bilingual Education Programs Parent Advisory Committee.

#### LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §§6312, 6314, 6315, and 6318.

20 U.S.C. §6801 et seq.

34 C.F.R. Part 200.

105 ILCS 5/14C-1 et seq.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 228.

CROSS REF.: 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated for continuous improvement. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### INSTRUCTION

#### 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

Parents/guardians have the right to inspect any instructional material used as part of their child's educational curriculum pursuant to School Board policy 7:15, *Student and Family Privacy Rights*.

Parents/guardians, employees, and community members who believe that curriculum, instructional materials, or programs violate rights guaranteed by any law or Board policy may file a complaint using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Parents/guardians, employees, and community members with other suggestions or complaints about curriculum, instructional materials, or programs should complete a *Curriculum Objection Form*. A parent/guardian may request that his/her child be exempt from using a particular instructional material or program by completing a *Curriculum Objection Form*. The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria for the review of objections and inform the parent/guardian, employee, or community member, as applicable, of the District's decision.

#### LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §1232h, Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment.

Mahmoud v. Taylor, 145 S.Ct. 2332 (2025), [PRESSPlus1](#)

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Concerns)

Adopted: December 13, 2022

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#### PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to Mahmoud v. Taylor, 145 S.Ct. 2332 (2025), holding that classroom instruction will likely burden parents' free exercise rights if it requires their children to submit to instruction "that poses 'a very real threat of undermining' the religious beliefs and practices that the parents wish to instill." Unless otherwise required by law, it is unclear from Mahmoud whether a district would ever need to give advance notice to all parents/guardians of the use of certain curriculum or instructional materials that could trigger religious objections. Doing so could present discrimination concerns. Given the many unsettled legal issues in this area and the fact-dependent nature of the analysis involved, boards should consult with the board attorney regarding any curriculum objections. **Issue 120, October 2025**



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### INSTRUCTION

#### **6:315 High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8**

The Superintendent or designee may investigate, coordinate, and implement a program for students in grades 7 and 8 to enroll in a course required for a high school diploma.

If a program is available, students in grades 7 and 8 may enroll in a course required for a high school diploma. Students in grades 7 and 8 who successfully complete a course required for a high school diploma will receive academic credit if permitted by, and in accordance with, the policy of the district where the elementary student will attend high school.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-22.43 and 5/27-~~615~~<sup>22.10</sup>. [PRESSPlus1](#)

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.460.

CROSS REF.: 6:135 (Accelerated Placement Program)

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### STUDENTS

#### 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities

Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to color, race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, gender, gender identity (whether or not traditionally associated with the student's sex assigned at birth), gender expression, status of being homeless, immigration status, order of protection status, military status, unfavorable military discharge, reproductive health decisions, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy. Further, the District will not knowingly enter into agreements with any entity or any individual that discriminates against students on the basis of sex or any other protected status, except that the District remains viewpoint neutral when granting access to school facilities under Board policy 8:20, *Community Use of School Facilities*. Any student may file a discrimination complaint by using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, or in the case of discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin, Board policy 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*.

#### Sex Equity

No student shall, based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or denied equal access to educational and extracurricular programs and activities. Students shall be supported in a manner consistent with their gender identity. This will include, but not be limited to, use of restrooms, locker rooms, and other facilities that correspond with the student's gender identity.

Any student may file a sex equity complaint by using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. A student may appeal the Board's resolution of the complaint to the appropriate Intermediate Service Center (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/3-10) and, thereafter, to the State Superintendent of Education (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.8).

Any student may file a sexual harassment complaint by using Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*.

#### Administrative Implementation

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator and a Title IX Coordinator. The Superintendent and Building Principal shall use reasonable measures to inform staff members and students of this policy and related grievance procedures.

#### LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

29 U.S.C. §791 et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 34 C.F.R. Part 104.

42 U.S.C. §2000d, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 34 C.F.R. Part 100.

42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982). [PRESSPlus1](#)

Good News Club v. Milford Central Sch., 533 U.S. 98 (2001).

III. Constitution, Art. I, §18.

105 ILCS 5/3.25b, 5/3.25d(b), 5/10-20.12, 5/10-20.60, 5/10-20.63, 5/10-22.5, 5/22-105, 5/26A, and 5/27-1.

775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq., Illinois Human Rights Act.

775 ILCS 35/5, Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240 and Part 200.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:150 (Agency and Law Enforcement Requests), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence), 7:340 (Student Records), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/22-105(c)(1-3), added by P.A. 104-288, eff. 1-1-26, codifying Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982), prohibiting districts from taking any action that would deny a child free public education based on the child's or their parent's/guardian's actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status, and requiring districts to establish a policy and procedures regarding agency and law enforcement requests, to ensure this right is preserved. See policy 7:150, *Agency and Law Enforcement Requests*, and sample administrative procedure 7:150-AP, *Managing Agency and Law Enforcement Requests*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com).  
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### **STUDENTS**

#### **7:70 Attendance and Truancy**

##### Compulsory School Attendance

This policy applies to individuals who have custody or control of a child: (a) between the ages of six (on or before September 1) and 17 years (unless the child has graduated from high school), or (b) who is enrolled in any of grades, kindergarten through 8, in the public school regardless of age.

Subject to specific requirements in State law, the following children are not required to attend public school: (1) any child attending a private school (including a home school) or parochial school, (2) any child who is physically or mentally unable to attend school (including a pregnant student suffering medical complications as certified by her physician), (3) any child lawfully and necessarily employed, (4) any child over 12 and under 14 years of age while in confirmation classes, and (5) any child absent because of religious reasons, including to observe a religious holiday, for religious instruction, or because his or her religion forbids secular activity on a particular day(s) or time of day.

The parent/guardian of a student who is enrolled must authorize all absences from school and notify the school in advance or at the time of the student's absence. A valid cause for absence includes illness (including mental or behavioral health of the student), attendance at a verified medical or therapeutic appointment (including a victim services provider), observance of a religious holiday, death in the immediate family, attendance at a civic event, family emergency, other situations beyond the control of the student as determined by the Board, other circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent/guardian for the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or safety, or other reason as approved by the Superintendent or designee. For students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence, valid cause for absence also includes the fulfillment of a parenting responsibility and addressing circumstances resulting from domestic or sexual violence. Students absent for a valid cause may make up missed homework and classwork assignments in a reasonable timeframe.

##### Absenteeism and Truancy Program

The Superintendent or designee shall manage an absenteeism and truancy program in accordance with the School Code and School Board policy. The program shall include but not be limited to:

1. A protocol for excusing a student from attendance who is necessarily and lawfully employed. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to determine when the student's absence is justified.
2. A protocol for excusing a student in grades 6 through 8 from attendance to sound *Taps* at a military honors funeral held in Illinois for a deceased veteran.
3. A protocol for excusing a student from attendance on a particular day(s) or at a particular time of day when his/her parent/guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat-support postings.
4. A process to telephone, within two hours after the first class, the parents/guardians of students in grade 8 or below who are absent without prior parent/guardian notification.

5. A process to identify and track students who are truants, chronic or habitual truants, or truant minors as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26-2a.
6. A description of diagnostic procedures for identifying the cause(s) of a student's unexcused absenteeism, including interviews with the student, his or her parent(s)/guardian(s), and staff members or other people who may have information about the reasons for the student's attendance problem.
7. The identification of supportive services that may be offered to truant, chronically truant, or chronically absent students, including parent-teacher conferences, student and/or family counseling, and information about available community services relevant to such students' needs. See Board policy 6:110, *Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program*.
8. A process for the collection and review of chronic absence data and to:
  - a. Determine what systems of support and resources are needed to engage chronically absent students and their families, and
  - b. Encourage the habit of daily attendance and promote success.
9. Reasonable efforts to provide ongoing professional development all school personnel, Board members, and school resource officers on the appropriate and available supportive services for the promotion of student attendance and engagement.
10. A process to request the assistance and resources of outside agencies, such as, the juvenile officer of the local police department or the truant office of the appropriate Intermediate Service Center, if truancy continues after supportive services have been offered.
11. A protocol for cooperating with non-District agencies including County or municipal authorities, the Intermediate Service Center, truant officers, the Community Truancy Review Board, and a comprehensive community based youth service agency. Any disclosure of school student records must be consistent with Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*, as well as State and federal law concerning school student records.
12. An acknowledgement that no punitive action, including out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, or court action, shall be taken against a truant minor for his or her truancy unless available supportive services and other school resources have been provided to the student.
13. The criteria to determine whether a student's non-attendance is due to extraordinary circumstances shall include economic or medical necessity or family hardship and such other criteria that the Superintendent believes qualifies.
14. An approval process for students to attend activities allowed under 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05(k), including provisions for making up missed coursework that do not penalize students. [PRESSPlus1](#)

### Updating

Pursuant to State law and Board policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, the Board updates this policy at least once every two years. The Superintendent or designee shall assist the Board with its update.

### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS [5/10-19.05\(k\)](#), 5/22-92, [and 5/26-1 through 5/26-3, 5/26-5 through 5/26-16, 5/26-18, and 5/26A.](#)

705 ILCS 405/3-33.5, Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.242 and 1.290.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:150 (Home and Hospital Instruction), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:80 (Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence), 7:340 (Student Records)

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## PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05(k), amended by P.A. 104-250, eff. 1-1-26, requiring an approval process for students to attend allowable activities by the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. Allowable activities are: (1) instruction in a college course where the student is dually enrolled for both high school and college credit, (2) participation in a Supervised Career Development Experience in which student participation and learning outcomes are approved by an educator licensed under 105 ILCS 5/21B for assessment of competencies, (3) participation in any work-based learning experience in which student participation and learning outcomes are approved by an educator who holds an Educator License with Stipulations with a career and technical educator endorsement and a work-based learning designation, (4) participation in a youth apprenticeship in which student participation and learning outcomes are approved by an educator licensed under 105 ILCS 5/21B for assessment of competencies, and (5) participation in a blended learning program approved by the district in which course content, student evaluation, and instructional methods are supervised by an educator licensed under 105 ILCS 5/21B. **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### STUDENTS

#### 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Bullying, intimidation, and harassment diminish a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors and providing all students equal access to a safe, non-hostile learning environment are important District goals.

Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical appearance, socioeconomic status, academic status, pregnancy, parenting status, homelessness, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status, sexual orientation, gender-related identity or expression, unfavorable discharge from military service, order of protection status, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic **is prohibited** in each of the following situations:

1. During any school-sponsored education program or activity.
2. While in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.
3. Through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment.
4. Through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a nonschool-related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by the School District or school if the bullying causes a substantial disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of a school. This paragraph (item #4) applies only when a school administrator or teacher receives a report that bullying through this means has occurred; it does not require staff members to monitor any nonschool-related activity, function, or program.

Definitions from 105 ILCS 5/22-11027-23.7 [PRESSPlus1](#)

Artificial intelligence means a machine-based system that, for explicit or implicit objectives, infers, from the input it receives, how to generate outputs such as predictions, content, recommendations, or decisions that can influence physical or virtual environments. Artificial intelligence includes generative artificial intelligence.

*Bullying* includes *cyberbullying* and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

1. Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
2. Causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
3. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or

4. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

*Bullying* may take various forms, including without limitation one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, posting or distributing sexually explicit images, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. This list is meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive.

*Cyberbullying* means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, including without limitation any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, photo-electronic system, or photo-optical system, including without limitation electronic mail, Internet communications, instant messages, or facsimile communications. *Cyberbullying* includes the creation of a webpage or weblog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages if the creation or impersonation creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of *bullying*. *Cyberbullying* also includes the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons if the distribution or posting creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of *bullying*. *Cyberbullying* also includes the posting or distribution of an unauthorized digital replica by electronic means if the posting or distribution creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of *bullying*. [PRESSPlus2](#)

*Digital replica* means a newly created, electronic representation of the identity of an actual individual created using a computer, algorithm, software, tool, artificial intelligence, or other technology that is fixed in a sound recording or audiovisual work in which that individual did not actually perform or appear and that is so realistic that a reasonable observer would believe it is a performance by the individual being portrayed and no other individual.

*Restorative measures* means a continuum of school-based alternatives to exclusionary discipline, such as suspensions and expulsions, that: (i) are adapted to the particular needs of the school and community, (ii) contribute to maintaining school safety, (iii) protect the integrity of a positive and productive learning climate, (iv) teach students the personal and interpersonal skills they will need to be successful in school and society, (v) serve to build and restore relationships among students, families, schools, and communities, (vi) reduce the likelihood of future disruption by balancing accountability with an understanding of students' behavioral health needs in order to keep students in school, and (vii) increase student accountability if the incident of bullying is based on religion, race, ethnicity, or any other category that is identified in the Ill. Human Rights Act.

*School personnel* means persons employed by, on contract with, or who volunteer in a school district, including without limitation school and school district administrators, teachers, school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, school resource officers, and security guards.

*Unauthorized digital replica* means the use of a digital replica of an individual without the consent of the depicted individual.

### Bullying Prevention and Response Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a bullying prevention and response plan that advances the District's goal of providing all students with a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassment. This plan must be consistent with the requirements listed below.

1. The District uses the definition of *bullying* as provided in this policy.



2. Bullying is contrary to State law and the policy of this District. However, nothing in the District's bullying prevention and response plan is intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views protected under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution or under Section 3 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution.
3. Students are encouraged to immediately report bullying. A report may be made orally or in writing to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, a Complaint Manager, or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking. Anyone, including staff members and parents/guardians, who has information about actual or threatened bullying is encouraged to report it to the District named officials or any staff member. The District named officials and all staff members are available for help with a bully or to make a report about bullying. Anonymous reports are also accepted; however, this shall not be construed to permit formal disciplinary action solely on the basis of an anonymous report.

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4. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, the parents/guardians of all students involved in an alleged incident of bullying will be notified of such, along with threats, suggestions, or instances of self-harm determined to be the result of bullying, within 24 hours after the school's administration is made aware of the student's involvement in the incident. As appropriate, the school's administration shall also discuss the availability of social work services, counseling, school psychological services, other interventions, and restorative measures. The school shall make diligent efforts to notify a parent or legal guardian, utilizing all contact information the school has available or that can be reasonably obtained within the 24-hour period.
5. The Superintendent or designee shall promptly investigate and address reports of bullying, by, among other things:
  - a. Making all reasonable efforts to complete the investigation within 10 school days after the date the report of a bullying incident was received and taking into consideration additional relevant information received during the course of the investigation about the reported bullying incident.
  - b. Involving appropriate school support personnel and other staff persons with knowledge, experience, and training on bullying prevention, as deemed appropriate, in the investigation process.
  - c. Notifying the Building Principal or school administrator or designee of the reported

incident of bullying as soon as possible after the report is received.

- d. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, providing parents/guardians of the students who are parties to the investigation information about the investigation and an opportunity to meet with the Building Principal or school administrator or his or her designee to discuss the investigation, the findings of the investigation, and the actions taken to address the reported incident of bullying.

The Superintendent or designee shall investigate whether a reported incident of bullying is within the permissible scope of the District's jurisdiction and shall require that the District provide the victim with information regarding services that are available within the District and community, such as counseling, support services, and other programs.

6. The Superintendent or designee shall use interventions to address bullying, that may include, but are not limited to, school social work services, restorative measures, social-emotional skill building, counseling, school psychological services, and community-based services.
7. A reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying **is prohibited**. Any person's act of reprisal or retaliation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge with regard to employees, or suspension and/or expulsion with regard to students.
8. A student will not be punished for reporting bullying or supplying information, even if the District's investigation concludes that no bullying occurred. However, a person who is found to have falsely accused another of bullying, as a means of retaliation, as a means of bullying, or provided false information will be treated as either: (a) *bullying*, (b) student discipline up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, and/or (c) both (a) and (b) for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.
9. The District's bullying prevention and response plan is based on the engagement of a range of school stakeholders, including students and parents/guardians.
10. The Superintendent or designee shall post this policy on the District's publicly accessible website, if any, and include it in the student handbook, and, where applicable, post it where other policies, rules, and standards of conduct are currently posted. The policy must be distributed annually to parents/guardians, students, and school personnel (including new employees when hired), and must also be provided periodically throughout the school year to students and faculty.
11. Pursuant to State law and Board policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, the Board monitors this policy every two years by conducting a review and re-evaluation of this policy to make any necessary and appropriate revisions. The Superintendent or designee shall assist the Board with its re-evaluation and assessment of this policy's outcomes and effectiveness. Updates to this policy will reflect any necessary and appropriate revisions. This process shall include, without limitation:
  - a. The frequency of victimization;
  - b. Student, staff, and family observations of safety at a school;
  - c. Identification of areas of a school where bullying occurs;
  - d. The types of bullying utilized; and
  - e. Bystander intervention or participation.

The evaluation process may use relevant data and information that the District already collects for other purposes. Acceptable documentation to satisfy the re-evaluated policy submission include one of the following:

- 1) An updated version of the policy with the amendment/modification date specifying the date of adoption (indicated by month, date, and year) [PRESSPlus3](#) included in the

reference portion of the policy;

2) If no revisions are deemed necessary, a copy of Board minutes indicating that the policy was re-evaluated and no changes were deemed to be necessary; or

3) A signed statement from the Board President indicating that the Board re-evaluated the policy and no changes to it were necessary.

The Superintendent or designee must post the information developed as a result of the policy re-evaluation on the District's website, or if a website is not available, the information must be provided to school administrators, Board members, school personnel, parents/guardians, and students. Reviews and re-evaluations in years they are due must be submitted to ISBE by September 30.

12. The Superintendent or designee shall fully implement the Board policies, including without limitation, the following:
  - a. 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. A student may use this policy to complain about bullying.
  - b. 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*. Any person may use this policy to complain about sexual harassment in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.
  - c. 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*. Any person may use this policy to complain about discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and/or the Illinois Human Rights Act.
  - d. 6:60, *Curriculum Content*. Bullying prevention and character instruction is provided in all grades in accordance with State law.
  - e. 6:65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*. Student social and emotional development is incorporated into the District's educational program as required by State law.
  - f. 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*. This policy states that the use of the District's electronic networks is limited to: (1) support of education and/or research, or (2) a legitimate business use.
  - g. 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*. This policy prohibits any person from harassing, intimidating, or bullying a student based on an identified actual or perceived characteristic (the list of characteristics in 7:20 is the same as the list in this policy).
  - h. 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*. This policy prohibits teen dating violence on school property, at school sponsored activities, and in vehicles used for school-provided transportation.
  - i. 7:190, *Student Behavior*. This policy prohibits, and provides consequences for, hazing, bullying, or other aggressive behaviors, or urging other students to engage in such conduct.
  - j. 7:310, *Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools*. This policy prohibits students from and provides consequences for: (1) accessing and/or distributing at school any written, printed, or electronic material, including material from the Internet, that will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, and (2) creating and/or distributing written, printed, or electronic material, including photographic material and blogs, that causes substantial disruption to school operations or interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6(b-20), 5/22-110, and 5/24-24, ~~and 5/27-23.7~~.

405 ILCS 49/, Children's Mental Health Act.

775 ILCS 5/1-103, III. Human Rights Act.

23 III.Admin.Code §§1.240, 1.280, and 1.295.

CROSS REF.: 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 4:170 (Safety), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:285 (Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. All definitions are directly from 105 ILCS 5/22-110, amended by P.A. 104-338, eff. 7-1-26, and renumbered by P.A. 104-391, or any other statutes it incorporates by reference. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. This sentence is required beginning with the 2026-27 school year. 105 ILCS 5/22-110, amended by P.A. 104-338, eff. 7-1-26, and renumbered by P.A. 104-391. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 3. Including the month, date, and year that an updated policy was adopted is required by 23 Ill. Admin.Code §1.295(c)(2). **Issue 120, October 2025**

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## STUDENTS

### 7:190 Student Behavior

The goals and objectives of this policy are to provide effective discipline practices that: (1) ensure the safety and dignity of students and staff; (2) maintain a positive, weapons-free, and drug-free learning environment; (3) keep school property and the property of others secure; (4) address the causes of a student's misbehavior and provide opportunities for all individuals involved in an incident to participate in its resolution; and (5) teach students positive behavioral skills to become independent, self-disciplined citizens in the school community and society.

#### When and Where Conduct Rules Apply

A student is subject to disciplinary action for engaging in *prohibited student conduct*, as described in the section with that name below, whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including, but not limited to:

1. On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any time;
2. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school;
3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
4. Anywhere, if the conduct interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including, but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

#### Prohibited Student Conduct

The school administration is authorized to discipline students for gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to:

1. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco or nicotine materials, including without limitation, electronic cigarettes.
2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence of an alcoholic beverage are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling, or offering for sale:
  - a. Any illegal drug or controlled substance, or cannabis (including marijuana, hashish, and medical cannabis unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under *Ashley's Law*).
  - b. Any anabolic steroid unless it is being administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
  - c. Any performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association's most current banned substance list unless administered in accordance with a physician's or

licensed practitioner's prescription.

- d. Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a physician or licensed practitioner, or when used in a manner inconsistent with the prescription or prescribing physician's or licensed practitioner's instructions. The use or possession of medical cannabis, even by a student for whom medical cannabis has been prescribed, is prohibited unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under *Ashley's Law*.
- e. Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance: (a) that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system; or (b) about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system. The prohibition in this section does not apply to a student's use of asthma or other legally prescribed inhalant medications.
- f. Any substance inhaled, injected, smoked, consumed, or otherwise ingested or absorbed with the intention of causing a physiological or psychological change in the body, including without limitation, pure caffeine in tablet or powdered form.
- g. *Look-alike* or counterfeit drugs, including a substance that is not prohibited by this policy, but one: (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy; or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy.
- h. Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to: (a) ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and (b) grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances.

Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had the prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.

4. Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a *weapon* as that term is defined in the **Weapons** section of this policy, or violating the **Weapons** section of this policy.
5. Using or possessing an electronic paging device.
6. Using a cellular telephone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), or other electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. Unless otherwise banned under this policy or by the Building Principal, all electronic devices must be kept powered off or silenced and out-of-sight during the regular school day unless: (a) the supervising teacher grants permission; (b) use of the device is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan; (c) it is used during the student's lunch period, or (d) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.
7. *Sexting*, which, for purposes of this policy, is the act of creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing sexually explicit messages, images, or videos electronically, regardless of whether they are authentic or computer-generated, through the use of a computer, electronic communication device, or cellular phone. Sexting also includes creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing *indecent visual depictions, non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images, and non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit digitized depictions*, as defined in State law.

8. Using or possessing a laser pointer unless under a staff member's direct supervision and in the context of instruction.
9. Disobeying rules of student conduct or directives from staff members or school officials. Examples of disobeying staff directives include refusing a District staff member's request to stop, present school identification, or submit to a search.
10. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, using a writing service and/or generative artificial intelligence technology in place of original work unless specifically authorized by staff, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, altering report cards, and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.
11. Engaging in hazing or any kind of bullying or aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to a staff person or another student, or urging other students to engage in such conduct. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying, bullying using a school computer or a school computer network, or other comparable conduct.
12. Engaging in any sexual activity, including without limitation, offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure (including mooning), and sexual assault. This does not include the non-disruptive: (a) expression of gender or sexual orientation or preference, or (b) display of affection during non-instructional time.
13. Teen dating violence, as described in Board policy 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*.
14. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property.
15. Entering school property or a school facility without proper authorization.
16. In the absence of a reasonable belief that an emergency exists, calling emergency responders (such as calling 911); signaling or setting off alarms or signals indicating the presence of an emergency; or indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, school bus, or at any school activity.
17. Being absent without a recognized excuse; State law and School Board policy regarding truancy control will be used with chronic and habitual truants.
18. Being involved with any public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, by: (a) being a member; (b) promising to join; (c) pledging to become a member; or (d) soliciting any other person to join, promise to join, or be pledged to become a member.
19. Being involved in gangs or gang-related activities, including displaying gang symbols or paraphernalia.
20. Violating any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, vandalism, and hazing.
21. Making an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel if the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.
22. Operating an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or drone for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event unless granted permission by the Superintendent or designee.
23. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a

staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

For purposes of this policy, the term *possession* includes having control, custody, or care, currently or in the past, of an object or substance, including situations in which the item is: (a) on the student's person; (b) contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of, the student, such as in the student's clothing, backpack, or automobile; (c) in a school's student locker, desk, or other school property; or (d) at any location on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

Efforts, including the use of positive interventions and supports, shall be made to deter students, while at school or a school-related event, from engaging in aggressive behavior that may reasonably produce physical or psychological harm to someone else. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the parent/guardian of a student who engages in aggressive behavior is notified of the incident. The failure to provide such notification does not limit the Board's authority to impose discipline, including suspension or expulsion, for such behavior.

No disciplinary action shall be taken against any student that is based totally or in part on the refusal of the student's parent/guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

### Disciplinary Measures

School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and, where practicable and reasonable, shall consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline before using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions. School personnel shall not advise or encourage students to drop out voluntarily due to behavioral or academic difficulties. Potential disciplinary measures include, without limitation, any of the following:

1. Notifying parent(s)/guardian(s).
2. Disciplinary conference.
3. Withholding of privileges.
4. Temporary removal from the classroom.
5. Return of property or restitution for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
6. In-school suspension. The Building Principal or designee shall ensure that the student is properly supervised.
7. After-school study or Saturday study provided the student's parent/guardian has been notified. If transportation arrangements cannot be agreed upon, an alternative disciplinary measure must be used. The student must be supervised by the detaining teacher or the Building Principal or designee.
8. Community service with local public and nonprofit agencies that enhances community efforts to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs. The District will not provide transportation. School administration shall use this option only as an alternative to another disciplinary measure, giving the student and/or parent/guardian the choice.
9. Seizure of contraband; confiscation and temporary retention of personal property that was used to violate this policy or school disciplinary rules.
10. Suspension of bus riding privileges in accordance with Board policy 7:220, *Bus Conduct*.
11. Out-of-school suspension from school and all school activities in accordance with Board policy 7:200, *Suspension Procedures*. A student who has been suspended shall also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.
12. Expulsion from school and all school activities for a definite time period not to exceed two calendar years in accordance with Board policy 7:210, *Expulsion Procedures*. A student who



has been expelled shall also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.

13. Transfer to an alternative program if the student is expelled or otherwise qualifies for the transfer under State law. The transfer shall be in the manner provided in Article 13A or 13B of the School Code.
14. Notifying juvenile authorities or other law enforcement whenever the conduct involves criminal activity, including but not limited to, illegal drugs (controlled substances), *look-alikes*, alcohol, or weapons or in other circumstances as authorized by the reciprocal reporting agreement between the District and local law enforcement agencies.

The above list of disciplinary measures is a range of options that will not always be applicable in every case. In some circumstances, it may not be possible to avoid suspending or expelling a student because behavioral interventions, other than a suspension and expulsion, will not be appropriate and available, and the only reasonable and practical way to resolve the threat and/or address the disruption is a suspension or expulsion.

Corporal punishment is prohibited in all circumstances. *Corporal punishment* is defined as a discipline method in which a person deliberately inflicts pain upon a student in response to the student's unacceptable behavior or inappropriate language, with an aim to halt an offense, prevent its recurrence, or set an example for others. It includes slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force as permitted by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33.

#### Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint

Neither isolated time out, time out, nor physical restraint shall be used to discipline or punish a student. These methods are only authorized for use as permitted in 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33, Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) rules (23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.280, 1.285), and the District's procedure(s).

#### Weapons

A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of at least one calendar year but not more than two calendar years:

1. A firearm, meaning any gun, rifle, shotgun, or weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 921), firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65/), or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012 (720 ILCS 5/24-1).
2. A knife, brass knuckles, or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including *look-alikes* of any firearm as defined above.

The expulsion requirement under either paragraph one or two above may be modified by the Superintendent, and the Superintendent's determination may be modified by the Board on a case-by-case basis. The Superintendent or designee may grant an exception to this policy, upon the prior request of an adult supervisor, for students in theatre, cooking, ROTC, martial arts, and similar programs, whether or not school-sponsored, provided the item is not equipped, nor intended, to do bodily harm.

This policy's prohibitions concerning weapons apply regardless of whether: (1) a student is licensed to carry a concealed firearm, or (2) the Board permits visitors, who are licensed to carry a concealed firearm, to store a firearm in a locked vehicle in a school parking area.

## Re-Engagement of Returning Students

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a process to facilitate the re-engagement of students who are returning from an out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or an alternative school setting. The goal of re-engagement shall be to support the student's ability to be successful in school following a period of exclusionary discipline and shall include the opportunity for students who have been suspended to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit.

## Required Notices

A school staff member shall immediately notify the office of the Building Principal in the event that he or she: (1) observes any person in possession of a firearm on ~~or around~~ school grounds, becomes aware of any person in possession of a firearm on school grounds, or becomes aware of any threat of gun violence on school grounds; however, such action may be delayed if immediate notice would endanger students under his or her supervision, (2) observes or has reason to suspect that any person on school grounds is or was involved in a drug-related incident, or (3) observes a battery committed against any staff member or is subject to a battery. *School grounds* includes modes of transportation to school activities and any public way within 1000 feet of the school, as well as school property itself.

Upon receiving a report of (1), above, the Building Principal or designee shall immediately notify local law enforcement. If the report of (1), above, pertains to a threat of firearm violence made by a student, the Building Principal or designee shall attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian as soon as possible and shall further attempt to contact the parent/guardian to ensure that the student does not have access to a firearm. [PRESSPlus1](#) In addition, upon receiving a report on any of the above (1)-(3), the Building Principal or designee shall notify the Superintendent or designee and any involved student's parent/guardian.

Upon receiving a report on any of the above (1)-(3), the Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify local law enforcement. The Superintendent or designee shall also report these incidents to ISBE through its web-based School Incident Reporting System as they occur during the year and no later than July 31 for the preceding school year.

## Delegation of Authority

Each teacher, and any other school personnel when students are under his or her charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, expulsion, corporal punishment, or in-school suspension, that is appropriate and in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers, other licensed educational employees, and any other persons (whether or not a licensed employee) providing a related service for or with respect to a student, may only use reasonable force as permitted by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33. Teachers may temporarily remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

The Superintendent, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, or Dean of Students is authorized to impose the same disciplinary measures as teachers and may suspend students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct from school (including all school functions) and from riding the school bus, up to 10 consecutive school days, provided the appropriate procedures are followed. The Board may suspend a student from riding the bus in excess of 10 school days for safety reasons.

## Student Handbook

The Superintendent, with input from the parent-teacher advisory committee, shall prepare disciplinary rules implementing the District's disciplinary policies. These disciplinary rules shall be presented annually to the Board for its review and approval.

A student handbook, including the District disciplinary policies and rules, shall be distributed to the students' parents/guardians within 15 days of the beginning of the school year or a student's enrollment.

Incorporated

by Reference: 7:190-AP4 (Use of Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint)

LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §7971 et seq., Pro-Children Act of 2004.

20 U.S.C. §7961 et seq., Gun Free Schools Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b, 5/10-20.14, 5/10-20.28, 5/10-20.36, 5/10-21.7, 5/10-21.10, 5/10-22.6, 5/10-27.1A, 5/10-27.1B, 5/22-33, 5/22-100, 5/22-110, 5/24-24, 5/26-12, 5/27-240~~27-23.7~~, and 5/31-3.

105 ILCS 110/3.10, Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act.

410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program.

410 ILCS 647/, Powdered Caffeine Control and Education Act.

430 ILCS 66/, Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.280, 1.285.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Law Enforcement Requests~~Police Interviews~~), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:170 (Vandalism), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:210 (Expulsion Procedures), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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## PRESSPlus Comments

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### STUDENTS

#### 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

Youth suicide impacts the safety of the school environment. It also affects the school community, diminishing the ability of surviving students to learn and the school's ability to educate. Suicide and depression awareness and prevention are important Board goals.

#### Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a suicide and depression awareness and prevention program (Program) that advances the Board's goals of increasing awareness and prevention of depression and suicide. This program must be consistent with the requirements of *Ann Marie's Law* listed below; each listed requirement, 1-6, corresponds with the list of required policy components in the School Code Section 5/2-3.166(c)(2)-(7). The Program shall include:

1. Protocols for administering youth suicide awareness and prevention education to students and staff.
  - a. For students, implementation will incorporate Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, which implements ~~105 ILCS 5/2-3.139 and 105 ILCS 5/27-215.7~~ (requiring education for students on mental health and illness ~~to develop a sound mind and a healthy body~~). [PRESSPlus1](#)
  - b. For staff, implementation will incorporate Board policy 5:100, *Staff Development Program*, and teacher's institutes under 105 ILCS 5/3-14.8 (requiring coverage of the warning signs of suicidal behavior).
2. Procedures for methods of suicide prevention with the goal of early identification and referral of students possibly at risk of suicide. Implementation will incorporate:
  - a. The training required by 105 ILCS 5/10-22.39 for all District staff who work with students to identify the warning signs of suicidal behavior in youth along with appropriate intervention and referral techniques, including methods of prevention, procedures for early identification, and referral of students at risk of suicide; and
  - b. Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE)-recommended guidelines and educational materials for staff training and professional development, along with ISBE-recommended resources for students containing age-appropriate educational materials on youth suicide and awareness, if available pursuant to *Ann Marie's Law* on ISBE's website.
3. Methods of intervention, including procedures that address an emotional or mental health safety plan for use during the school day and at school-sponsored events for a student identified as being at increased risk of suicide including those students who: (A) suffer from a mental health disorder; (B) suffer from a substance abuse disorder; (C) engage in self-harm or have previously attempted suicide; (D) reside in an out-of-home placement; (E) are experiencing homelessness; (F) are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ); (G) are bereaved by suicide; or (H) have a medical condition or certain types of disabilities. Implementation will

incorporate paragraph number 2, above, along with Board policies:

- a. 6:65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*, implementing the goals and benchmarks of the Ill. Learning Standards and 405 ILCS 49/15(b) (requiring student social and emotional development in the District's educational program);
  - b. 6:120, *Education of Children with Disabilities*, implementing special education requirements for the District;
  - c. 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, implementing provision of District services to students who are homeless;
  - d. 6:270, *Guidance and Counseling Program*, implementing guidance and counseling program(s) for students, and 105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a and 22.24b, which allow a qualified guidance specialist or any licensed staff member to provide school counseling services;
  - e. 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*, and its implementing administrative procedure and exhibit, implementing supports for equal educational opportunities for students who are LGBTQ;
  - f. 7:50, *School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools*, implementing State law requirements related to students who are in foster care;
  - g. 7:250, *Student Support Services*, implementing the Children's Mental Health Act, 405 ILCS 49/ (requiring protocols for responding to students with social, emotional, or mental health issues that impact learning ability); and
  - h. State and/or federal resources that address emotional or mental health safety plans for students who are possibly at an increased risk for suicide, if available on the ISBE's website pursuant to *Ann Marie's Law*
4. Methods of responding to a student or staff suicide or suicide attempt. Implementation of this requirement shall incorporate building-level Student Support Committee(s) established through Board policy 7:250, *Student Support Services*.
  5. Reporting procedures. Implementation of this requirement shall incorporate Board policy 6:270, *Guidance and Counseling Program*, and Board policy 7:250, *Student Support Services*, in addition to other State and/or federal resources that address reporting procedures.
  6. A process to incorporate ISBE-recommended resources on youth suicide awareness and prevention programs, including current contact information for such programs in the District's Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program.

#### Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Planning Committee

The Superintendent or designee shall attempt to develop a relationship between the District and the Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Planning Committee, the Illinois Suicide Prevention Coalition Alliance, and/or a community mental health agency. The purpose of the relationship is to discuss how to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan into the District's Suicide Prevention and Depression Awareness Program.

#### Monitoring

The Board will review and update this policy pursuant to *Ann Marie's Law* and Board policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*.

#### Information to Staff, Parents/Guardians, and Students

The Superintendent shall inform each school district employee about this policy and ensure its posting on the District's website. The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of this policy to the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the District. Student and staff [PRESSPlus2](#)

identification (ID) cards, the District's website, and student handbooks and planners will contain the support information as required by State law.

### Implementation

This policy shall be implemented in a manner consistent with State and federal laws, including the Student Confidential Reporting Act, 5 ILCS 860/, Children's Mental Health Act, 405 ILCS 49/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act, 740 ILCS 110/, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.

The District, Board, and its staff are protected from liability by the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Services provided pursuant to this policy: (1) do not replace the care of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed medical practitioner or professional trained in suicide prevention, assessments and counseling services, (2) are strictly limited to the available resources within the District, (3) do not extend beyond the school day and/or school-sponsored events, and (4) cannot guarantee or ensure the safety of a student or the student body.

### LEGAL REF.:

42 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq., Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.166, ~~105 ILCS 5/2-3.139~~, 5/3-14.8, ~~5/10-20.76~~, 5/10-20.81, 5/10-22.24a, 5/10-22.24b, 5/10-22.39, 5/14-1.01 et seq., 5/14-7.02, ~~and 5/14-7.02b~~, and 5/27-2157.

5 ILCS 860/, Student Confidential Reporting Act.

405 ILCS 49/, Children's Mental Health Act.

740 ILCS 110/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act.

745 ILCS 10/, Local Governmental and Governmental Tort Immunity Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:270 (Guidance and Counseling Program), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:250 (Student Support Services)

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### STUDENTS

#### 7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools

##### School-Sponsored Publications and Websites

School-sponsored publications, productions, and websites are part of the curriculum and are not a public forum for general student use. School authorities may edit or delete material that is inconsistent with the District's educational mission.

All school-sponsored communications shall comply with the ethics and rules of responsible journalism. Text that is libelous, obscene, vulgar, lewd, invades the privacy of others, conflicts with the basic educational mission of the school, is socially inappropriate, is inappropriate due to the maturity of the students, or is materially disruptive to the educational process will not be tolerated.

The author's name will accompany personal opinions and editorial statements. An opportunity for the expression of differing opinions from those published/produced will be provided within the same media.

##### Non-School Sponsored Publications Accessed or Distributed On-Campus

For purposes of this section and the following section, a *publication* includes, without limitation: (1) written or electronic print material, (2) audio-visual material on any medium including electromagnetic media (e.g., images, digital files, flash memory, etc.), or combinations of these whether off-line (e.g., a printed book, digital files, etc.) or online (e.g., any website, social networking site, database for information retrieval, etc.), or (3) information or material on electronic devices (e.g., text or voice messages delivered by cell phones, tablets, and other hand-held devices).

Creating, distributing, and/or accessing non-school sponsored publications shall occur at a time and place and in a manner that will not cause disruption, be coercive, or result in the perception that the distribution or the publication is endorsed by the District.

Students are prohibited from creating, distributing, and/or accessing at school any publication that:

1. Will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities;
2. Violates the rights of others, including but not limited to material that is libelous, invades the privacy of others, or infringes on a copyright;
3. Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to maturity level of the students, including but not limited to material that is obscene, pornographic, or pervasively lewd and vulgar, contains indecent and vulgar language, or *sexting* as defined by Board policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*, and/or Student Handbooks;
4. Is reasonably viewed as promoting illegal drug use; or
5. Is distributed in kindergarten through eighth grade and is primarily prepared by non-students, unless it is being used for school purposes. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to prevent the inclusion of material from outside sources or the citation to such sources as long as the material

to be distributed or accessed is primarily prepared by students.

Accessing or distributing *on-campus* includes accessing or distributing on school property or at school-related activities. A student engages in gross disobedience and misconduct and may be disciplined for: (1) accessing or distributing forbidden material, or (2) for writing, creating, or publishing such material intending for it to be accessed or distributed at school.

#### Non-School Sponsored Publications Accessed or Distributed Off-Campus

A student engages in gross disobedience and misconduct and may be disciplined for creating and/or distributing a publication that: (1) causes a substantial disruption or a foreseeable risk of a substantial disruption to school operations, or (2) interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.

#### Bullying and Cyberbullying

The Superintendent or designee shall treat behavior that is *bullying* and/or *cyberbullying* according to Board policy 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*, in addition to any response required by this policy.

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/22-110~~7-23.7~~. [PRESSPlus1](#)

Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).

Hedges v. Wauconda Cmty. Unit Sch. Dist. No. 118, 9 F.3d 1295 (7th Cir. 1993).

CROSS REF.: 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 8:25 (Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities)

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

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### STUDENTS

#### 7:340 Student Records

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

1. Records kept in a staff member's sole possession.
2. Records maintained by law enforcement ~~professionals~~<sup>officers</sup> [PRESSPlus1](#) working in the school.
3. Video and other electronic recordings (including without limitation, electronic recordings made on school buses) that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes. The content of these recordings may become part of a school student record to the extent school officials create, use, and maintain this content, or it becomes available to them by law enforcement ~~professionals~~<sup>officials</sup>, for disciplinary or special education purposes regarding a particular student.
4. Any information, either written or oral, received from law enforcement officials concerning a student less than the age of 18 years who has been arrested or taken into custody.

State and federal law grants students, parents/guardians, and when applicable, the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services' Office of Education and Transition Services, certain rights, including the right to inspect, copy, and/or challenge school student records. The information contained in school student records shall be kept current, accurate, clear, and relevant. All information maintained concerning a student receiving special education services shall be directly related to the provision of services to that child. The District may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to opt-out of the release of directory information regarding his or her child. The District will comply with State or federal law with regard to release of a student's school records, including, where applicable, without notice to, or the consent of, the student's parent/guardian or eligible student. Upon request, the District discloses school student records without parent consent to the official records custodian of another school in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any other person as specifically required or permitted by State or federal law.

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

#### LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 34 C.F.R. Part 99.

50 ILCS 205/7, Local Records Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b, 5/10-20.40, 5/14-1.01 et seq., and 5/26A-30.

105 ILCS 10/, Ill. School Student Records Act.

105 ILCS 85/, Student Online Personal Protection Act.

325 ILCS 17/, Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act.

750 ILCS 5/602.11, Ill. Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Parts 226 and 375.

Owasso I.S.D. No. I-011 v. Falvo, 534 U.S. 426 (2002).

Chicago Tribune Co. v. Chicago Bd. of Ed., 332 Ill.App.3d 60 (1st Dist. 2002).

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:130 (Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Revised in #2 and #4 to match the text of the Illinois School Student Records Act (ISSRA). **Issue 120, October 2025**

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### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

#### **8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property**

The following definitions apply to this policy:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, Board member, sports official or coach, or any other person.
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, or use vulgar or obscene language.
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device.
4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property.
5. Damage or deface school property.
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance.
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products.
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be impaired by or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug.
9. Be present when the person's alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug

consumption is detectible, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.

10. Use or possess medical cannabis, unless he or she has complied with policy 7:270, *Administering Medicines to Students*, implementing *Ashley's Law*.
11. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner).
12. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the Board.
13. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive.
14. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding.
15. Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee.
16. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the District or a School function.

### Convicted Child Sex Offender

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

1. A parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion; or
2. Has permission to be present from the Board, Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee. If permission is granted, the Superintendent or Board President shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal.

In all cases, the Superintendent, or designee who is a licensedcertified [PRESSPlus1](#) employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

### Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent

Upon notifying the Building Principal's office, authorized agents of an exclusive bargaining representative will be provided reasonable access to employees in the bargaining unit they represent in accordance with State law. Such access shall be conducted in a manner that will not impede the normal operations of the District.

### Enforcement

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

Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from or denied admission to school property in accordance with State law. The person also may be subject to being denied admission to school athletic or extracurricular events for up to one calendar year in accordance with the procedures below.

## Procedures to Deny Future Admission to Athletic or Extracurricular School Events

Before any person may be denied admission to athletic or extracurricular school events, the person has a right to a hearing before the Board. The Superintendent may refuse the person admission pending such hearing. The Superintendent or designee must provide the person with a hearing notice, delivered or sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, at least 10 days before the Board hearing date. The hearing notice must contain:

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

### LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §7971 et seq., Pro-Children Act of 2001.

Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School Dist., 313 Ill. App.3d 344 (4th Dist. 2000).

105 ILCS 5/10-20.5, 10-20.5b, 5/10-22.10, 5/22-33, 5/22-110, and 5/24-25, ~~and 5/27-23.7(a).~~ [PRESSPlus2](#)

115 ILCS 5/3(c), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

410 ILCS 705/, Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act.

430 ILCS 66/, Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

720 ILCS 5/11-9.3, 5/21-1, 5/21-1.2, 5/21-3, 5/21-5, 5/21-5.5, 5/21-9, and 5/21-11.

CROSS REF.: 2:200 (Types of School Board Meetings), 2:230 (Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board), 4:170 (Safety), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated for continuous improvement. **Issue 120, October 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. The Legal References are updated in response to P.A. 104-391. **Issue 120, October 2025**



# Coversheet

## District Enrollment

<b>Section:</b>	IX. Superintendent's Report
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<b>Submitted by:</b>	
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2025-2026 Enrollment												
Grade	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	
PK	69	69	68	71	68							
K	41	42	42	43	41							
1	67	68	68	68	67							
2	52	51	51	51	51							
3	63	67	67	68	68							
4	68	68	68	67	67							
5	65	66	65	65	65							
6	83	83	83	83	83							
7	64	64	65	65	65							
8	72	74	74	74	74							
Total	644	652	651	655	649							
Speech												
NTDSE	14	15	16	17	17							
Satellite		4	5	5	5							
Total	658	671	672	677	671							
Students Transferred Into District												
K				1				2				
3				4				5				





# Coversheet

## FOIA Requests

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12/2/2025	Max Binnington	Legal Contracts & Agreements
12/01/2025	Max Binnington	Board Policies
12/01/2025	Max Binnington	RFP/Risk Management
12/03/25	Mr. Requena	Vendor Payments

# Coversheet

## Admin Report

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<b>Submitted by:</b>	
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## **Admin Report BoE December, 2025**

### **Advancing Learning and Innovation**

- **PLC Leadership** - During our PLC leadership meetings, we have been discussing different ways to structure learning groups after a common assessment. This way of teaching helps all students reach the next learning level.
- **January Benchmark Assessments** - We will continue with benchmark assessments in January. Students in K-8 will take curriculum based measures (CBMs) in reading and math, whereas students in 1st-8th grade will take the NWEA MAP in reading and math.

### **Fostering Safe and Healthy Learning Environments**

- **Winter Concert** - The music department and first grade team worked hard to prepare students for our annual winter concert. Students were all smiles during the daytime assembly/sing along, and it was a packed house during the evening performance.
- **Athletic/Extracurricular Update** -
- **PBIS** - Students in grades K-4 are still focusing on being respectful, being responsible, and being safe. Students are earning stickers for these behaviors as well as still earning PAWS. Grades 5-8 focused on “being ready” for class this past month and will continue this focus through December.