

**Board of Education School District 21-0025
Custer County, Nebraska**

Work Session Template
Monday, May 5, 2025 12:00 PM
Broken Bow Public Library
626 South D Street
Broken Bow, NE 68822

- I. Call Work Session to Order
- II. Announce Open Meetings Act Posting and Location
- III. Verification of Publication and Notification
- IV. Excuse Absentee Board Member
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Discussion Items
 - VI.A. Administrator Comments
 - VI.A.1. Dan Helberg, High School Principal
 - VI.A.2. Jeff Ellis, Activity Director/Asst. Principal
 - VI.A.3. Malachi Behrens, Elementary Principal
 - VI.A.4. Katie Custer, Special Education
 - VI.B. Adding Sports
 - VI.C. Review Policy 6005
 - VI.D. Inclusive Playground
 - VI.E. Science Curriculum
 - VI.F. Policy Review
 - VI.F.1. 4039 Employment of Classified Staff

- VI.F.2. 4041 Staff Dress and Appearance
- VI.F.3. 4042 Employee Social Security Numbers
- VI.F.4. 4043 Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships
Between Employees and Students
- VI.F.5. 4044 Political Activity by Staff Members
- VI.F.6. 4045 Milk Expression
- VI.F.7. 4046 Internet Searches Regarding Potential Employees
- VI.F.8. 4048 Assessment Administration and Security
- VI.F.9. 4050 Overtime and Compensatory Time

VII. Set Board Meeting Agenda

VIII. Adjournment



NORTH PARK ELEMENTARY

1 ACADEMICS

- MAP
 - Math- 92%- Spring
 - Reading- 80%- Spring
 - 27 students- record board
- NSCAS
 - Math- 84%
 - Reading- 79%
- Learning Walks



2 BEHAVIOR

- 3rd Qtr- 44 referrals, 4th qtr- 33 referrals
- 101 referrals- Sem 1, 77 Sem 2
- 24% decrease from Sem 1
- 14% majors & 86% minors

3 ATTENDANCE

- Strive for 95
 - 1st Sem- 95.5% (student)
 - 2nd Sem- 93.5%
 - 1st Sem-96.9% (staff)
 - 2nd Sem- 96.5%
- 5% of student population chronically absent- <10%

4 CULTURE

- Educational Family Game Night- Fat Brain Toys
- Danny Woodhead- 10 year NFL Veteran
- NED Yo Yo Show
- North Park PTA
- Elementary Track Meet



5 SUMMER & '25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

- Building Teams
 - Led by leadership team members
- K-3 Extended Learning Program
- Behavior Program
- Caseload weighting document- class lists
- PLC & future staff trainings

6005 Academic Credits and Graduation

A student must have completed and passed a minimum of 240 credits to graduate. Students must receive the full 5 credits per semester for all required classes.

In addition, a student is normally required to have 8 semesters of high school attendance. Certain situations can cause the students to be graduated from school in less than eight semesters but this can only be decided in a joint conference between the student, the parent, the guidance counselor, and the principal.

- English or Vocational English 4 years 40 credits
 Junior and Senior English require 4 semester classes including Grammar, at least one writing class, and at least one literature class.
- American Studies I & II 2 years 20 credits
- Science 3 years 30 credits
- Mathematics 3 years 30 credits
- Physical Education 1 semester 5 credits Health 1 semester 5 credits
- Info Tech I 1 semester 5 credits
- Speech Communications 1 semester 5 credits
- Personal Finance 1 semester 5 credits
- Social Science 4 semesters 20 credits
 Requires 4 semester classes including Geography, Political Behavior (senior year) and two electives from the following classes; Current Issues, Entrepreneurship, Psychology, Sociology, World History or any other administratively approved social science class.

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ORDER FORM

Subscriber: BROKEN BOW SCHOOL DISTRICT 25
Address: 323 N 7TH AVE BROKEN BOW, NE 68822-1798
Term: 07/01/25 to 06/30/26
Quote Expiration: 11/01/25

Services	Start Date	End Date	Qty - Unit of Measure	Price	Total
Discovery Education Elementary School Science Techbook, National Bundle with Print (Grade 1)	07/01/25	06/30/26	5 - Student	\$39.00	\$195.00
Discovery Education Elementary School Science Techbook, National Bundle with Print (Grade 2)	07/01/25	06/30/26	5 - Student	\$39.00	\$195.00
Shipping	07/01/25	06/30/26	1 - Each	\$39.00	\$39.00

TOTAL:	\$429.00
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This Order Form and the Discovery Education Standard Terms of Services and License available at <https://discoveryeducation.com/terms-and-conditions> ('Standard Terms') constitute the entire agreement between Subscriber and Discovery Education, Inc. for the Services. By signing below, the Subscriber and Discovery Education, Inc. agree to be bound by this Order Form and the Standard Terms as of the date of last signature below.

Invoices are typically generated at the beginning of the agreement or start of your next term and are due in accordance with the Standard Terms. If you would like to receive the invoice in advance, please visit [Company & Product Information – Discovery Education Help Center](#) for further instructions.



**EXHIBIT B
Bundle Details**

Discovery Education Elementary School Science Techbook, National Bundle with Print (Grade 1)	
Product Bundle Includes	Quantity
Discovery Education Elementary School Science Techbook, National: Student Edition - Grade 1 (English)	5
Discovery Education Experience	5
Discovery Education Science Techbook	5

Discovery Education Elementary School Science Techbook, National Bundle with Print (Grade 2)	
Product Bundle Includes	Quantity
Discovery Education Elementary School Science Techbook, National: Student Edition - Grade 2 (English)	5
Discovery Education Experience	5
Discovery Education Science Techbook	5

4039
Employment of Classified Staff

The superintendent or designee shall hire classified staff to meet personnel needs consistent with the district's budget, instructional needs, and non-instructional operations. The superintendent or designee may, but is not required to, conduct a criminal background check on any classified staff applicant, provided that such check shall occur only after the school district has determined that the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications. This policy shall not prevent the school district from requiring an applicant to disclose his or her criminal record or history relating to sexual or physical abuse prior to any minimum employment qualification determination.

The superintendent or designee shall discipline and discharge classified staff as appropriate.

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4041 Staff Dress and Appearance

The attire worn by staff members conveys an important image to students and the general public. The appearance of professional staff members shall be appropriate to their assigned duties and indicative of their professional standing in the school and community.

I. Staff Expectations in Dress and Appearance

A. General Expectations in Dress and Appearance

1. Certified staff, paraeducators, and office staff should generally dress in business casual attire that is clean and professional.
2. Custodial, maintenance, and transportation staff should dress in attire appropriate to the work they are performing.

B. Unacceptable Forms of Dress and Appearance

1. The following are examples of unprofessional attire which should not be worn by classroom staff during the traditional school day, when students or visitors are in attendance, or when the employee is supervising, directing, or coaching students when the public is in attendance:
 - For men: shirts without collars, unless the shirt can be deemed professional by other standards.
 - Athletic wear, including sweat, jogging and wind suits, except when teaching a physical education activity in the gymnasium, on a playing field, or at athletic or other activity practices.
 - Shorts, except when teaching physical education class or at athletic or other activity practices.
 - Blue jeans, except at athletic or other activity practices, or on days considered to be "dress down" days.
 - Hats, except when worn outside for sun coverage.
 - Rubber soled 'flip flop' thong sandals.
 - Any attire which is excessively wrinkled or torn, so that it is no longer neat and professional.
 - Any attire which is immodest or may distract other employees or students in the learning environment.

II. Enforcement

The superintendent or principal shall maintain the discretion to make determinations on staff dress and appearance. Administrators may temporarily suspend all or a portion of the dress code when other factors support a lower dress expectation for school employees (e.g., special “casual days” or field days). Any violation of school policy and rules may result in disciplinary action.

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4042
Employee Social Security Numbers

Nebraska law prohibits employers from using or publishing an employee's social security number except under certain specified circumstances. This district shall comply with this law and take reasonable steps to protect the confidentiality of employees' social security numbers. However, neither state law nor this policy prohibits the district from using the last four digits of an employee's social security number as an employee identification number or in any other reasonable manner.

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4043

Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships Between Employees and Students

School district employees and student teachers or interns (“employees”) are responsible for conducting themselves professionally and for teaching and modeling high standards of behavior and civic values, both at and away from school. Employees are required to establish and maintain professional boundaries with students and must have appropriate relationships with students. They may be friendly with students, but they are the students’ teachers, not their friends, and they must take care to see that this line does not become blurred. This applies to employees’ conduct and interactions with students and to material they post on personal web sites and other social networking sites including, but not limited to, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The posting or publication of messages or pictures or other images that diminish an employee’s professionalism or ability to maintain the respect of students and parents may impair his or her ability to be an effective employee. Employees are expected to behave at all times in a manner supportive of the best interests of students.

Sexual Relationships Prohibited. Employees are prohibited from engaging in any relationship that involves sexual contact or sexual penetration with a student while the student is a current student and for a minimum of one year after the date of the student's graduation or the date the student otherwise ceases enrollment. Sexual contact has the same meaning as in section 28-318, and sexual penetration has the same meaning as in section 28-318.

Grooming Prohibited. Employees are prohibited from engaging in grooming with students. Grooming means building trust with a student and individuals close to the student in an effort to gain access to and time alone with the student, with the ultimate goal of engaging in sexual contact or sexual penetration with the student, regardless of when in the student’s life the sexual contact or sexual penetration would take place.

Unless an employee can clearly and convincingly demonstrate a legitimate educational purpose, grooming behaviors and related conduct that are a violation of this policy include, but are not limited to:

- Communicating about sex when the discussion is not required by a specific aspect of the curriculum.
- Joking about matters involving sex, using double entendre or making suggestive remarks of a sexual nature.

- Displaying sexually inappropriate material or objects.
- Making any sexual advance, whether written, verbal, or physical or engaging in any activity of a sexual or romantic nature.
- Kissing of any kind.
- Dating a student or a former student within one year of the student graduating or otherwise leaving the district.
- Intruding on a student's personal space (e.g. by touching unnecessarily, moving too close, staring at a portion of the student's body, or engaging in other behavior that makes the student uncomfortable).
- Initiating unwanted physical contact with a student.
- Communicating electronically (e.g. by e-mail, text messaging, or through social media) on a matter that does not pertain to school.
- Playing favorites or permitting a specific student to engage in conduct that is not tolerated from other students.
- Discussing the employee's personal issues or problems that should normally be discussed with adults.
- Giving a student a gift of a personal nature.
- Giving a student a ride in the employee's vehicle without first obtaining the express permission of the student's parents or a school administrator.
- Taking a student on an outing without first obtaining the express permission of the student's parents or a school administrator.
- Inviting a student to the employee's residence without first obtaining the express permission of the student's parents and a school administrator.
- Going to a student's home when the student's parent or a proper chaperone is not present.
- Repeatedly seeking to be alone with a student.
- Being alone in a room with an individual student at school with the door closed.
- Any after-school hours activity with only one student.
- Any other behavior which exploits the special position of trust and authority between an employee and student.

This list is not exhaustive. Any behavior which exploits a student is unacceptable. If in doubt, ask yourself, "Would I be doing this if my family or colleagues were standing next to me?"

Communication Between Employees and Students. The preferred methods for employees to communicate with students are Infinite Campus and Google Classroom. Employees may use the following personal communication systems to communicate with students: Remind App and

school sponsored and approved social media posts. A personal communication system is a device or software that provides for communication between two or more parties and is capable of receiving, displaying, or transmitting communication. Personal communication system includes, but is not limited to, a mobile or cellular telephone, an email service, or a social media platform.

Employee communications with students through a communication system generally are to be sent simultaneously to multiple recipients and not just to one student. The burden to demonstrate the appropriateness of a communication with a student only shall rest with the employee.

Reporting a Policy Violation. Anyone may report suspected grooming, other unacceptable employee conduct, or any violation of this policy as follows:

School District. Reports may be made to a principal, the superintendent, or the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by telephone, or email.

Nebraska Department of Education. Reports may be made at: Nebraska Department of Education, Attn: Certification Investigations' Office, P.O. Box 94933, Lincoln NE 68509 or Nde.investigations@nebraska.gov.

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Reports may be made by calling the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at (800) 652-1999.

Law Enforcement. Reports may be made to the local police department by calling (308) 872-6424, the county sheriff at (308) 872-6418, or the Nebraska State Patrol at (402) 471-4545.

An employee is required to make a report to a principal or the superintendent if the employee reasonably believes that another employee has violated or may have violated this policy. Minor concerns or violations shall be reported within 24 hours. Major concerns or violations shall be reported immediately. Violations committed by or concerns about the superintendent shall be reported to the school board president.

A student who feels his or her boundaries have been violated should directly inform the offender that the conduct or communication is offensive and must stop. If the student does not wish to communicate directly with the offender or if direct communication has been ineffective, the student should report the conduct or communication to a teacher, administrator, counselor,

the Title IX coordinator, or other school employee with whom she or he feels comfortable.

Retaliation Prohibited. Retaliation for good faith reports or complaints made as a result of this policy is prohibited. Individuals who knowingly and intentionally make a false report shall be subject to discipline as provided by district policy and state law.

Policy Violations. Any violation of this policy by an employee may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from employment and/or referral to the Nebraska Department of Education, which may result in the suspension or revocation of the employee's certificate. Any violation involving sexual or other abuse will result in referral to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, law enforcement, or both.

Policy Verification. Employees shall verify that they have received, reviewed, and understood this policy by signing an acknowledgment document indicating the same.

No Limits on Reports to NDE. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to limit any certificated employee's duty to report any known violation of the standards of professional practices (Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 27, commonly known as Rule 27) adopted by the Nebraska Board of Education.

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4044 Political Activity by Staff Members

The Board recognizes its individual employees' rights of citizenship, including, but not limited to, engaging in political activities. An employee of the District may seek an elective office, provided that the staff member does not campaign on school property during working hours, and provided all other legal requirements are met. The District assumes no obligation beyond making such opportunities available.

The following activities are prohibited during an employee's work time (including duty-free lunch and planning periods):

1. Soliciting votes or contributions for or against a particular candidate or ballot proposition.
2. Discussing with students opinions regarding a political candidate or ballot proposition unless the topic is part of the approved curriculum.
3. Preparing, displaying, wearing or distributing campaign literature, materials, or signs for or against a candidate or ballot proposition (this prohibition does not apply to bumper stickers on personal vehicles).
4. Soliciting volunteers to assist with a campaign for or against a political candidate or ballot proposition.
5. Preparing for, organizing, or participating in any political meeting, petition, rally, or event.
6. Other prohibited political activity as defined by state law.

The following activities are prohibited at all times:

1. Using any school district resources including, but not limited to, facsimile machines, copy machines, computers or e-mail accounts, for political campaign activities.
2. Using school district property or facilities for any political campaign activities, unless such use is approved pursuant to school board rules or policy.

3. Spending district funds to urge votes to vote for or against a candidate or ballot proposition
4. Requiring employees to engage in political campaign activities as part of their job duties.
5. Providing employees with additional compensation or benefits for engaging in political activities.
6. Representing an employee's personal political position as the position of the school district or the board of education.
7. Engaging in any other activity prohibited by state law.

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4045
Milk Expression

Except as otherwise provided by law, the district will provide reasonable break time for an employee who wishes to breastfeed or express breast milk for her nursing child each time such employee has the need to do so. The district will provide a place, other than a bathroom, which is shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers and the public. These accommodations will be provided for one year after the child's birth, unless otherwise required by law.

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4046

Internet Searches Regarding Potential Employees

Members of the administrative team or of a hiring committee (hereinafter "the committee") may conduct internet research about job applicants by using the following protocol, except that no criminal history record information check shall be made until the school district has determined that the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications:

1. The committee may conduct internet searches using candidates' full names and any aliases. The committee may also search candidates' full names and any aliases on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, and other social networking websites.
2. All applicants or all finalists must have the same research conducted about them. For example, if the committee conducts a search on Google using the name of one applicant in order to determine whether to include that applicant in the list of finalists, the committee must also conduct an identical search of all applicants' names.
3. The committee may not use deception to gain access to applicants' social networking pages, blogs, or other on-line media and will not require applicants for employment to provide the district with their username or password to personal social media accounts.
4. The committee must take reasonable steps to verify the reliability of the information obtained in the search, including consulting with the applicant for confirmation of accuracy, if appropriate.
5. The committee will consider the following information to be relevant in making hiring decisions about an applicant based on information obtained through internet research:
 - a. Disparaging remarks made about current or former co-workers, supervisors, or employers;
 - b. Discriminatory, harassing, or demeaning behavior or comments;
 - c. Unprofessional, lewd, or obscene behavior or remarks;
 - d. Criminal activity;

- e. Information which indicates the applicant will or will not be able to perform the essential functions of the position sought; and
 - f. Information which indicates that the applicant is particularly suited or unsuited to the position sought.
6. The committee will retain documents to demonstrate its compliance with this policy with other documentation relevant to the job search.

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4048

Assessment Administration and Security

The purpose of all testing and assessments is to measure students' knowledge, skills or abilities in the area tested. All staff members are prohibited from engaging in any behavior that adversely affects the validity of test scores as a measure of student achievement. This policy applies to all national, state, and local assessments, including both standardized and general classroom assessments.

1. Assessment Responsibilities

- a. Each building principal, in consultation with the Superintendent and classroom teachers, will be responsible for:
 - overseeing the scheduling of state administered assessments, training all staff who administer assessments, and ensuring that all assessments, including make-up testing, is completed within required testing windows;
 - obtaining Standards, Assessment and Accountability Updates from the Department of Education and circulating the relevant portions of those updates to other staff members;
 - informing the board of education of changes to the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System Security Procedures; and
 - signing and enforcing the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System Security Agreement.
- b. Every classroom teacher or other staff member who administers assessments is responsible for:
 - complying with the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System Security Procedures;
 - taking all reasonable and prudent steps to ensure the accuracy and integrity of all academic testing, including statewide assessments; and

- ensuring the security of all test materials.

2. Security Violations and Cheating

a. Classroom assessments

Staff members who suspect students of having cheated on a classroom assessment should conduct a reasonable inquiry and impose consequences on the student consistent with classroom rules and the student handbook.

b. State Accountability Tests

Staff members who suspect a breach of security on State Accountability Tests, must promptly report their suspicions to the building principal or superintendent. The superintendent must notify the Department of Education's Statewide Assessment Office and follow the Department's protocol for Reporting and Investigating Test Security Violations.

Staff members who engage in or enable students to engage in academic dishonesty in any testing or assessment will be subject to discipline up to and including the immediate cancellation of their employment contract.

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4050
Overtime and Compensatory Time

Employees who are "non-exempt" under the Fair Labor Standards Act and who work more than 40 hours in a workweek will be paid at the rate of time-and-one-half (1½) times their regular rate of pay for all overtime hours or will be provided compensatory time. All overtime must be approved in advance by the employee's supervisor. Scheduled holidays, vacation days, time off for jury duty, and time off for sickness, emergencies or other personal reasons will not be considered hours worked for overtime purposes.

The district may grant compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay at a rate of one and one-half (1½) hours off for each hour of overtime the employee worked. Employees may accrue a maximum of 240 hours of compensatory time, which represents 160 hours of actual overtime worked. When an employee has accrued 240 hours of compensatory time, the district shall pay him/her at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times his/her regular rate of pay for each additional hour of overtime. An employee who asks to use compensatory time shall be permitted to use it within a reasonable period after the request if its use does not unduly disrupt the district's operations.

Upon termination of employment, an employee shall be paid for unused compensatory time at a rate of compensation not less than: (1) the average regular hourly rate paid to the employee during the last three years of his/her employment, or (2) the final regular hourly rate paid to the employee, whichever is higher.

Payment for unused compensatory time shall be at the employee's regular rate of pay for each hour of compensatory time, not one and one-half (1½) times the regular rate of pay.

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