

**Dunlap Community Unit School District 323**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**March 18, 2026**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**TO:** Members of the Board of Education

**FROM:** Mrs. Cheryl Wooden, *Assistant Principal, Hickory Grove Elementary School*  
Mrs. Jennifer Wilke, *Assistant Principal, Dunlap Middle School*  
Mr. Brian Bishop, *Assistant Principal, Dunlap Valley Middle School*  
Mr. Tim Kennedy, *Assistant Principal, Dunlap High School*  
Mandy Ellis, *Director of Student Services*  
Dr. Matt Andrews, *Assistant Superintendent*

**SUBJECT:** 2026-27 School-Year Student Handbooks

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

That the Board of Education approve the 2026-27 School Year Student Handbooks as presented.

**UPDATES FROM FEBRUARY:**

- Added clarifying language to the middle school handbook explaining GPA calculation for honor roll consideration for those students taking high-school-level courses. DHS operates on a semester system and does not issue grades quarterly; this language codifies the current practice to avoid confusion.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Attached are the proposed, red-line copies of the 2026-27 School Year Dunlap CUSD #323 Student Handbooks for:

- [Elementary Schools](#)
- [Middle Schools](#)
- [Dunlap High School](#)

Proposed changes can be noted in red to either delete or add specific verbiage. A large portion of the revisions is due to new or updated legislation or policies as presented in the Model Student Handbook, a publication provided by the Illinois Principals Association. **A summary of changes for the middle and high schools has also been included below:**

- [Middle Schools](#)
- [High School](#)

Student handbook meetings occurred on the following dates and included, based on availability, Board Member(s), district-level and appropriate building-level administration, teacher representatives, parent representatives, and student representatives (middle and high school levels only):

- Elementary Schools: Monday, January 26, 2026, via Google Meet, at 3:15 p.m.
- High School: Friday, January 30, 2026, in the DHS Town Center at 9:00 a.m.
- Middle Schools: Monday, February 9, 2026, in the DMS Library at 9:00 a.m.

Please contact the appropriate individual(s) listed above with any questions.