

Walthill Public Schools
Agenda for Board of Education Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026
5:00 PM

1. **Call the meeting to order and roll call - Open Meetings Laws**
2. **Approval of the Agenda & Consent Agenda - MINUTES, CLAIMS, and TREASURER'S REPORT**
3. **Recognition of visitors and comments**
4. **Information and Reports**
 - 4.a. Board Members Reports
 - 4.b. Principal Reports
 - 4.c. Superintendent Reports
5. **Old Business**
6. **New Business**
 - 6.a. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action on building project update with Boyd Jones
 - 6.b. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action on 26-27 handbook approvals
 - 6.c. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action on 26-27 conference dates for NAFIS, NIEA, and NIISA.
 - 6.d. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action on the opening of a safety deposit box at Charter West.
7. **Personnel**
8. **Adjournment**

**Minutes for Board of Education Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026**

1. **Call the meeting to order and roll call - Open Meetings Laws**
2. **Approval of the Agenda & Consent Agenda - MINUTES, CLAIMS, and TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion: To approve the minutes, claims, and treasurer's reports as presented.
Moved by Chad Fuller, second by James Randol Sr., vote passed
Bill Athey: Yea, Chance Clinchers: Yea, Chad Fuller: Yea, Brad Morgan: Yea, James Randol Sr.: Yea, Chris Ross: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
3. **Recognition of visitors and comments**
4. **Information and Reports**
 - 4.a. Board Members Reports
 - 4.b. Principal Reports
 - 4.c. Superintendent Reports
5. **Old Business**
6. **New Business**
 - 6.a. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action on SPARQ Meetings demonstration and training.
 - 6.b. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action on approval of milk bids for 2026-2027 school year
Motion: To approve the bid from Hiland Dairy for the 26-27 school year.
Moved by Chris Ross, second by Chad Fuller, vote passed
Bill Athey: Yea, Chance Clinchers: Yea, Chad Fuller: Yea, Brad Morgan: Yea, James Randol Sr.: Yea, Chris Ross: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
 - 6.c. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action on teacherage lease agreements
Motion: To increase the rent by \$25/month.
Moved by James Randol Sr., second by Chad Fuller, vote passed
Bill Athey: Yea, Chance Clinchers: Abstain (With Conflict), Chad Fuller: Yea, Brad Morgan: Yea, James Randol Sr.: Yea, Chris Ross: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1
 - 6.d. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action on annual policy reviews
Motion: To approve the annual review policies as presented.
Moved by Chad Fuller, second by James Randol Sr., vote passed
Bill Athey: Yea, Chance Clinchers: Yea, Chad Fuller: Yea, Brad Morgan: Yea, James Randol Sr.: Yea, Chris Ross: Absent
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
 - 6.e. Consider, discuss, and take all necessary action on CLOSED SESSION for land purchase negotiations.
7. **Personnel**

7.a. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on approval of personnel contracts

Motion: To approve the contract of Connor Birkes for the 2026-27 school year.

Moved by Chad Fuller, second by James Randol Sr., vote passed

Bill Athey: Yea, Chance Clinchers: Yea, Chad Fuller: Yea, Brad Morgan: Yea, James

Randol Sr.: Yea, Chris Ross: Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:19.

Moved by James Randol Sr., second by Chance Clinchers, vote passed

Bill Athey: Yea, Chance Clinchers: Yea, Chad Fuller: Yea, Brad Morgan: Yea, James

Randol Sr.: Yea, Chris Ross: Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Respectfully Submitted: Chad Fuller
Walthill Board of Education Secretary

JULY BOARD MEETING

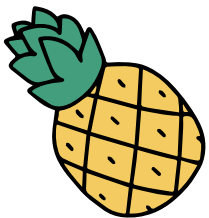
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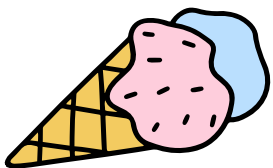


2026-27 TRAINING

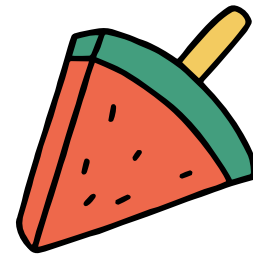
HAILY JACKSON- PEREZ-: IN PERSON TRAINING
WEDNESDAY'S: INFANT - K: PLAY BASED LEARNING

THIS YEAR-LONG COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WILL HELP TEACHERS STRENGTHEN THEIR USE OF PLAY-BASED LEARNING TO INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, PROMOTE PROBLEM-SOLVING AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, AND SUPPORT SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GROWTH. THROUGH COLLABORATION AND REFLECTION, TEACHERS WILL GAIN PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR CREATING MEANINGFUL, HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT BUILD INDEPENDENCE, CREATIVITY, AND SCHOOL READINESS WHILE FOSTERING POSITIVE, ENGAGING CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENTS.





JULY SPORTS



SOUTH SIOUX LEAGUE



FALL START DATE: AUG 10

CONFERENCE:

CROSS COUNTRY- 10-9-26

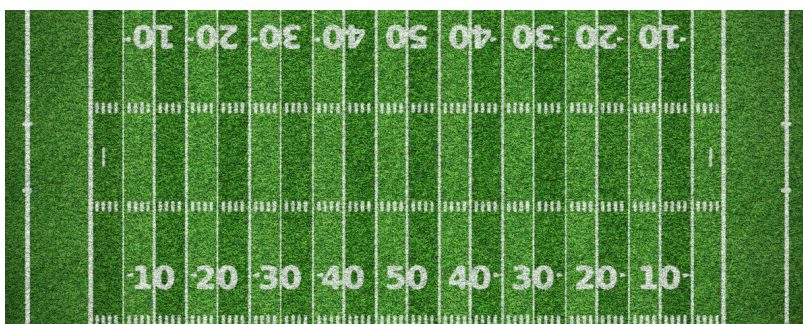
VOLLEYBALL- 10-17-26

FOOTBALL- TOP 6 TEAMS IN EACH CONFERENCE WILL MOVE ON TO THE PLAYOFFS.

● **QUARTER FINALS (TOP 6) IS ON 10/23**

● **SEMI FINALS (TOP 4) IS ON 10/30**

● **CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES WILL BE ON 11/6**



SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

JULY 2026

JUNIOR HIGH ROTATIONS

We are revamping the course offerings for junior high students in their quarter rotations.

We replaced Lifetime Activities and Photography with Health and Career Development.

Health will be taught by Rheanna Anderson. Career Development will be taught by Kaden Swanson.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 29 - 31 - Admin Days
- August 6 - New Staff Orientation
- August 10 & 11 - Staff PD Days
- August 11 - Open House @ 5pm
- August 12 - First Day of School
- August 13 - Football Begins
- August 21 - Home FB Game

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Our special education services will look a little different this year.

1. We will have two self-contained students. They will be added to special education pull-out core classes.
2. We are offering life skills for high school special education students that will take place in the FCS room.
3. We will have two periods available for our ILC students to meet with our SPED director.
4. We have a SPED teacher now in ACT prep to hopefully help boost that score.

NEW STAFF

- Orientation is scheduled for August 6. Mentors have been asked to help out.
- Brent Wojcik - Full Time Sub
- Jacob Kalkwarf - PE
- Kimberly Woltman - Library
- Kyle Novak - HS SPED
- Kate Van Der Werff - HS SPED
- Norah Beekhuizen - Math Interventionist
- Conner Birkes - 3-6 ELA
- Maslyn Pick - Kindergarten
- Linda Munderloh - Nurse

UADP

Tita Merrick and Sam Grant are interested in providing counseling to our students that are caught with vapes. Here is a possible vape policy:

- 1st offense - 5 days OSS
- 2nd offense - 10 days OSS or 5 days with counseling
- 3rd offense - mandatory reassignment or 10 days OSS with counseling
- 4th offense - mandatory reassignment for the remaining semester but may come back early with continued counseling

Professional Development

- Keli Warrior
- Instruction Practice Guides
- SPED procedures
- SPED department
- Safety Review
- Science Curriculum
- CPI
- Fall Testing

JULY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT



Summer Camp

Around 200 K-12 students attended summer camp.

All students had 1 hour of Math and 1 hour of ELA daily.

Credit Recover- 54 Classes finished 12 more than last summer



Project Washkon Trip

THE KIDS ARE HAVING A BLAST IN WYOMING

NEW STAFF ELEM

CONNER BIRKS- 3-6 ELA

KIMBERLY WOLTMAN - LIBRARY

NORAH BEEKHUIZEN -
INTERVENTIONIST





Staff Handbook

Rules and Regulations 2026-2027

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook provides information to persons who are employed by the school district and are referred to in this handbook as employees, staff, or staff members. It is designed to provide practical information about the daily operation of the schools in the district and contains building and district directories, safety and emergency information, as well as district policies and procedures. Each staff member should carefully review this handbook. The administration and the board of education continually review policies and procedures, so staff members should discuss comments, concerns or suggestions about this handbook with their building principal or another member of the administrative staff.

This handbook does not create a “contract” of employment. Staff positions and assignments that do not require a teaching certificate or are not otherwise governed by the teacher tenure laws may be ended or changed on an at-will basis notwithstanding anything in this handbook or any other publication or statement, except a contract approved by the board of education.

Many situations may arise that are not covered by this handbook. In those instances, staff members should use their own good judgment or consult with the administration. If any information contained in this handbook conflicts with board policy or state statute, the policy or statute will govern.

The provisions in this handbook are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Superintendent and the Board of Education. From time to time, you may receive updated information concerning changes in the handbook. These updates should be kept within the handbook so that all procedures can be kept up to date. If you have any questions regarding this handbook, please ask your supervisor or the Superintendent for assistance.

Your suggestions about ways to improve the school are welcome and will always be considered.

NONDISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

This school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, military or veteran status, or age or in admission or access to, or treatment of employment, in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Any person having inquiries concerning this school district’s compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 is directed to contact Principal Andrea Corey, Jacob Schuller, or Noelle Petersen, in writing at Walthill Public School, Walthill, NE 68067 or by telephone at (402) 846-5432. For further assistance, you may also contact Office for Civil Rights (Kansas City Office), U.S. Department of Education, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114-3302, Telephone: 816-268-0550, FAX: 816-823-1404;TDD:877-521-2172, Email:OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance during working hours is prohibited by personnel of the school district. The use of such substances by the personnel of the school district during working hours poses a danger to the students and other school personnel.

Prohibited drug activity on school premises or at any school-sponsored activity or event shall include engaging in the unlawful possession, selling or dispensing of look-alike drugs, controlled substances or alcoholic liquor. Look-alike drugs are those drugs which are not controlled substances but are represented as such, including chemicals which elicit the same effect such as K2 or spice. Personnel who are guilty of drug abuse violations in the workplace shall be given a list of agencies for drug counseling and rehabilitation. Employees of the school district shall have appropriate personnel action taken against them, up to and including immediate cancellation of their employment, in the event of drug use, as defined herein, on school premises or at any school-sponsored activity or event.

Each employee of the school district shall have available to them a copy of this policy relating to a drug-free work environment. It shall be a condition of employment with the district that all employees abide by the terms of this policy. Any employee of the school district shall notify the administration of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than 5 days after such conviction. Within 30 days of receiving notice from an employee of the school district who has been convicted of any criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace, appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to and including termination, or requiring such employee, at the employee's expense, to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency, shall occur.

The purpose of this policy is to prohibit the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance by any employee of the school district during that employee's working hours or while that employee is on duty. Accordingly, the term "workplace" includes every location where a school district employee may be found during his or her working hours or while he or she is on duty, whether or not such location is on school district property or within the geographic limits of the school district.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Accidents and Injuries

Staff must inform the building office immediately of all accidents and/or injuries to students or staff, and complete the appropriate accident form. Student accident forms are available from the school nurse and staff forms are with the business office. The accident form must be returned to the office within twenty-four hours.

Activity Accounts and Fundraising

Activity accounts are handled through the business office. No student or sponsor may make any purchase without a signed purchase order from the cost center manager or superintendent. **Purchases made without permission are the personal obligation and responsibility of the purchaser.**

The superintendent or his designee is responsible for authorizing any fundraising on the part of student activities. **No fundraising may occur without express administrative permission.**

Activity Tickets

All staff, spouses and their school-age children will be admitted to home games free of charge. Activity tickets will be issued to staff through the building offices.

Agents, Salesmen and Other Business Representatives

All business representatives calling on school matters must obtain permission from the superintendent or building principal before conferring with staff. Staff must determine whether the business representative has been granted permission before discussing business matters. Classroom teachers may not interrupt class work to confer with such representatives.

Staff may not use school time or school facilities for any personal activity for personal financial gain or confer with any business representative for personal business during school time.

Announcements and Circulars

No announcements shall be made before any school group without authorization of the principal or superintendent.

Any circulars or advertising displayed within the school shall have the approval of the building principal or superintendent before posting.

Board Policies

The board of education has adopted policies that govern the operation of the school district. A complete policy manual is available on the district's website or in the main administrative office. These manuals will be updated as the board adopts new policies or modifies existing policies.

Child Abuse

School employees who have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect or observe a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in child abuse or neglect will report the suspected abuse or neglect according to the following procedure.

1. Any school employee who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected shall report the suspicion to the building principal immediately. Employees shall also personally report or cause a report to be made to local law enforcement or to the Department of Health and Human Services.
2. When the principal makes a report of suspected child abuse or neglect, he/she shall inform the employee(s) who made the initial report.
3. Nothing in the paragraph above shall hinder a school employee from fulfilling his/her/their obligation to report suspected abuse or neglect if he, she or they have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected.
4. Any doubt or question in reporting such cases shall be resolved in the favor of reporting the suspected abuse or neglect. Consultation between the administrator and school employee is encouraged, keeping in mind that prompt reporting is essential.

Complaint Procedure

Good communication helps to resolve many misunderstandings and disagreements. This complaint procedure applies to board members, patrons, students and school staff, unless the staff member is subject to a different grievance procedure pursuant to policy or contract. Individuals who have a complaint should discuss their concerns with appropriate school personnel in an effort to resolve problems. When such efforts do not resolve matters satisfactorily, including matters involving discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age, a complainant should follow the procedures set forth below:

1. The first step is for the complainant to speak directly to the person(s) with whom the complainant has a concern. For example, a parent who is unhappy with a classroom teacher should initially discuss the matter with the teacher. However, the complainant should skip the first step if the complainant believes speaking directly to the person would subject the complainant to discrimination or harassment.
2. The second step is for the complainant to speak to the building principal, Title IX/504 coordinator, superintendent of schools, or president of the board of education, as set forth below.
 - a) Complaints about the operation, decisions, or personnel within a building should be submitted to the principal of the building.
 - b) Complaints about the operations of the school district or a building principal should be submitted in writing to the superintendent of schools.
 - c) Complaints about the superintendent of schools should be submitted in writing to the president of the board of education.
 - d) Complaints involving discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age may also be submitted, at any time during the complaint procedure to the School District's Title IX/504 coordinator. Complaints involving discrimination or harassment may also be submitted at any time to

the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education: by email at OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov; by telephone at (816) 268-0550; or by fax at (816) 268-0599.

3. When a complainant submits a complaint to an administrator or to the Title IX/504 coordinator, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator shall promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint, and shall:

TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT PROCEDURES

The Board requires the following procedures to be followed for the prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints alleging any action that would be prohibited as sexual harassment by Title IX. The Board directs the process to be published in accordance with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Definitions

The following definitions apply for Title IX policies and procedures:

“Actual knowledge:” notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the District’s Title IX Coordinator or any official of the District who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the District, or to any employee of an elementary or secondary school.

“Education program or activity:” includes locations, events or circumstances over which the District exercised substantial control over both the individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment, and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs.

“Complainant:” an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

“Respondent:” an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

“Formal complaint:” a document filed by a Complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a Respondent and requesting that the District investigate the allegation of sexual harassment.

“Supportive measures:” non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available and without fee or charge to the Complainant or Respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed.

For purposes of this policy and the grievance process, “Title IX sexual harassment” means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. A District employee conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the District on an individual’s participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;

2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the District's education program or activity; or
3. "Sexual assault" as defined in 20 USC 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), "dating violence" as defined in 34 USC 12291(a)(10), "domestic violence" as defined in 34 USC 12291(a)(8) or "stalking" as defined in 34 USC 12291(a)(30). These definitions are included in the procedures to this policy.
 - A. "Dating violence" means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship is determined by the following factors:
 - i. Length of relationship.
 - ii. Type of relationship.
 - iii. Frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
 - B. "Domestic violence" includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving federal funding, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.
 - C. "Sexual assault" means a sexual offense under state or federal law that is classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
 - D. "Stalking," under Title IX means stalking on the basis of sex, for example when the stalker desires to date a victim. Stalking means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to either:
 - i. Fear for their safety or the safety of others.
 - ii. Suffer substantial emotional distress.

District Requirements

When the District has actual knowledge of sexual harassment in an education program or activity of the District, the District will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent. When the harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex does not meet the definition of sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will direct the individual to the applicable sex discrimination process for investigation.

The District treats individuals who are alleged to be the victim (Complainant) and perpetrator (Respondent) of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment equitably by offering supportive measures. Supportive measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's

education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the District's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling or employee assistance program, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the District's property, campus escort services, assistance from domestic violence or rape crisis programs, assistance from community health resources, changes in work locations and other similar measures.

For students, supportive measures may also include assessments or evaluations to determine eligibility for special education or related services, or the need to review an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement based on a student's behavior. This could include, but is not limited to, a manifestation determination or functional behavioral assessment (FBA), in accordance with applicable law, regulations or Board policy.

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures. Upon the receipt of a complaint, the Title IX Coordinator must promptly contact the Complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the Complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the Complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the Complainant the process for filing a formal complaint. If the District does not provide the Complainant with supportive measures, then the District must document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

Timelines

The District has established reasonably prompt time frames for the conclusion of the grievance process, including time frames for filing and resolving appeals and informal resolution processes. The grievance process may be temporarily delayed or extended for good cause. Good causes may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities. In the event the grievance process is temporarily delayed for good cause, the District will provide written notice to the Complainant and the Respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action.

Response to a Formal Complaint

At the time of filing a formal complaint, a Complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the education program or activity of the District with which the formal complaint is filed. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by electronic mail, or other means designated by the District. The District must follow the formal complaint process before

the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures.

Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the District must provide written notice to the known parties including:

1. Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment, including information about the identities of the parties involved in the incident, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, the date and location of the alleged incident, and any sufficient details known at the time. Such notice must be provided with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview;
2. An explanation of the District's investigation procedures, including any informal resolution process;
3. A statement that the Respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility will be made by the decision-maker at the conclusion of the investigation;
4. Notice to the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and may inspect and review any evidence and
5. Notice to the parties of any provision in the District's code of conduct or policy that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information.

If, in the course of an investigation, the District decides to investigate allegations about the Complainant or Respondent that are not included in the notice initially provided, notice of the additional allegations must be provided to known parties.

The District may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one Respondent, or by more than one Complainant against one or more Respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances.

Emergency Response Measures

Nothing in this policy precludes the District from removing a Respondent from the District's education program or activity on an emergency basis, provided that the District undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis, determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment justifies removal, and provides the Respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. Nor does it preclude the District from placing a non-student employee Respondent on administrative leave while awaiting the determination of the complaint procedures. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Investigation of a Formal Complaint

When investigating a formal complaint and throughout the grievance process, the District must:

1. Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rests on the District and not the parties;
2. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses and evidence;
3. Not restrict either party's ability to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;
4. Allow the parties to be accompanied with an advisor of the party's choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney. The District may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties;
5. Provide written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of any interview or meeting at which a party is expected to participate, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate;
6. Provide the parties equal access to review all the evidence collected which is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint and comply with the review periods outlined in this process;
7. Objectively evaluate all relevant evidence without relying on sex stereotypes;
8. Ensure that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers and individuals who facilitate an informal resolution process, do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or an individual Complainant or Respondent;
9. Not make credibility determinations based on the individual's status as Complainant, Respondent or witness;
10. Not use questions or evidence that constitute or seek disclosure of privileged information unless waived.

Dismissal of Formal Complaints

If the conduct alleged in the formal complaint would not constitute sexual harassment even if proved, did not occur in the District's education program or activity, or did not occur against a person in the United States, then the District must dismiss the formal complaint with regard to that conduct for purposes of sexual harassment under this policy.

The Title IX Coordinator also may dismiss the formal complaint or any allegations therein at any time during the investigation or hearing, if applicable, when any of the following apply:

1. A Complainant provides written notification to the Title IX Coordinator that the Complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;

2. The Respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the District; or
3. Specific circumstances prevent the District from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

Upon dismissal, the Title IX Coordinator promptly sends written notice of the dismissal and the reasons for dismissal simultaneously to both parties.

Evidence Review

The District provides both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to the conclusion of the investigation. The evidence provided by the District must include evidence that is directly related to the allegations in the formal complaint, evidence upon which the District does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility, and any inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source. Prior to completion of the investigative report, the Title IX Coordinator must send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy. The parties have 10 calendar days to submit a written response to the Title IX Coordinator, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report.

Investigative Report

The investigator must prepare an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and send the report to the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator must send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response. The parties have 10 calendar days to submit a written response to the Title IX Coordinator.

Decision-Maker's Determination

The investigative report is submitted to the decision-maker. The decision-maker cannot be the same person(s) as the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator. The decision-maker cannot hold a hearing or make a determination regarding responsibility until 10 calendar days from the date the Complainant and Respondent receive the investigator's report.

Prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker must afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. Questions and evidence about the Complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the Complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the Respondent committed the conduct alleged by the Complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the Complainant's prior

sexual behavior with respect to the Respondent and are offered to prove consent. Questions must be submitted to the Title IX Coordinator within three calendar days from the date the Complainant and Respondent receive the investigator's report.

The decision-maker must issue a written determination regarding responsibility based on a preponderance of the evidence standard. The decision-maker's written determination must:

1. Identify the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment;
2. Describe the procedural steps taken, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather evidence, and hearings held;
3. Include the findings of fact supporting the determination;
4. Draw conclusions regarding the application of any District policies and/or code of conduct rules to the facts;
5. Address each allegation and a resolution of the complaint including a determination regarding responsibility, the rationale therefor, any recommended disciplinary sanction(s) imposed on the Respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve access to the educational program or activity will be provided by the District to the Complainant and
6. The procedures and permissible bases for the Complainant and/or Respondent to appeal the determination.

A copy of the written determination must be provided to both parties simultaneously, and generally will be provided within 60 calendar days from the District's receipt of a formal complaint.

The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the District provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.

Where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the Respondent, the District will provide remedies to the Complainant that are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity. Such remedies may include supportive measures; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the Respondent. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies. Following any determination of responsibility, the District may implement disciplinary sanctions in accordance with State or Federal law and or/the negotiated agreement.

A student who is determined to be responsible for violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action consistent with school policies and regulations, which may include but is not limited to loss of school privileges, permanent transfer to another school building, classroom or

school bus, exclusion from school-sponsored activities, detention, suspension, expulsion, or referral to law enforcement officials.

An employee who violates this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action consistent with the applicable Board policy, collective bargaining agreement and individual contract, up to and including dismissal and/or referral to law enforcement officials.

Appeals

Either the Complainant or Respondent may appeal the decision-maker's determination regarding responsibility or a dismissal of a formal complaint, on the following bases:

1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;
2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time that could affect the outcome; and
3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, or decision-maker had a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or an individual Complainant or Respondent that affected the outcome.

The request to appeal must be made in writing to the Title IX Coordinator within seven calendar days after the date of the written determination. The appeal decision-maker must not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or an individual Complainant or Respondent and cannot be the Title IX Coordinator, the investigator, or the decision-maker from the original determination.

The appeal decision-maker must notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and give both parties a reasonable equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome. After reviewing the evidence, the appeal decision-maker must issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result. The decision must be provided to both parties simultaneously, and generally will be provided within 10 calendar days from the date the appeal is filed.

Informal resolution process

Except when concerning allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student, at any time during the formal complaint process and prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the District may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and determination of responsibility, provided that the District:

1. Provides to the parties a written notice disclosing:
 - A. The allegations;

- B. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations, provided, however, that at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the Title IX formal complaint process with respect to the formal complaint and
- C. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared.

2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process.

The informal resolution process generally will be completed within 30 calendar days unless the parties and the Title IX Coordinator mutually agree to temporarily delay or extend the process. The formal grievance process timelines are stayed during the parties' participation in the informal resolution process. If the parties do not reach resolution through the informal resolution process, the parties will resume the formal complaint grievance process, including timelines for resolution, at the point they left off.

Recordkeeping

The District must maintain for a period of seven years records of:

- 1. Each sexual harassment investigation, including any determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the Respondent, and any remedies provided to the Complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity;
- 2. Any appeal and its result;
- 3. Any informal resolution and its result; and
- 4. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The District must make these training materials publicly available on its website.

The District must create, and maintain for a period of seven years, records of any actions, including any supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment. In each instance, the District must document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity.

Every report of alleged violations of this policy that can be interpreted at the outset to fall within the protections of laws against discrimination shall be handled as a joint, concurrent investigation into all allegations and coordinated with the full participation of the Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator. If, in the course of an ongoing investigation of this policy, potential issues of sexual harassment or discrimination are identified, the Title IX Coordinator shall be promptly notified, and the

investigation shall be conducted jointly and concurrently to address the issues of alleged sexual harassment or discrimination as well as the incidents of alleged violations of this policy.

Computers and the Internet: Acceptable Use by Staff

Internet access is an important tool for keeping up to date with current education issues, for conducting personal research to enhance management, teaching and learning skills, and as a means of communication. The following procedures and guidelines are intended to ensure appropriate use of the Internet by the school's faculty and staff.

1. Acceptable Use

- a) Staff may use the Internet to conduct research for instructional purposes.
- b) Staff may use the Internet for school-related e-mail communication with fellow educators, parents and patrons.
- c) Staff may use the Internet for any other use which serves a legitimate educational purpose.
- d) Classroom teachers are encouraged to integrate the use of electronic resources into the classroom. However, teachers are cautioned that the quality and integrity of content on the Internet is not guaranteed. Teachers must examine the source of the information and provide guidance to students on evaluating the quality of information they may encounter on the Internet.

2. Unacceptable Use

- a) Staff shall not access material that is obscene or pornographic.
- b) Staff shall not engage in any illegal activities on school computers, including the downloading and copying of copyrighted materials.
- c) Staff may only use district google chat rooms.
- d) Staff shall not use school computers to participate in on-line auctions, on-line gambling or copyright infringement (including piracy). Staff shall not access social networking sites such as Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, and X on school computers or during school time unless such access is for an educational activity which has been preapproved by the staff member's immediate supervisor.
- e) The only political advocacy allowed by staff shall be lobbying via e-mail on educational-related issues. Before engaging in this sort of activity, staff must obtain the express written consent of the superintendent or his designee.
- f) Staff shall not publish web pages that are not approved by the school district. Any web page published by staff members must be linked to the school's website. Staff is cautioned that publication of student work or personality-identifiable student information on the Internet may violate the Federal Education Records Privacy Act.

Staff must obtain the written consent of the superintendent or his designee prior to posting any student-related information on the Internet outside of the approved school platforms.

- g) Staff shall not share their passwords with anyone, including students, volunteers or fellow employees.

3. **Methods of Enforcement**

- a) The school district monitors all e-mail and other Internet communications, as well as Internet usage and patterns of Internet usage. The school district owns the computer system, and staff members have no right of privacy to any Internet communications or other electronic files. As with any school property, electronic files on the system are subject to search and inspection at any time.
- b) The school district uses a technology protection measure that blocks access to some sites that are not in accordance with the policy of the school district. Standard use of the Internet utilizes a proxy server-based filter that screens for non-curriculum related pages.
- c) Due to the nature of filtering technology, the filter may at times filter pages that are appropriate for staff research. The system administrator may override the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access for staff access to a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked.
- d) School officials will monitor staff use of the Internet by monitoring Internet use history to ensure enforcement of this policy.

Violations -Staff members who violate the school policy or rules regarding computer and Internet usage face:

- a) Cancellation, non-renewal or termination of employment;
- b) The filing of a complaint with the Commissioner of Education alleging unprofessional conduct by a certified staff member; and
- c) Other discipline that the school administration and/or the school board deem appropriate.

When appropriate, law enforcement agencies may be involved in investigating and prosecuting wrongdoing by a staff member.

Contact Information

Staff are required to keep the district informed of any change in their name, address, telephone or other contact information. Contact the business office to report any changes.

Copyright and Fair Use

The school district complies with federal copyright laws. Staff members must comply with copyright laws when using school equipment or working on behalf of the district. Federal law prohibits the unauthorized reproduction of works of authorship, regardless of the medium in which they were created.

The “fair use” doctrine allows limited reproduction of copyrighted works for educational and research purposes. “Fair use” of a copyrighted work includes reproduction for purposes such as criticism, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship or research. Staff who are unsure whether their proposed reproduction of copyrighted material constitutes “fair use” should consult with their building principal.

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is the infliction of bodily pain as a penalty for disapproved behavior, and is prohibited by law. Some physical contact is inevitable, and most of it is appropriate. Corporal punishment does not include the use of physical force that is reasonable and necessary to (1) protect school employees; (2) protect students or property; or (3) remove a student from a situation that endangers the student, persons or property. Staff members should promptly report any event that required the use of physical force to their building principal.

Teams

Any staff member appointed by the district administration will serve on the various teams as outlined in the board policies, including the Crisis Team, Management Team, Leadership Teams, etc... The Teams serve a vital role in supporting the district’s staff and students. It is the responsibility of the appointed staff member to discuss with the district administration any reasons which may affect the staff member’s ability to perform the tasks required by board policy.

Disability Leave (Short-Term)

Short-term disability leave will be treated in the manner required by state and federal law and consistent with the negotiated agreement with the school district’s local education association. Short-Term Disability leave will run concurrently with FMLA leave.

Discrimination and Harassment

The school district prohibits discrimination and harassment based upon or related to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, marital status, disability, age or any other unlawful basis that (1) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school environment, (2) has the

purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an employee's school performance, or (3) otherwise adversely affects an employee's employment opportunities. Employees who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their disability should contact the following Section 504 Coordinator: Principal Jacob Schuller at 402-846-5432, jschuller@walthillschool.org or Principal Noelle Petersen at 402-846-5432, npetersen@walthillschool.org or in person at school. Employees who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their sex should contact the following Title IX Coordinator: Principal Andrea Corey at 402-846-5432, acorey@walthillschool.org, Principal Jacob Schuller at 402-846-5432, jschuller@walthillschool.org, or Principal Noelle Petersen at 402-846-5432, npetersen@walthillschool.org in person at school. Employees who believe that they have been the subject of any other unlawful discrimination or harassment should contact the Superintendent, Seth Sackmann at 402-846-5432, ssackmann@walthillschool.org or in person at school. Employees may report discrimination or harassment to any staff member who will then forward it on to the appropriate coordinator or administrator. The staff member will follow school district policies to respond to the report.

Drug Testing of Drivers

Drivers for the school district must be free from drug and alcohol use or abuse. The Walthill Public School district will test drivers as permitted under state and federal law and in accordance with board policy.

Electronic Communication While Driving (texting and phone)

Except as provided below, school personnel shall not use any electronic communication device to read a written communication, manually type a written communication, send a written communication, verbally communicate with others, or otherwise communicate with others while operating a school vehicle or while using a school-issued electronic communication device while operating a private vehicle. This prohibition includes but is not limited to answering or making telephone calls, engaging in telephone conversations, and reading or responding to emails, instant messages, or text messages.

The superintendent or building principal may grant exceptions and allow verbal communication on an as needed basis for specific district-related work based upon employees' duties and responsibilities.

Dress Code

Staff should dress in a manner that reflects the honorable profession of education. Certified staff should generally dress in business casual attire.

The attire worn by staff members projects an important image to students and the general public.

Classroom staff may not wear the following types of clothing during the traditional school day from

7:40 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. when students or visitors are in attendance or when the employee is supervising, directing or coaching students when the public is in attendance:

- Sweat, jogging and wind suits, except when teaching a physical education activity in the gymnasium or on a playing field.
- Shorts, except when teaching physical education class or at athletic or other activity practices.
- Blue jeans, except at athletic or other activity practices.
- Any clothing which creates modesty difficulties for the employee or distracts other employees or students in the learning environment.

The building principal may temporarily suspend all or a portion of the dress code in the event other factors support a lower dress expectation for school employees.

The appearance of professional staff members shall be appropriate to their assigned duties and indicative of their professional standing in the school and community. To help meet that end, jeans of any color will not be allowed to be worn except on Friday which is considered a “dress down” day. Casual dress is acceptable.

Staff may not wear visible body piercing jewelry that is distracting or disruptive to the educational setting, while at school or during a school function on or off school premises.

Expenses

The board of education will reimburse staff for all approved expenses incurred in attending to school business. Reimbursement for mileage, supplies, overnight travel expense and credit course reimbursement fees are processed on an expense report form that is available from the business manager. Appropriate receipts must be attached.

To be reimbursed for an item or for personal car use, staff members must complete a reimbursement claim form, attach receipts and submit it to the Superintendent for approval.

All claims for reimbursement must be approved by the board, so some delay is probable. Mileage reimbursement will be denied if a school vehicle was available.

Family and Medical Leave (FMLA)

Qualified employees will be provided leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) as provided in board policy.

In-School Communication

Every staff member will be assigned a mailbox in the building where he or she works. Staff are expected to check their mailboxes for messages in the morning upon arrival at school, at lunch time, and at the end of the day before departing.

A great deal of information is distributed to staff via the school's e-mail system. Each staff member must check his or her e-mail account frequently throughout the school day. Staff are allowed to use their school email accounts for a moderate amount of personal e-mail correspondence. However, sending or receiving personal email during class time is prohibited, regardless of whether that personal e-mail is received on the staff member's school email account or a personal account.

Intellectual Property

All written or artistic works, instructional materials, inventions, procedures, ideas, innovations, systems, programs, or other work product created or developed by any employee in the course and scope of performance of his or her employment duties on behalf of the district, whether published or not, shall be the exclusive property of the district. The district has the sole right to sell, license, assign, or transfer any and all right, title, or interest in and to such property

Jury and Witness Duty Leave

An employee who has been called to serve as a juror will be granted paid leave. Employees must sign over to the district the compensation they receive for jury duty, but not compensation for expenses. An employee who has been subpoenaed to testify as a witness in a court proceeding shall be entitled to one day of paid leave. To receive paid leave, the employee must sign over to the district his or her witness fee.

Keys

Staff will not lend or have any duplicate keys made of any school key. Staff will make sure all doors are locked when they enter or leave the building other than regular school hours and are responsible for setting the security system after hours.

Staff members are responsible at all times for all keys issued to them and must keep their keys in a secure location or on the employee's person. Each classroom teacher must check that the doors and windows in his or her room are closed and locked at the end of the school day. Staff must report lost or stolen keys to the building principal immediately.

Maintenance & Cleaning Requests

Staff members should email all maintenance and cleaning requests to their building principal.

Meals Program

Staff will receive free lunches according to their contracts. Breakfast will be charged at the district rate.

Military Leaves of Absence

Leaves of absence without pay for military or Reserve duty are granted to all employees as required by law. An employee who is called to active military duty or to Reserve or National Guard training or who volunteers for the same should submit copies of the military orders to the Superintendent as soon as is practicable. An administrator, at his or her discretion, may require an employee who requests leave under the Nebraska Family Military Leave Act to provide certification from the proper military authority to verify the employee's eligibility for the leave requested.

Military Leave under the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) will be governed by the FMLA and the board's policy regarding the FMLA.

Milk Expression

The district will provide reasonable break time for an employee who wishes to express breast milk for her nursing child in a place, other than a bathroom, which is shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers and the public for one year after the child's birth.

News and Press Releases

Positive media coverage of the school district and its activities is good for the school, its staff, and its students. Staff should endeavor to establish and maintain cordial relationships with local media outlets.

Activity sponsors and other staff who are involved in newsworthy activity should submit typed press releases to the office for distribution to the media when noteworthy events have occurred. Coaches must communicate with local TV, radio and print media promptly after matches or games to disseminate the results.

Communicating our schools to the public, keeping the public informed, and public relations with the community is one of our important tasks. News of important and/or interesting events and activities are usually welcomed by the newspapers.

Outside Employment

No full-time staff member may accept any other employment or carry on any business or activity for profit that interferes with the complete discharge of his or her responsibilities to the school district.

Personal Vehicles

Staff members who drive school vehicles must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. Staff members will be provided a Driver's Certification form to verify this information. Staff members who drive school vehicles are responsible for following safe driving practices, including use of seat belts by all occupants, and can be held responsible for any injury or accident. Staff members are not to

use cell phones while driving a school vehicle or while transporting students.

Political Activities

District employees retain all rights of citizenship, including, but not limited to, engaging in political activities. An employee of the District may participate in the political process, including seeking 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.

While the District supports its employees by allowing them to exercise their rights, any impact on the employee's ability to perform his or her functions as required by the district is grounds for discipline. For further guidance regarding political conduct on school grounds, contact the superintendent and consult the board policies.

Professional Boundaries Between Staff and Students

All district employees must follow board policy when interacting with students in any way. School district 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. District employees must be aware of professional boundaries between students and staff, and they must never blur the boundaries. These standards of behavior apply to social networking sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., along with communications and interactions of any kind between staff and students.

Examples of unprofessional misconduct include: inappropriate sexual communications or interactions with students, meeting with students in private outside of school, and intruding on a student's personal space. These are a few examples of inappropriate behavior, not an exhaustive list. For further guidance, refer to the district's policies regarding professionalism and staff-student interactions.

Any teacher or student who witnesses or knows information about a district employee violating board policy should report the violation to the district administration *immediately*. Minor violations and questionable violations should be reported within 24 hours.

A violation of board policies for professionalism will form the basis for employee discipline up to and including termination or cancellation of employment, filing a report with law enforcement officials, and filing a report with the Commissioner of Education.

Professional Growth

All employees must complete administrative required professional development training and shall be provided opportunities for the development of increased competence beyond that which they may attain through the performance of their assigned duties.

In addition to this requirement, the superintendent will select in-service programming to provide

additional professional growth activities for certified and classified staff.

Purchasing

All requisitions for books and school supplies must be filed with the building principal. The requisition must include the name of the article being requested, where it may be purchased, how many articles are required and their cost. Requisition forms are available from the office. Orders should not be placed until the district office has issued a printed purchase order. Failure to follow the procedure for requisitions may prevent the staff member from receiving the items requisitioned. All orders or supplies must be authorized by the administration. Staff may be personally liable for any orders placed without such authorization.

When routine supplies are needed for immediate use, staff should contact the building secretary. When it is necessary to make a special or emergency requisition for supplies or equipment, staff should contact the principal for the necessary forms. The superintendent will either approve or disapprove the request through the principal.

Records and Reports

All staff members shall promptly furnish the administration with any information relating to their professional training, experience, activities or work required for reports to county, state or federal officials or for official school records. Personal information will be treated confidentially by school officials.

School Calendar

The official school calendar is maintained in each building office. All activities and events must be scheduled and approved by the building principal. To avoid conflict, a sponsor should not call a meeting of any activity until the schedule has been checked and the meeting approved by the office.

School Property

School property is not to be lent to individuals except by permission of the superintendent.

Staff or groups who wish to use school facilities should make requests to the building principal as early as possible so that they may be placed on the school calendar.

Staff must inform the building principal of any school property that needs repair or that is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair. Matters regarding custodial service in the building should be handled through the principal's office.

Security

Each staff member is responsible for their part in the security of his/her own classroom or work area. Staff must lock the doors and windows of their classrooms and/or other work areas each night.

Staff members who use the building after it has been locked by the custodian or on weekends, are responsible for turning off all lights and locking all windows and doors that they or students under their supervision may have used.

Under no circumstances are pupils to be allowed in the building after school hours without faculty supervision. Keys to any school areas are not to be loaned to students under any circumstances.

Smoking on School Premises or at School Activities

Smoking, including the use of vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or any other such look-alike product, is permitted on school property only in specifically designated areas. West of admin. Building & South of the Apartments during the school day.

Solicitation and Distribution of Merchandise

In the interest of maintaining a proper school environment and preventing interference with school purposes, employees may not sell merchandise, solicit financial contributions, solicit, or distribute literature or printed material for any non-school related cause during working time or on school grounds except as approved by the administration.

Staff Conduct with Students

The Board expects all staff members, including teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, and others to maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards in their conduct with students. For the purposes of this policy, staff members also include school volunteers. The term "students" excludes a staff member's immediate family members.

The interactions and relationships between staff members and students should be based upon mutual respect and trust; an understanding of the appropriate boundaries between adults and students in and outside of the educational setting; and consistency with the educational mission of the schools.

Staff members are expected to be sensitive to the appearance of impropriety in their conduct with students. Staff members are encouraged to discuss issues with their building administrator or supervisor whenever they are unsure whether particular conduct may constitute a violation of this policy.

Unacceptable Conduct

Examples of unacceptable conduct by staff members include but are not limited to the following:

- Any type of sexual or inappropriate physical contact with students or any other conduct that might be considered harassment under the Board's policy on Harassment By Employees;
- Singling out a particular student or students for personal attention and friendship beyond the normal teacher-student relationship;
- Associating with students in any situation or activity that includes the presence of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco or that could be considered sexually suggestive;
- For non-guidance/counseling staff, encouraging students to confide their personal or family problems and/or relationships. If a student initiates such discussions, staff members are expected to be supportive but to refer the student to appropriate guidance/counseling staff. In either case, staff involvement should be limited to a direct connection to the student's school performance;
- Sending students on personal errands;
- Sexual banter, allusions, jokes, or innuendos with students;
- Asking a student to keep a secret;
- Disclosing personal, sexual, family, employment concerns, or other private matters to one or more students;
- Addressing students with terms of endearment, pet names, or otherwise in an overly familiar manner; and
- Permitting students to address you by your first name, nickname or otherwise in an overly familiar manner.
- Being alone with individual students by closing a room door except when dealing with issues of health by appropriate personnel, or being alone with individual students outside of normal school hours;
- Maintaining personal contact with a student outside of school by phone, email, Instant Messenger or Internet chat rooms, social networking websites, or letters (beyond homework or other legitimate school business);
- Exchanging personal gifts (beyond the customary student teacher gifts); and/or
- Socializing or spending time with students (including but not limited to activities such as going out for meals or movies, shopping, traveling, and recreational activities) outside of school sponsored events or except as participants in organized community activities.

Students and/or their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to notify the principal if they believe a teacher or other staff member may be engaging in conduct that violates this policy.

Staff members are required to notify promptly the principal or superintendent if they become aware of

a situation that may constitute a violation of this policy.

Staff violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Violations involving sexual or other abuse will also result in referral to the Department of Health and Human Services and/or law enforcement in accordance with the Board's policy on Child Abuse Reporting.

Every report of alleged violations of this policy that can be interpreted at the outset to fall within the protections of laws against discrimination shall be handled as a joint, concurrent investigation into all allegations and coordinated with the full participation of the Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator. If, in the course of an ongoing investigation of this policy, potential issues of discrimination are identified, the Title IX Coordinator shall be promptly notified, and the investigation shall be conducted jointly and concurrently to address the issues of alleged discrimination as well as the incidents of alleged violations of this policy.

This policy shall be included in future employee, student and volunteer handbooks.

Staff Room

The staff room is maintained for the exclusive use and convenience of the staff. It is not for student use and staff members should not hold student conferences there. Each staff member will assume responsibility in keeping the staff room in an orderly and presentable condition.

Student Interviews

Employees shall refer any police officer, child protective service worker, or other similar individual seeking to speak to or interview a student to an administrator.

Telephones

School Telephones are maintained for the primary purpose of conducting school business. Staff members should limit their use of school phones to brief conversations. Teachers will not be called to the telephone during class time except in the case of an emergency.

Staff members may not use personal cell phones to make or receive calls or to send or receive text messages during instructional time, except for urgent school related matters.

Threat Assessment and Response

The board of education is committed to providing a safe environment for members of the school community. Students, staff and patrons are urged to immediately report any statements or behavior that makes the observer fearful or uncomfortable about the safety of the school environment.

1. Obligation to Report threatening Statements or Behaviors.

All staff and students must report any threatening statements or behavior to a member of the administration. Staff and students must make such reports regardless of the nature of the relationship between the individual who initiated the threat or threatening behavior and the person(s) who were threatened or who were the focus of the threatening behavior. Staff and students must also make such reports regardless of where or when the threat was made or the threatening behavior occurred.

THREATS OR ASSAULTS WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE AT 911.

2. Threat Assessment Investigation and Response

All reports of violent, threatening, stalking or other behavior or statements which could be interpreted as posing a threat to school safety will immediately be forwarded to the superintendent. Upon receipt of an initial report of any threat, the superintendent will take steps to verify the information, make an initial assessment, and document any decision involving further action. This investigation may include interviews with the person who made the statement(s) or engaged in the behavior of concern, interviews with teachers and other staff members who may have information about the individual of concern, interviews with the target(s) of the threatening statements or behavior, interviews of family members, physical searches of the individual of concern's person, possessions, and home (as allowed by law and in cooperation with law enforcement), and any other investigatory methods that the superintendent determines to be reasonable and useful.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the superintendent will determine what, if any, response to the threat is appropriate. The superintendent is authorized to disclose the results of his/her investigation to law enforcement and to the target(s) of any threatened acts. The superintendent may refer the individual of concern to the appropriate school administrator for consequences under the school's student discipline policy or, if appropriate, report the results of his/her investigation to the student's individualized education plan team.

3. Communication with the Public about Reported Threats

To the extent possible, the team will keep members of the school community informed about possible threats and about the team's response to those threats. This communication may include oral announcements, written communication sent home with students, and communication through print or broadcast media. However, the team will not reveal the identity of the individual of concern or of any target(s) of threatened violence if that individual is a minor.

Extra Duties

All teachers are required to work two after-school events per year. Staff members will be given the opportunity to sign up for activities from the athletic director. Staff members who coach a sport will need to work at an event they do not coach. Staff members who are unavailable to work at the event they are assigned to work must find their own replacements and notify the athletic director of another date to fulfill.

Transportation Request Forms

Staff members must complete transportation request forms as soon as they know they need school-provided transportation to allow the activities director adequate time to schedule drivers and vehicles.

Visitors

Staff should welcome members of the public who wish to visit school, but should ensure that visitors follow the district's requirements.

All visitors must report to the building office before visiting any classroom or other areas of the building.

Visitors must comply with the following guidelines:

- if a visitor wishes to observe a specific skill or subject, he or she will be asked to observe during a specified time period
- children under the age of 10 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- all visitors must have the prior approval of the principal or superintendent
- sales people and other such agents will not be allowed to solicit staff members during school hours.
- Visitors are requested to wear the visitor's badge supplied by the building office.

Wage and Salary Payments

The district provides direct deposit of paychecks to designated financial institutions. Otherwise, paychecks will be delivered personally at school or mailed to the address on file in the district office. Staff who wish to activate or modify their direct deposits or who wish to have paychecks mailed to a different address must contact the district office. The school district will mail staff paychecks to the last address on file for each employee during months when school is not in session. Employees shall not be paid in advance under any circumstances.

All required deductions, such as for federal, state, and local taxes, retirement contributions, and all authorized voluntary deductions, such as for insurance or union dues, will be withheld automatically from your paychecks. Garnishments are legal proceedings imposed by a court of law upon the school district requiring payment to a third party of monies earned by district employees. The school district will accept all legal garnishments and tax levies against wages in compliance with state and federal law. An employee's pay will be held upon receipt of a garnishment until a court order is issued indicating satisfaction of the indebtedness or until ordered to surrender the monies to the court or its agent. The school district prohibits improper pay deductions, and employees shall be reimbursed for any improper pay deductions. If you believe that an improper deduction has been made to your pay, you should immediately report this information to your direct supervisor, payroll personnel, or the Superintendent.

Staff members, by their signature on the acknowledgement page of this handbook, authorize the school district to withhold such sums from their paychecks as necessary to cover property damage, cash shortages or other amounts owed to the school district by the employee.

Weather-Related Closings

If school is called off because of bad weather or for any other reason, it will be announced on KCAU, KTIV, Facebook, and through parent square.

Parents may decide to keep their children at home in inclement weather because of personal circumstances. Students absent because of severe weather when school is in session will be marked absent. Staff members should treat the absence like any other absence for legitimate causes provided parents properly notify the school of their decision. Parents may pick up their children in inclement weather (except in case of a tornado) at any time during the school day. Students will not normally be dismissed from school during severe weather on the basis of a telephone request.

Workplace Searches

To safeguard the property and interests of our students, employees, and patrons; to help prevent the possession, sale, and use of illegal drugs on school grounds, and in keeping with the spirit and intent of the district's drug-free workplace policy and other policies, the school district reserves the right to question employees and all other persons entering and leaving our premises, and to inspect any packages, parcels, purses, handbags, briefcases, lunch boxes, or any other possessions or articles carried to and from school when it has reasonable grounds to do so. The school also reserves the right to search any employee's office, desk, files, locker, or any other area or article on school grounds. All offices, desks, files, lockers, and so forth, are school district property and are issued or provided for the use of employees only during their employment with the district. Inspections may be conducted at any time at the discretion of the administration. Employees who refuse to cooperate with this provision will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

Certified Staff - Absences (Teachers)

The accumulation of leave for teaching staff is governed by the Negotiated Agreement between the Board of Education and the Education Association. This handbook sets forth the process for using that leave

1. Sick Leave

Certified staff members who are too ill to perform their teaching duties must contact their building principal before 6:00 a.m.

2. Personal Leave

Certified staff who wish to take personal leave must submit a leave request to their building principal at least two days in advance of the proposed leave. Building principals may deny personal leave requests if the school district is unable to secure the services of a qualified substitute teacher on the day of the proposed leave. Staff members may not take personal leave adjacent to a school break. For example, if school is not in session on a Monday, certified staff may not take personal leave the preceding Friday or following Tuesday unless approved by administration.

3. Professional Leave

The board and administration recognize the value of continuing education and encourage certified staff to participate in seminars, workshops and other activities which will continue their professional growth. Certified staff members who wish to take professional leave must submit a leave request to their building principal, along with a description of the proposed event and any written materials about the event. Building principals may deny requests for professional leave if they are unable to secure the services of a qualified substitute or if the principal determines that the activity will not enhance the certified staff member's effectiveness as an employee of the district. Certified staff members who feel they have been unfairly denied professional leave may grieve the principal's decision, pursuant to the grievance procedure contained in the district's Negotiated Agreement.

4. Substitute Folders

Each teacher must prepare a substitute folder and keep the completed folder in the upper right-hand drawer of his/her desk. The folder must contain:

- a.) the current class roster;
- b.) the daily routine followed by each class, including any services, accommodations, or modifications necessary to comply with a student's IEP or Section 504 plan;
- c.) all schedules (fire drill procedures, lunch schedule, etc.);
- d.) a copy of this handbook; and
- e.) plans for the day if the teacher's absence was anticipated. (These plans are in addition to the teacher's regular lesson plan book.)

Certified staff members may not make arrangements for their own substitute.

Absences - Hourly

The management of leave for hourly staff is governed by the Work Agreement and the Board of Education Policies. Leaves should be arranged through your immediate supervisor.

Assemblies

Classroom teachers must attend assemblies and pep rallies and sit with students to help maintain order.

All certified staff members should attend school assemblies and should try to attend as many of the school functions as possible regardless of whether they have specific assigned duties or not.

Assignment of Teachers

The administration will assign certified staff to individual duties. Certified staff will also be assigned for various forms of hall, extracurricular, recess, traffic, lunch period and other noontime duties, and athletic events.

Certificates, Teacher Contracts, Salary Information

Teaching certificates must be registered with the Superintendent before they may legally be paid. It is the certified staff member's responsibility to make sure this is done.

Each certified staff member must provide the superintendent's office with the following information:

- a. social security number,
- b. retirement number,
- c. withholding form W-4, and
- d. authorization to withhold for insurance benefits.

Each new certified staff member must fill out forms for retirement benefits before the first pay day as well as the family coverage of the district hospital/medical insurance program.

It is the sole responsibility of the certified staff member to inform the superintendent of any changes, including but not limited to changes in certification, endorsements, benefits plans, and salary payment information.

Check-out Forms

All certified staff must complete a check-out form and obtain the building principal's signature on the form prior to departing for the summer. Classrooms must be tidy to allow the custodial staff to clean classrooms and work areas. Certified staff members who do not clean their work area before departing for the summer will not receive their paychecks until the work is completed.

Class Record Books

A class record book is the school's official record of matters relating to each student in each teacher's class. It may be maintained in paper or electronic form and must be complete in scope and accurately maintained. All classroom teachers are required to keep class record books which list students in each class in alphabetical order and show the attendance and all grades earned by each student. At the end of each school year, classroom teachers must turn their record books into the building office. Record books are subject to examination by the building principal or superintendent at any time.

Classroom Management and Student Discipline

Classroom discipline is first and foremost the responsibility of the classroom teacher. Individual teachers are expected to assume responsibility for good discipline throughout the school system. However, if a certified staff member needs assistance with student discipline, they should seek the advice and counsel of the principal or superintendent.

- Classroom teachers may not leave their classrooms unless the students are supervised by a competent adult.
- Classroom teachers should have a well-defined discipline plan or social contract that is known to the students. Rules and consequences should be stated clearly and posted where appropriate.
- Each building has its own specific procedures concerning student discipline. Classroom teachers should consult with their building principal for more information.
- Teachers may remove a student from the classroom for failure to comply with established rules of conduct. Only an administrator can suspend or expel students from class or school and due process must be followed.
- Both elementary and secondary certified staff are responsible for assisting with hallway discipline between classes and in the school lunchroom.
- Classes should begin on time and end promptly. Work should continue throughout the period assigned for it. Classroom teachers have no right to waste the pupils' time. Classroom teachers may not dismiss classes early except by permission of the building principal.
- Staff members may never send a student off school grounds without the authorization of the building principal.

Classroom Sanitation

1. Handling of Body Fluids

All body fluids of all persons should be considered to potentially contain infectious agents (germs). Hand washing after contact with a school child is recommended if physical contact has been made with any child's blood or body fluids. The term "body fluids" includes: blood, semen, drainage from scrapes and cuts, tears, feces, urine, vomit, respiratory secretions and saliva.

2. Infectious Diseases

Certified staff should promptly report any indication of an infectious or contagious disease to the school nurse or building principal. Certified staff should report to the school nurse or the student's parents any pupil whom they suspect of having been exposed to any infectious or contagious disease.

Coaching Supplies

Coaching supplies will be distributed by the athletic director. Such items include tape, prewrap, heel pads, band aids, ankle braces, game balls, etc. Coaches should request additional supplies from the activities director only when they have run out of supplies.

Coaches must fill out and submit inventory forms to the activities director immediately after the season is complete.

Community Involvement

Certified staff are encouraged to take part in the events in the community.

Disclosure of Staff Qualifications

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 gives parents/guardians the right to obtain information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. The District designates the following information as "directory information" and will give parents/guardians such information upon request:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional teaching certificate.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher, along with information about other graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the parent/guardian's child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who does not meet the requirements of the NCLB.

Display of Classroom Work in the School and the Community

Classroom teachers are encouraged to display student work for public viewing. Students and parents enjoy viewing the display and may be even more supportive of their school because the display shows them many of the things the students do. Classroom teachers may use the window area of the central office or the commons area to display student work or they may use it during a night activity. Certified staff must contact the principal before displaying student work at an evening activity.

Duties of Certified Staff

The duties of certified staff include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Becoming acquainted with board policies, district rules and regulations, and the state laws concerning teachers and pupils.

- b) Attending such education conferences as are required by law or administrative directives.
- c) Attending school assemblies unless excused by the principal.
- d) Instructing pupils in the proper use of equipment and instructional supplies.
- e) Reporting in writing to the principal any injury to any child while under the jurisdiction of the school, including athletic injuries.
- f) Complying with the Teachers Professional Code of Ethics which has been promulgated by the Nebraska Department of Education (92 Neb. Admin. Code § 27) and adopted by the Board of Education of the district.
- g) Discussing a student only with the child's parents and the superintendent, principal, guidance counselor or classroom teachers who may know the circumstances and have a need to know. It is unprofessional and inappropriate to discuss students or other staff members in the staff lounge.
- h) Being responsible for students whom they keep in school at times other than during regular school time. Certified staff will be responsible for any special work done by their students, including field trips, joint assemblies, school programs, etc.
- i) Refraining from joining book clubs or film strip clubs using the school name.
- j) Turning in all monies collected to the main office by the end of the school day.
- k) Clearing all class meetings or trips through the principal's office.
- l) Participating in MTSS teams pursuant to board policy.
- m) Assisting with the administration of standardized testing as assigned by the administration.
- n) Provide homebound instruction as assigned by the administration.
- o) Performing additional duties as assigned by the administration.

Eligibility Grades 7-12

Student academic eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities will be determined on a weekly basis. A student will become ineligible based on the NSAA rules or by maintaining an average of less than seventy percent (70%) in two or more classes weekly. Students must be in school by 8:15 am to be eligible to play or practice for the day.

Extracurricular Activities

Classified staff must schedule all events and other extracurricular activities at the activity director's office to avoid conflicts. Staff should avoid or shorten practices and activities on Wednesday evenings and Sundays, in order to give students sufficient time away from school for family-related activities.

Certain activities require time to be scheduled outside regular school hours. Any school sponsored activity involving students must have approval of the principal prior to the activity, including all fundraising activities.

Regular classroom work in all grades will have precedence over any other activity. Students will not be dismissed from classes to participate in extracurricular activities without permission from the principal. Make up slips must be completely signed and returned to the sponsor of the activity prior to dismissal from class. All evening activities, except practices, must have no less than two school sponsors. Non school sponsors must be approved by the administration. If cars are used for transportation, the drivers must be adults who have been approved by the school.

The activities director has the responsibility for all activities. Therefore, any ruling or handbook decision he/she makes will be school regulation in lieu of further board action.

No student may participate in a field trip off school property without written permission of his or her parent or guardian.

Drills

Early in the semester, classroom teachers should review instructions for leaving the classroom with all of their students. Classroom teachers should also periodically review with each class what to do in case of fire, tornado or other emergency drills.

1. Fire Drills/Evacuations

Fire drills will be held on a regular basis. Certified staff may or may not be notified in advance. These drills are important exercises that help ensure the safety of students in case of an emergency.

When the fire alarm is sounded, all students and staff must cease the activity in which they are engaged immediately and leave the building at once, following these regulations:

- a) The classroom teacher will be the last to leave the room. He or she will turn out all the lights and close the door as he or she leaves.
- b) Classroom teachers will take their fire drill packets and class grade books with them when they leave their classrooms.
- c) The first two students reaching the exit doors will hold the doors wide open until everyone has filed out.
- d) Staff and students will move far enough away from the building to avoid possible injury from fire and falling embers, and also, to remain clear of emergency vehicle traffic.
- e) Once outside, each teacher must account for every student in the class. Classroom teachers will take roll for their class and;

- 1) hold up a Green Card (all students accounted for)
- 2) hold up a Red Card (missing student (s) listed)
- 3) hold up a Yellow Card (extra students listed)

The signal to return to the school building will be approved by an administrator. Students will return in an orderly manner.

2. Tornado Drills

When a tornado warning has been issued, the school will evacuate classrooms and move students to the designated areas of the building. Tornado alerts will be given by the bells ringing constantly.

When a tornado alert is given, all students and staff must cease the activity in which they are engaged immediately and leave the building at once, following these regulations:

- a) All K-6 students and staff should proceed to the “pit”. All 7-12 students should proceed to the computer lab.
- b) Once in the designated area, each teacher must account for every student in the class.
- c) Classroom teachers should be sure that each student is sitting with his or her back to the wall as much as possible.
- d) West Building Students and Staff use the Wellness Lower Gym Door entrance. Use both the stairs leading up to the basement hallway room by the boiler and that room as shelter.

3. Protocol for all Evacuations



Hold is followed by the Directive: "**In Your Room or Area**" and is the protocol used when hallways need to be kept clear of occupants.



Secure is followed by the Directive: "**Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors**" and is the protocol used to safeguard people within the building.



Lockdown is followed by "**Locks, Lights, Out of Sight**" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep occupants quiet and in place.



Evacuate may be followed by a location, and is used to move people from one location to a different location in or out of the building.



Shelter and state the **Hazard** and **Safety Strategy** for group and self protection.

Teacher Evaluations

The appropriate district administrator will evaluate tenured and probationary teachers as required by law and district policy. Additional evaluations, both formal and informal, may be conducted as the district administration deems appropriate. Copies of the district’s evaluation forms are available from your principal.

Faculty Meetings

The superintendent and principals will call meetings as needed. Certified staff are required to be present at all faculty meetings unless excused by the administration.

Field Trip Request Forms

Certified staff who wish to take students off school property must submit a request to the superintendent at least ten calendar days prior to the date of the requested activity.

Elementary grades will be limited to one field trip per year. Additional requests may be granted on a case by case basis.

Grading Policy

Grades are given as a letter or percentage as requested by the building principal.

A student is to be graded on academic performance. **A student's grade is not to be reduced for discipline.** Prejudice or favoritism has no place in grading a student. All grading should be explained in simple, understandable terms to the student.

Classroom teachers should provide students and parents with frequent updates regarding the student’s progress during the quarter. At the conclusion of each quarter, students will receive an end-of-quarter report card. Classroom teachers should use the following symbols for each subject area:

Students will receive letter grades for their academic classes.

The Walthill Public School grading system is as follows:

A	- Excellent	93% - 100%
B	- Above Average	85% - 92%
C	- Average	77% - 84%
D	- Below Average	70% - 76%
F	- Failing (no credit)	69% - 0%

Guest Lectures

Guest lecturers must be approved by the administration before they are asked to address a class. The guest lecturer must have a specific, relatable objective in his/her lecture.

Hall Duty

Every classroom teacher is on hall duty before school in the morning and between classes. Classroom teachers are responsible especially for the part of the hall adjacent to their classrooms.

Homework Policy

Homework is an important part of student learning. When parents, teachers and students work together, out-of-class assignments are a valuable part of the instructional program. Homework should provide opportunities for students to practice acquired skills, develop initiative, form independent study habits, and use community resources.

Instructional Materials

Instructional materials are made available through the Education Service Unit. A catalog and order forms will be made available to all members. Films should be used as instructional materials. All media must be previewed for suitability by the classroom teacher before being shown to students.

Lesson Plans

Each teacher will prepare and complete a proper lesson plan on Friday for the following week. These plans must be written so that they are clear to any substitute teacher and readily available to any teacher. An up-to-date seating chart of the class or classes shall be part of the lesson plan book. Other regulations relative to lesson plans will be made by individual building principals. The lesson plans of all classroom teachers are subject to review of the building principal or other members of the school district's administration at any time.

Lesson plans must identify major instructional objectives and show page assignments and general direction that might be followed by anyone who might be called upon to teach the classes.

Lesson plans for the upcoming week must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday of each week or the last day of the week if it ends earlier.

Media Center

The media center is set up to serve the needs of certified staff and students. Certified staff who need assistance with textbooks, literature sets, magazines and other reference materials should consult with the media specialist assigned to their building.

Students may use the media center during study halls, at lunch, after school and in the evenings. Classroom teachers may send individual students to use the media center during class time, but should contact the media staff before sending a group of students during class. The media staff may send disruptive students back to class or study hall, or may exclude unruly students from the media center for a specified period of time. Classroom teachers who send their entire class to the media center must accompany and supervise the students, unless prior arrangements have been made with the media specialist.

Audiovisual materials are available to certified staff through the media center. Certified staff may obtain these materials by filling out the required requisition form and sending it to the media specialist in their building. When certified staff return media, they should complete the film report card and return it to the media specialist.

Parent-Teacher Communication

Students' academic success has been closely linked to parental involvement in school. Certified staff should strive to develop open and supportive relationships with parents and guardians. Each classroom teacher is responsible for keeping a student's parents informed about the student's progress. This may be done by letter, telephone, e-mail or personal conference. Certified staff must attend parent teacher conferences, promptly return phone calls, participate in teacher events for students and parents, and utilize a planner where necessary as a communication tool. Certified staff who need additional support in communicating with parents should contact their building principal or guidance counselor.

Parking

Staff members have the North, South, and West parking lots reserved for them.

Parties

1. No activities or picnics shall be held by an organization of the school without the presence of the sponsor or sponsors.
2. The number of activities and the closing hour for activities will be determined by the building principal and organization sponsor.
3. In making arrangements for activities and picnics, staff must avoid disturbing the routine of the school.
4. Cleaning up after the activity is the responsibility of the sponsor.

Planning Time

Each classroom teacher is provided with duty-free time for planning, preparation of school-related materials, and a brief respite from the duties of the day.

The Board defines planning time as time for educational planning and other task-related functions that cannot normally be accomplished during instructional periods. Planning time should not be confused with personal time. **Planning time is not to be used for running personal errands, conducting personal business, or pursuing non-school hobbies and/or interests.**

PowerSchool

All teachers/classroom aides will be required to use PowerSchool. Attendance will be taken as follows: Elementary – four times per day; and Secondary – at the beginning of every period. Attendance must be taken within the first five minutes of each period / beginning session. Lunch count will also be taken with PowerSchool.

Certified staff who have trouble/problems with PowerSchool, should contact their Principal.

Pupils' Records

1. Each classroom teacher must keep a set of records of the class recitations, tests, exams, daily work, notebook, etc. This serves as a justification of the final grade in case of dispute between teacher and pupil, or teacher and parent, and assists in making out the final grades.
2. Report cards will be issued within one week following the end of the quarter unless otherwise announced.
 - a) Each classroom teacher should be adequately prepared to defend all decisions given on the report card.
 - b) Classroom teachers must confer with the principal before recording any incomplete, failing, or conditional grades on report cards.

Rights of Certified and Probationary Teachers

Certified and probationary teachers are entitled to the legal and procedural rights outlined in the board policies and state and federal law with regard to the amendment, cancellation, or termination of the teacher's employment contract. For specific questions relating to those procedural or legal rights, please refer to the district's board policies.

School Day

All staff must be at school or on duty between the hours of 7:40 a.m. and 3:40 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Fridays and days preceding certain holidays or vacation periods, certified staff are permitted to leave after the students are dismissed. Under special circumstances, certified staff may

seek permission from their building principal to vary these duty hours. In addition, certified staff may be assigned responsibilities at other hours by the principal or superintendent for supervising or directing school activities or affairs or for participation in affairs under the direct sponsorship of the school.

Each teacher will be in his or her classroom and ready to teach at 7:40 a.m. each day. Classroom teachers will stand at their doors when class is dismissed and must be outside their classroom doors before each class period. Classroom teachers must be physically present in their classrooms at all times during class periods and conference periods.

Personal work may not be done on school time.

Sponsors

Certified staff members are assigned by the superintendent as class and club sponsors. Sponsors must be present at all meetings and activities of the sponsored group. The procedure for activity accounts and meetings can be found in the student manual. Purchasing of supplies must be approved by the Superintendent.

Student Activities

Staff members who sponsor extracurricular activities such as athletics, class plays and class activities may leave the school building only after making sure that all students and other individuals have left the building. No student is to be left unattended in the school building at any time.

School-owned clothing or equipment that is checked out to students, remains the property of the school. The clothing or equipment is not to be used or worn by the student except for its intended use. Each piece of equipment or clothing is to be returned to the instructor or coach when the season or the use for such clothing or equipment is over. Certified staff can be held responsible for clothing and equipment that is not returned.

Student aides are to be directly supervised by the certified staff member and are not to leave the building or be in the halls or anywhere they are not being supervised. Student aides are not to be used to assist the certified staff member by helping supervise another student, grade tests or class work, calculate student grades or record grades. Keys are NEVER to be given to students, whether they are student aides or not. A student aide should not be present and assisting a certified staff member without another adult present after the end of regular teacher duty hours.

Student Attendance

Students are expected to arrive at each class, be seated and ready for instruction prior to the beginning of the class day or class period, as appropriate. Student attendance and tardiness is the classroom teacher's professional responsibility. Building level principals will instruct their staff on this responsibility.

Each teacher must maintain an accurate record of student attendance each day. Classroom teachers must carefully check and record attendance information at the beginning of each school day and, in upper grades, at the beginning of each period. Students are not permitted to check attendance. Excessive absenteeism should be reported to the building principal.

Students returning from an absence must report to the office prior to going to class. A returning absentee must show each classroom teacher the admittance pass that was issued by the school office. No student should be accepted back into class after an absence without this pass.

A student who departs school during the school day must report to the office and sign out before leaving the building. A student who returns during the school day must sign in at the building office before returning to class.

Student Illness

In the event of student illness or injury, classroom teachers should notify the building principal or superintendent immediately. Staff should never send a pupil home without notifying school officials and checking to see if his/her parents are home.

Student Medication

No staff members other than the school nurse may dispense medications (prescription or over-the-counter) to students at any time.

Student Searches

Certified staff members may not search students or their belongings. If a staff member suspects that a student is in possession of contraband, he/she should immediately contact a member of the administration and supervise the student until the administrator arrives. Students who are suspected of having an item in violation of school rules may be directed to wait with a staff member.

Substitute Teaching During Planning Period

Certified staff may be required to substitute during their planning period and reimbursed \$30.

Teaching Controversial Issues

Teachers may teach or lead discussions about controversial issues if they comply with the following criteria:

- The issues discussed must be relevant to the curriculum and be part of a planned educational program.

- Students must have free access to appropriate materials and information for analysis and evaluation of the issues.
- The teacher must encourage students to consider and discuss a variety of viewpoints.
- The topic and materials used must be within the range, knowledge, maturity, and competence of the students.
- The teacher must inform parents and the building principal before discussing sensitive or controversial issues.
- The teacher must keep detailed, documentary evidence to prove that both sides and/or all facts available were presented.
- Teachers must refrain from advocating partisan causes, sectarian religious views, or selfish propaganda through any classroom or a school device; however, a teacher shall not be prohibited from expressing a personal opinion as long as the student is encouraged to reach his/her own decision independently.

Textbooks

If classroom teachers issue textbooks to the pupils, they should keep a record of the number and condition of the book assigned to each pupil. If the books are new, classroom teachers must make sure the books are stamped and numbered before distribution.

Textbooks are to be stored in the classroom or storeroom. Textbooks are to be checked out to the students with teachers keeping an accurate record of each book by number in the place provided in grade books. Pupils are to pay for lost or damaged books.

Workbooks do not become the property of the students and in most cases should be retained by the school.

CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

Classrooms are expected to be maintained in a safe, orderly manner at all times in keeping with providing an appropriate, healthy learning environment. Any items for display or use in the classroom shall meet this criterion. The use of essential oils or essential oil diffusers will not be permitted in district facilities by students, staff or visitors.

Walthill Public School 2026-2027 Payroll Calendar 2027 Fiscal Year

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Pay Periods 1st-15th and 16th-the last day of the month

Paychecks must be in your account on or by the 6th and the 20th of the month.

Deadline for entering van/bus routes, leave that was taken during pay period & making sure time clock (TMS) is correct

Pay Day-Classified New contracts begin

Pay Day-Classified, Certified, Project

Paid Holiday 10 & 12 Month Classified

Paid Holiday 12 Month Classified only

Christmas Vacation for certified and 10 month classified employees (non-paid days for 10 month classified)

Extra Duty MUST have hours tracking sheet turned in for NPERS on the 1st (for the previous month)

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Fall Athletics Paid beginning of Sept-Oct-Nov	Winter Athletics Paid beginning of Dec-Jan-Feb-March	Spring Athletics Paid beginning of April-May-June	Class Sponsors Paid beginning of June
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Walthill Public School District Staff Handbook which includes the district's drug-free workplace policy statement. I understand that, as a condition of my employment, I am required to read and abide by the provisions of the handbook. Further, if I have any questions about any provision, I should confer with my supervisor or building principal.

Signature

Date

Walthill Public School

Activities Handbook



Rules and Regulations

2026-2027

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Introductions

Walthill Public High School takes great pride in its students, coaches, and the entire activities program. Our goal is to ensure that participation in activities is a positive and enriching experience for every student. While wins and losses are a part of competition, true success is measured by the personal growth, satisfaction, and educational value students gain through their involvement.

Our activities program is designed to support students' physical, academic, and emotional development. Though competition and the desire to succeed are natural elements, they are balanced with a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, teamwork, and personal responsibility. These experiences help prepare students for the challenges of a competitive world while reinforcing the values of respect, resilience, and integrity.

Participation in school activities—whether as a team member or as a supportive spectator—is considered a privilege. With that privilege comes the responsibility to represent Walthill Public High School with pride, both on and off the field. Students' actions reflect on their teammates, school, community, and most importantly, themselves.

At Walthill, we believe that the lessons learned through activities—dedication, leadership, cooperation, and perseverance—extend far beyond the classroom and play a vital role in shaping responsible, engaged citizens.

Activities Philosophy

At Walthill Public School, we believe that participation in a broad range of student-selected activities is an essential component of a well-rounded education. These opportunities extend learning beyond the classroom, helping students grow not only academically, but also physically, socially, and emotionally.

Participation in activities is a privilege—not a right—and comes with important responsibilities. Students are expected to demonstrate commitment, integrity, and respect toward their team, their school, their community, and themselves. Being part of an activity requires students to represent Walthill in a positive manner at all times.

While we encourage participation by all students, involvement in an activity does not guarantee playing time or placement at a specific level. Decisions regarding roles and participation are based on factors such as effort, skill, teamwork, attitude, and the needs of the team or organization. Regardless of time spent in competition, all participants benefit from the experiences and life skills gained—such as discipline, resilience, cooperation, and goal-setting.

The activities program is designed to complement the academic curriculum by providing meaningful experiences that foster character development and lifelong learning. We are committed to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to grow through participation, leadership, and teamwork in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Attendance

Attendance requirements for all activities have the same basic philosophy. Students may miss practices/contests for one of the following reasons; Immediate Family, Church or another School Activity (only). Missing practices for any other reason would fall into the “unexcused” category. This includes missing practice for another “club” or off-season activity. ***All absences must be communicated to the coach or sponsor.*

In order to attend practice, or participate in a scheduled student activity or game, the student must arrive at school no later than 8:15 and **stay in school** the remainder of the day. Exceptions in cases of funerals or prearranged dental or medical absences will be considered.

Academic Eligibility Procedures (Grades 6-12)

Student academic eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities will be determined on a weekly basis starting on the third Monday or the first school day of that week of every quarter. A student will become ineligible based on the NSAA rules or by maintaining an average of less than seventy percent (70%) in two or more classes weekly. The eligibility report will be run on a weekly basis on the first school day of that week.

- If the student is failing (under 70%) in more than one class, they are not eligible to play for the week that the eligibility report is run. Grades and eligibility will be checked weekly.
- Each quarter will provide a fresh start, you have until the third Monday or the first school day of that week to ensure your grades are above 70%.
- While ineligible students cannot participate in activity events. This includes traveling with the group or team, dressing for games, or any other related activities until eligible.
- Only Students attending Regular School may participate in Walthill Activities.

Awards Letters

Those athletes who have achieved the requirements for lettering in their sport will receive a varsity letter. The head coaches determine the requirements for each sport.

Chain of Communications

It is difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you had hoped. WPS Coaches are professionals. They make decisions based on what they believe to be best for all student-athletes involved. There are certain issues that can be and should be discussed with your child’s coach.

The three items listed below will not be discussed:

1. Playing time, positioning, and event entry.
2. Team strategies, game tactics, play calling.
3. Any discussion about other student-athletes.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and player, or coach and parent. These conferences are encouraged. We also strongly encourage a discussion between the parent and player. A parent having the same expectations as the player is crucial. It is also important that all parties involved have a clear understanding of the other person’s position.

When a conference is necessary, the following procedures should be used to help resolve any concerns:

1. Student-Coach: Open-door policy for all coaches
2. Parent-Coach-Student: Done by appointment (email or phone).

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, the procedure you should follow is:

1. Contact the coach to schedule an appointment (email or phone).
2. Appointments or meetings should take place either over the phone or at the school.

*Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolutions.

THE NEXT STEP: What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

- Call and schedule an appointment with Walthill High School's AD or Principal to discuss the situation. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined, if necessary.

**Both students and parents should be aware of the above information to ensure they have done all they can to make participation in one of our activity programs a worthwhile and positive experience.

Clearance to Participate

Each athlete must obtain clearance from the Activities Director's office before the sports season begins. To obtain clearance, the athlete must have a current Physical Exam Form, and Parent Consent Form. In addition, every participant is required to complete baseline concussion testing. Activities Offices will then forward an updated clearance list to the head coach of each sport before the first day of practice. No Athlete will be able to participate in practice until these two forms are turned into the A.D. offices. Physical and Parental Consent forms are available through the school offices and school website. All of the necessary signatures must be completed before these forms can be accepted.

Equipment

The activities department will furnish equipment needed for each program, except for shoes, or any equipment needed of a personal nature. All equipment checked out to a participant is his/her responsibility. Upon completion of the season, the equipment will be checked in. If there is an item missing or damaged, it must be paid for by the athlete.

Facility Use

No one is allowed to be in the building or to use the activities facilities without a coach/sponsor present. In-season programs have first priority; off season programs have second priority. There should be no interruption of ongoing practices by other groups waiting to use the facility.

Middle School Activity Guidelines

The administration, coaches, and staff of Walthill Junior High School want the activities program to be a positive learning experience for all students who choose to participate. Students will have the opportunity for playing time and as such the students who represent their school in an activity must learn the rules of behavior and sportsmanship, which will make them successful in school, activities, and life. Therefore, any student participating in one of the Walthill Junior High School activities will follow school expectations and procedures.

NSAA Eligibility Requirements

In order to represent a high school in interscholastic athletic competition, a student must abide by eligibility rules set forth by the Nebraska School Activities Association. If you do not understand any of the rules stated below, consult the high school principal or activities director.

1. Students must be an undergraduate.
2. After a student's initial enrollment in grade nine, they shall be ineligible after eight semesters of school membership beginning with their enrollment in grade nine.
3. Students are ineligible if nineteen years of age before August 1 of the current school year. (Students in grades 7 or 8 may participate on a high school team if he/she was 15 years of age prior to August 1 of the current school year.)
4. Students must be enrolled in some high school on or before the eleventh school day of the current semester.
5. Students must be enrolled in at least twenty hours per week and regular in attendance, in accordance with the school's attendance policy at the school they wish to represent in interscholastic competition.
6. Students must have been enrolled and received twenty hours in school the immediately preceding semester.
7. Guardianship does not fulfill the definition of a parent. If a guardian has been appointed for a student, the student is eligible in the school district where his/her natural parent(s) have their domicile. Individual situations involving guardianship may be submitted to the Executive Director for his review and a ruling.
8. A student entering grade nine for the first time after being promoted from grade eight of a two-year junior high, or a three-year middle school, or entering a high school for the first time after being promoted to grade ten from a three-year junior high school is eligible. After a student makes an initial choice of high schools, any subsequent transfer, unless there has been a change of domicile by his/her parents, shall render the student ineligible for ninety school days. If a student has participated on a high school team at any level as a seventh, eighth, or ninth grade student, they have established their eligibility at the high school where he/she participated. If the student elects to attend another high school upon entering ninth or tenth grade, they shall be ineligible for ninety school days.
9. If the change in domicile by the parents occurs during a school year, the student may remain at the school he/she is attending and be eligible until the end of the school year or transfer to a high school located in the school district where the parents established their domicile and be eligible.
10. If the parents moved during the summer months and the student is in grade twelve and the student has attended the high school for two or more years, the student may remain at the high school they have been attending and retain eligibility.

11. If a student has been attending the same high school since initial enrollment in grade nine, they may remain at that high school and retain eligibility, or they are eligible at a high school located in the school district where their parents established their domicile.
12. If the parents of a student change their domicile from one school district that has a high school to another school district that has a high school, the student shall be eligible immediately in the school district where the parents established their domicile.
13. Transfer students who have their Enrollment Option applications signed and filed prior to May 1 shall be eligible immediately in the fall. Those students who do not have their Enrollment Option applications signed and filed prior to May 1 shall be ineligible for ninety school days, with such transfers being subject to hardship waiver guidelines.
14. Other non-enrollment option transfer students must have signed and delivered all forms necessary to make such a transfer to the school in which they intend to enroll for the upcoming school year prior to the preceding May 1st. For the student to be eligible, the school to which the transfer is being made must have notified the NSAA office in writing, postmarked not later than May 1st of the preceding school year. The student would, however, become ineligible for ninety school days the next fall if the student were to change their mind and decide not to transfer. If such student were to transfer to the new school, but later decides to return to their former district before 90 school days have elapsed, such student will be ineligible in the former district for 90 school days, with the ineligibility period commencing at the start of the fall semester. Those students, who did not have their enrollment forms signed, delivered and accepted prior to May 1st, shall be ineligible for ninety school days, with such transfers being subject to hardship waiver guidelines.
15. Once the season of a sport begins, a student shall participate in practices and compete only in athletic contests/meets in that sport, which are scheduled by their school. Any other competition will render the student ineligible for a portion of, or all of, the season in that sport. The season of a sport begins with the first date of practice as permitted by NSAA rules.
16. During the season of a particular sport, athletes participating in that sport for a high school may attend, but may not physically take part, either as an individual or as a member of a team, in the sport activity in which instruction is being offered in the clinic, camp or school.
17. A student shall not participate on an all-star team while a high school undergraduate.
18. A student must maintain his/her amateur status

Performance Enhancing Drugs

Students should be aware that steroids, a performance-enhancing stimulant, are illegal by law. State law 79-296 specifically addresses students taking, using, or having possession of anabolic steroids, or illegal performance enhancing drugs.

Performance Time Philosophy

We understand that one of the most difficult assignments for any coach or activity sponsor is determining the amount of performance time for individual players. Ability, attitude, attendance, and effort are some of the key areas of consideration when determining these assignments. Below is a description of the varying levels of Walthill Activity Programs along with descriptions of each level's goal and playing time philosophies.

VARSITY LEVEL: This is the highest level of competition, with performance time determined by coaches or activities sponsors so the team or organization will be successful in competition. Walthill does not have a "cut" policy, we allow all students to remain in a program through graduation. However, some sports have a mandatory limit of varsity players that they can carry in a game or event. Each coach or activity sponsor will be responsible for explaining the methods and criteria used to determine who earns a varsity position and playing time in that activity.

JUNIOR VARSITY LEVEL: This level too maintains a high level of competition and generally involves 10th and 11th graders. Unless very special circumstances exist, seniors will not participate at the J-V level. The philosophy of the J-V level is to best combine the opportunity for winning and playing time and to prepare teams young players for future varsity competition.

8th GRADE LEVEL: The emphasis will be on involving large numbers of participants in games and practices while also developing fundamental skills. While fair playing time will be encouraged in competitions, coaches or activities sponsors occasionally may focus on selecting students to win a particularly close event.

6th and 7th GRADE LEVEL: Students are introduced to the "team concept." Formally, it may be their first time playing on an organized team in a given sport or activity. The emphasis will be on involving large numbers of participants in games and practices, while also developing fundamental skills. Fair performance time will be emphasized in competitions.

Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media

Students are reminded that anytime you share information electronically, it is NO LONGER PRIVATE INFORMATION!! Examples may include, but are not limited to: X, Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, or other social media websites, computers, cell phones (including text messages), personal blogs, and any/all other electronic devices. Students are thus notified that school administration, while not personally involved in securing information in the sharing process of information, WILL follow normal investigative procedures if a possible school violation and/or activity suspension may be involved.

The use of cell phones and other personal electronic devices are permissible during extracurricular activities at the coaches/sponsors discretion. Violation of this rule shall result in confiscation of the device. The coach/activity sponsor shall hold the confiscated device until such time that the parent or guardian can pick it up at their convenience. If a student athlete/activity participant refuses to give up the cell phone or other electronic device to a coach/sponsor when a violation occurs, this constitutes insubordination and may result in suspension from the sport/activity as well as other school consequences. If pictures/videos are taken and used to intimidate, embarrass, or harass any person (staff, student, or otherwise) consequences may range from confiscation of the phone to suspension and possible law enforcement contact if privacy issues are violated. Additionally, student athletes/activity participants who use social media to intimidate, embarrass, or harass any person (staff, student, or otherwise) may be subjected to a code of conduct suspension.

Photo Release Agreement

Walthill School Employees or hired contractors may take pictures of our students in our activities. These photographs may be used for advertisements, programs, press releases and other promotional material. Parents should notify the school if photos of their children should not be used.

Student-Athlete Injury Information (High School and Junior High School Student Athletes)

In the event an injury would occur to your son/daughter, Walthill Public School requests your permission to grant us the right to administer care by the athletic trainer, coaches, or certified personnel. By signing the document called the "Handbook Acknowledgement Form" you the parent/guardian grant permission for Walthill Public Schools to provide care for the injured person. This would also include any care deemed necessary at a hospital, assuming the parents cannot be contacted for immediate permission.

Student, Parents, and Staff Expectations

1. In each program, a coach and/or coaches are hired by the school district to be responsible for the team selection. Criteria for selection are established by the head coach; possibly with input from the entire coaching staff. Team selection, practices, and decisions regarding game situations are the responsibility of the coaching staff.
2. Experience in athletics reveals there are many "select teams" sponsored by many different organizations. Each coach looks for something different in his or her players. Participation on a "select team" DOES NOT guarantee any player a spot on another "select team", nor does it guarantee the athlete a spot on a high school team at Walthill High School. While we believe players can gain valuable experience outside of the school athletic program, neither parents nor students should count on this type of participation to guarantee or assist them to gain an advantage, or to secure them a spot on a high school team.
3. Selection of teams is usually based on talent, and how the player will fit into the overall scheme of the team. See your child's head coach for a more accurate description of this philosophy.
4. Starting positions and playing time are not guaranteed to seniors making a team; or anyone else for that matter. Each member of the team is a valuable asset to the team's overall progress. Some members may play a great deal of time in a contest, while others may not see what a parent would consider to be significant or equal playing time. Each student should have personal improvement as one of his or her goals.
5. Being a member of a team, regardless of time spent in actual competition, will hopefully teach them valuable lessons to be applied later in life. Among them would be citizenship, sportsmanship, appreciating a good play by a teammate or opponent, working together to meet team goals, responsibility, commitment to their team and school, loyalty, placing the team above their personal goals, learning to accept instruction and criticism, respect for others, winning and losing with dignity, self-control, and being responsible for their own actions.

The Walthill School recognizes that a successful activities program involves dedicated students, responsible coaches/activities sponsors, caring parents, and a supportive community that meet the following expectations:

- I. The Walthill School will provide:
 - a. An opportunity for every student to participate in some phase of the extracurricular program.
 - b. Leadership in the form of competent, caring, and dedicated coaches and supervisors.
 - c. Necessary equipment, uniforms, and facilities.
- II. The Student will provide:
 - a. A desire to excel in each extracurricular activity they participate in.
 - b. A positive attitude that will include:
 - i. Paying respect to the instruction and expectations of the coach/sponsor.
 - ii. Paying respect to other team members.
 - iii. Doing one's best to maintain the quality of facilities and equipment.
 - iv. Acting as a conscientious representative of the school student body, and community.
 - c. Adherence to the good conduct and academic eligibility policies of the Walthill School.
 - d. Support all Walthill extra-curricular activities and their participants.
 - e. Immediate notice to their supervising coach if they suspect they have sustained a concussion or other injury.
- III. The parents will provide:
 - a. Encouragement to their son or daughter.
 - b. Reinforcement of the training regulations and expectations of the coaches and sponsors.
 - c. Support to the program in which one's son or daughter is participating.
 - d. Support all Walthill extra-curricular activities and their participants.
 - e. Follow the procedures for concerns or complaints listed in the Walthill Family Handbook and Board Policy.
 - f. Immediate notice to district coaches or administrators of any suspected concussion or other injury.

Time off between Seasons

Multi-sport athletes, that have seasons run together, will not be required to attend practice for 5 calendar days from the date of the last contest (in the preceding season). An athlete may begin practice before the 5-day rest concludes if he/she obtains the approval of his/her parents, coach, and the Activities Director.

Transportation

The school district will provide transportation to all contests. Team members will be expected to travel to away contests as a unit/team under the coach/sponsors direction, unless special provisions are made through the Head Coach/Sponsor and administration. Such provisions may include: family emergencies, medical appointments, attending a funeral, etc.... Parents and students must provide written documentation or communicate to the Activities Director and/or the building principal stating the need to take personal transportation. The Activities Director

and/or the building principal must approve special provisions. Team members may travel home with parents/guardians if a parent/guardian signs a release with the Head Coach/Sponsor. Students are only allowed to travel with their own parent/guardian from away events. Athletes that are attending school-sponsored events/contests during the school day will be marked as excused for school activities. If an athlete leaves with a parent/guardian from a contest/event during the school day and does not return to school, the parent/guardian must call into the school office to communicate intentions. If the athlete does not return to school, the absence will be changed from a school activity absence to an excused or unexcused absence.

Wellness and Weight room

The weight room will be opened and supervised by a school staff member. Availability will be prioritized by in-season sports receiving first choice of times available. Off-season sports will be given a second choice of times available. A member of the coaching staff must supervise any athlete using the weight room. The equipment is not to be handled roughly or removed from the weight room.

Activities Handbook Agreement

PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT CONSENT AND OFFICIAL WARNING

The purpose of this WARNING is to bring to your attention the existence of potential dangers associated with your son or daughter participating in activities. Participation in any activity may involve injury of some type. The severity of such injury can range from minor cuts, bruises, sprains, and muscle strains to more serious injuries to the body's bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, or muscles, to catastrophic injuries of the head, neck and spinal cord. On rare occasions, injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, or death. Even with the best coaching, the use of the best protective equipment and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility.

I have received and read the Activity Handbook that describes the Walthill School District's expectations and policies. My child and I have discussed these policies and understand that we must comply with them.

I have read this WARNING and understand the potential risk of injury. Knowing the risk, I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter to practice and compete for Walthill High and Junior High School and will indicate this by signing the "Activities Handbook Agreement".

Student's Signature Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Student's Signature Date

Parent's Email Address

Student's Signature Date

Parent's Phone Number

NSAA Student and Parent Consent Form

This form is necessary to compete in interscholastic athletics and activities for WALTHILL HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. It is entirely voluntary on my part and is made with the understanding that I have not violated any of the eligibility rules and regulations of the State Association.

With my signature on the "Student and Parental Consent Form", I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter (1) to represent his/her school in activities, except those crossed out on the physical form by the examining health care provider, provided that such activities are approved by the State Association; (2) to accompany any school team of which he/she is a member on any of its local or out-of-town trips. I acknowledge that I have selected the health care provider who has examined the student and assume full responsibility for the selection of such an examiner. I authorize the school to obtain, through a physician of its choice, any emergency medical care that may become reasonably necessary for the student in the course of such activities or travel. I also agree not to hold the school or anyone acting in its behalf responsible for any injury occurring to the above-named student in the course of such activities or such travel.



NSAA Athletic and Activities Student and Parent Consent Form

School Year: _____
Member High School: _____
Name of Student: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Name of Parent(s), Guardian(s), or Person(s) in Charge: _____
Relationship to Student: _____
Address(es) of Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/or Person(s) in Charge**: _____

Note: If Student and all Parents/Guardians do not live in the same household, please include all addresses and inform the Member School as this may impact eligibility.

The undersigned(s) are the Student and the parent(s), guardian(s), or person(s) in charge of the above-named Student and are collectively referred to as "Parent".

The Parent and Student hereby:

(1) Understand and agree that participation in NSAA sponsored activities is voluntary on the part of the Student and is a privilege and understand and agree that (a) by this Consent Form the NSAA has provided notice of the existence of potential dangers associated with athletic and activity participation; (b) participation in any activity may involve injury or illness of some type, including exposure to communicable diseases, and even catastrophic injury, paralyzation, and death; and (c) even the best supervision, the use of the best protective equipment and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility;

(2) Consent and agree to participation of the Student in NSAA activities subject to (a) all NSAA Bylaws and rules interpretations, including limitations on transfers and limitations on the use of the Student's name, image, and likeness when wearing school uniforms or engaging in commercial activity tied to the Student's participation in NSAA activities; and (b) the athletic and activities rules of the Member School;

(3) Consent and agree to the disclosure by the Member School to the NSAA, and subsequent disclosure by the NSAA, of information regarding the Student contained in the Member School's directory information or other similar policies, and any other records or documentation needed to determine the Student's eligibility and compliance necessary to participate in NSAA activities;

(4) Understand that (a) prior to athletic participation, a pre-participation release form signed by a health care professional must be signed and submitted to the Member School; and (b) for purposes of determining fitness to participate, injury, injury status, or emergency response, Parents may be asked to consent to the disclosure of confidential medical records or information. Records and information shared for this purpose will not be redisclosed to any entities outside of the health care provider(s), Member School, or NSAA;

(5) Consent and agree (a) to authorize licensed or trained individuals, including certified sports injury personnel, to evaluate and treat any injury or illness that occurs during the Student's participation in NSAA activities. This includes all reasonable and necessary care, treatment, and rehabilitation for these injuries that is made available by the Member school and/or the NSAA, including transportation of the Student to a medical facility if necessary; and (b) that Parents are obligated to pay for professional medical and/or related services; the NSAA and the Member School shall not be liable for payment of such services even if made available by the Member School or NSAA.

(6) Understand that the Student or Student's likeness being photographed, video recorded, audio taped, or recorded by any other means while participating in NSAA activities and contests and that any such recording may be used for broadcast, sale, or display.

We, Parent(s) and Student, acknowledge that I have read paragraphs (1) through (6) above, understand and agree to the terms thereof, including the warning of potential risk of injury inherent in participation in athletics and activities, and agree that Student may participate in NSAA activities.

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date of Signature

Parent(s) Printed Name(s)

Parent Signature(s)

Date of Signature(s)

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FAMILY HANDBOOK **2026-2027 Edition**

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Intent of Handbook

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents and staff as a guide to the rules, procedures, and general information about this school district. Students and their parents must become familiar with the handbook, and parents should use it as a resource and assist their children in following the rules contained in it. The use of the word “parents” refers to any adult who has the responsibility for making education-related decisions about a child, including, but not limited to biological parents, adoptive parents, legal guardians, and adults acting in loco parentis.

Although the information in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, it is not intended to be all-encompassing or to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during a school day or school year. This handbook does not create a “contract” with parents, students or staff, and the administration may make decisions and rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well-being of all students. The administration is responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. If a situation or circumstance arises that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make decisions based on applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

This school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age or in admission or access to, or treatment of employment, in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Any person having inquiries concerning this school district’s compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 is directed to contact Principals Andrea Corey, Jacob Schuller, or Noelle Petersen in writing at Walthill Public School, Walthill, NE 68067 or by telephone at (402) 846-5432. For further assistance, you may also contact Office for Civil Rights (Kansas City Office), U.S. Department of Education, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114-3302, Telephone: 816-268-0550, FAX: 816-823-1404; TDD: 877-521-2172, Email: OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov. Also see the “Discrimination and Harassment” section below.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Walthill Public School District, are committed to generating a caring, respectful, and safe learning environment, which promotes positive self-realization and high academic success.

The Purpose and Direction of Walthill Public School is to:

- Inspire lifelong learners
- Encourage pride in self and culture
- Promote responsible citizenship
- Adapt to changing societal needs

SCHOOL MOTTO

High Expectations in a Safe Environment

WELCOME

Dear Students and Parents,

On behalf of the faculty, administration, and Board of Education, welcome to a new school year at Walthill Public Schools! We are excited to partner with you as we support our students in reaching their full potential and achieving their educational goals.

Please take time to read this handbook thoroughly. It outlines important rules, procedures, and expectations. Both students and parents are responsible for understanding the information provided. This Family Handbook serves as an extension of official school policy and carries the authority of board-approved guidelines.

At the end of the handbook, you'll find required forms that must be signed and returned no later than **August 12, 2026**.

This resource is intended to help ensure a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment for everyone. If you have any questions or need clarification, we encourage you to speak with a classroom teacher, your building principal, or contact my office directly.

We look forward to a successful and rewarding school year together.

Sincerely,

Seth Sackmann
Superintendent

SECTION ONE

BASIC SCHOOL RULES AND GENERAL PRACTICES

Attendance

Required Attendance

Every person residing in the school district who has legal or actual charge or control of any child who is of mandatory attendance age shall cause that child to attend a public or private school regularly unless the child has graduated from high school or has been allowed to disenroll pursuant to this policy.

Mandatory Attendance Age

All children who are or will turn six years old before January 1 of the current school year are of mandatory attendance age. Children who have not turned eighteen years of age are of mandatory attendance age.

Exceptions

This policy does not apply when temporary illness or severe weather conditions make attendance impossible or impracticable.

A child who will not reach age 7 before January 1 of the current school year may be excused from mandatory attendance if the child's parent or guardian completes an affidavit affirming that alternative educational arrangements have been made for the child. A copy of the required affidavit is attached to this policy.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 5-Year-Old Students

The person seeking to discontinue the enrollment of a student who will not reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the current school year shall submit a signed, written request to the superintendent using the form which is attached to this policy. The school district may request written verification or documentation that the person signing the form has legal or actual charge or control of the student. The school district shall discontinue the enrollment of any student who satisfies these requirements. Any student whose enrollment is discontinued under this subsection shall not be eligible to reenroll in this school district until the beginning of the following school year unless otherwise required by law.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 16 and 17-Year-Old Students

Only children who are at least 16 years of age may be disenrolled from the district. The person seeking to discontinue the child's enrollment shall submit a signed, written request and submit it to the superintendent using the form which is attached to this policy. The district will follow the procedures outlined on the attached form in considering requests to disenroll.

Only children disenrolling to attend a non-accredited school may be exempt from this policy. The person with legal or actual charge or control of the child must provide the superintendent with a copy of the signed request submitted to the State Department of Education for attending non-accredited schools. The superintendent may confirm the validity of the submission with the State Department of Education.

Attendance Officer

Each building principal is designated as an attendance officer for the district. Each building principal, at his or her discretion, may delegate these responsibilities to any other qualified individual. The attendance officer is responsible for enforcing the provisions of state law relating to compulsory attendance. This responsibility includes but is not limited to filing a report with the county attorney of the county in which a student resides. Compensation for the duties of attendance officer is included in the salary for the superintendent or designee.

Excused Absences

The following absences will be considered excused if they are confirmed by communication to the school from the student's parent/guardian:

1. Physical or mental illness of the student (a physician's verification is required after four (4) consecutive days of absence for illness)

2. Severe weather
3. Medical appointments for the student
4. Death or serious illness of the student's family member
5. Attending a funeral
6. Appearance at court or for other legal matters
7. College planning visits Scheduled by the school

Excessive Absenteeism

When a student receives 5 unexcused absences or the hourly equivalent in any semester, the Attendance Officer will follow the attached procedure for addressing barriers to the student's attendance.

When a student is absent more than 20 days per year or the hourly equivalent and any portion of the absences is unexcused, the Attendance Officer shall file a report with the Tribal Courts or county attorney of the county in which the student resides. For example, if the student accumulates 8 days of first period tardies, this will accumulate one day of absence.

Planned absences

Parents who know in advance that a student will be absent must call the school or send a written note at the earliest possible date. Students who will be absent for reasons that can be anticipated, such as routine medical appointments and school activities, must complete any work required by the teacher before the absence. Parents should make every attempt to schedule medical and other appointments after school hours when possible.

Students are obligated to:

- 1) In order to attend practice, or participate in a scheduled student activity or game, the student must arrive at school no later than 8:15 and stay in school the remainder of the day. Exception in cases of funerals or prearranged dental or medical absences;
- 2) check out of school at the office if leaving school during the school day; and
- 3) make up any and all work that is assigned by teachers for the instructional time that has been missed.

Parents are obligated to:

- 1) call the appropriate building office to inform the school of the reason for each absence; and make arrangements for any coursework being missed

Bills

Students should pay bills for supplies, fines, shop materials, clothing orders, etc. in the school bookkeeper's office. Any check for these payments should be made out to Walthill Public Schools unless otherwise instructed. Pursuant to board policy, the district will assess an additional penalty of \$25 for any check returned from the bank for insufficient funds.

Books and Supplies

Students must take care of books and other supplies provided by the district. The school will assess fines for damage to books and school property.

Students must supply their own consumable items such as pens, pencils, tablets, notebooks, erasers, and crayons. Each classroom teacher will prepare a supply list for students at the beginning of the school year.

Bullying

Students are prohibited from engaging in any form of bullying. "Bullying" means any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal, or electronic abuse on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or his designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events. The disciplinary consequences for bullying will depend on the severity, frequency, duration, and effect of the behavior and may result in sanctions up to and including suspension or expulsion. Students who believe they are being bullied should immediately inform a teacher or the building principal. The Administration plan of action:

Step 1- Students will be given a warning.

Step 2- Students will have a meeting building administrator

Step 3- Parents and students will have a meeting with administration.

Step 4-Discipline will be assigned by the administration.

Cafeteria Rules

1. All food is to be eaten by the student or left on the tray when returned to the dishwasher. All straws, papers, milk cartons should be deposited in the trash cans. All leftover food should be scraped off the tray onto the correct container.
2. Students are to use proper manners including eating quietly.
3. There will be no throwing of food or other items.
4. Students should remain at their tables until they are dismissed. Students are expected to eat lunch at school.
5. Students must treat lunch personnel with respect.
6. Students who violate the above rules will be disciplined.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

The use of cell phones or other electronic devices during school hours will not be permitted. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, smart watches, headphones, etc.

Students will be provided with a Yondr Pouch to store their device throughout the day. Students will be allowed to unlock and turn in their pouch at the conclusion of each school day. Any Yondr Pouch that is stolen, vandalized, or destroyed will be charged to students. Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones and other electronic devices. The school district is not responsible for theft, loss or damage of a cell phone or any calls made on a cell phone.

Violation of the Policy:

- 1) Students who violate this policy will have their cell phones or other electronic devices confiscated immediately and the device(s) will be turned in to the office. Parents will be required to retrieve the device.
- 2) Following the second offense, student will be given 3 days of In-School Suspension
- 3) Following the third offense, student will be given 5 days of Out of School Suspension
- 4) Following the fourth offense, student will be given 10 days of Out of School Suspension

The taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, e-mailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person engaged in these activities while on school grounds, in a school vehicle or at a school activity will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the student code of conduct. Any student found to be in possession of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be promptly referred to law enforcement and/or other state or federal agencies, which may result in arrest, criminal prosecution and possible inclusion on sex offender registries.

Child Abuse and Neglect

School employees will report suspected abuse or neglect of a child as required by state law and school policy. Nebraska law defines abuse or neglect as knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causing or permitting a minor child or an incompetent or disabled person to be (1) placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical or mental health; (2) cruelly confined or cruelly punished; (3) deprived of necessary food, clothing, shelter or care; (4) left unattended in a motor vehicle, if such child is six years of age or younger; or (5) sexually abused.

Class Dismissal

Classes are in session from the ringing of the tardy bell until the teacher dismisses the class. The bell at the end of the period is not a dismissal bell, and students may not leave their classrooms until they have been excused by their classroom teacher.

Classroom Behavior

Student behavior and attitude in the classroom must be cooperative and serious. All students must:

- arrive to class on time;
- prepare for class with all necessary materials;
- be considerate of others;
- respond promptly to all directions of the teacher; and
- take care of school property and the property of others.

Teachers will establish social contracts and classroom conduct rules which students must obey.

Closed Campus

Students may not leave the building without permission from the administration. Students who choose to violate this rule are subject to further consequences as assigned by the building principal.

Communicable Diseases

Any student who has contracted a contagious disease may be restricted from attendance at school until the student is no longer contagious. The school district uses the Title 173- Nebraska Health and Human Services/Control of Communicable Disease, Chapter 3 of the Nebraska Administrative Code as a “best practice” guideline for contagious and infectious diseases. If there are questions regarding the communicability of your child’s health condition or if you know your child has contracted a contagious or communicable disease like COVID - 19 or other medical condition, call the school nurse or school principal as soon as possible.

An emergency exclusion of a student may apply when a student has a dangerous communicable disease transmissible through the normal school contacts and poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of the school community.

Communicating with Parents

Parents shall be kept informed of student progress, grades, and attendance through report cards, progress reports, and parent/teacher conferences. The school district will notify parents if their students are failing or close to failing. The school district will endeavor to notify parents of failing students prior to entry of the failing grade on the student’s report card. Parents will also be notified of their student’s possible failure to meet graduation requirements. Other pertinent information will be communicated to parents by mail or by personal contact. Official transcripts of student progress, grades, and attendance will be sent to other school systems upon the student’s transfer when the district receives a written request signed by the student’s parent or guardian or upon being notified that the student has enrolled in another school.

Computer Technology Use by Students

Both in Regular School and Remote School students are expected to use computers and the Internet as an educational resource. The following procedures and guidelines govern the use of computers and the Internet in both Regular School and Remote School.

I. Student Expectations in the Use of the Internet

A. Acceptable Use

1. Students may use the Internet to conduct research assigned by teachers.
2. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for classroom projects.
3. Students may use the Internet to gain access to information about current events.
4. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for school-related activities.
5. Students may use the Internet for appropriate educational purposes.

B. Unacceptable Use

1. Students shall not use school computers to gain access to material that is obscene, pornographic, harmful to minors, or otherwise inappropriate for educational uses.
2. Students shall not engage in any illegal or inappropriate activities on school computers, including the downloading and copying of copyrighted material.
3. Students shall not use electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, or other forms of direct electronic communications on school computers.
4. Students shall not use school computers to participate in on-line auctions, on-line gaming or mp3 sharing systems
5. Students shall not disclose personal information, such as their names, school, addresses, or telephone numbers outside the school network.
6. Students shall not use school computers for commercial advertising or political advocacy of any kind without the express written permission of the system administrator.
7. Students shall not publish web pages that purport to represent the school district or the work of students at the school district without the express written permission of the system administrator.
8. Students shall not erase, rename or make unusable anyone else’s computer files, programs or disks.

9. Students shall not share their passwords with fellow students, school volunteers or any other individuals, and shall not use, or try to discover, another user's password.
10. Students shall not copy, change or transfer any software or documentation provided by the school district, teachers or another student without permission from the system administrator.
11. Students shall not write, produce, generate, copy, propagate or attempt to introduce any computer code designed to self-replicate, damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of any computer's memory, file system, or software. Such software is often called, but is not limited to, a bug, or virus.
12. Students shall not configure or troubleshoot computers, networks, printers or other associated equipment, except as directed by a teacher or the system administrator.
13. Students shall not take technology equipment (hardware or software) without permission of the school staff.
14. Students shall not forge electronic mail messages or web pages. Enforcement

C. Methods of Enforcement

1. The district monitors all Internet communications, Internet usage and patterns of Internet usage. Students have no right of privacy to any Internet communications or other electronic files. The computer system is owned by the school district. As with any school property, any electronic files on the system are subject to search and inspection at any time.
2. The school district uses a technology protection measure that blocks access to some Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policy of the school district. Standard use of the Internet utilizes a proxy server-based filter that screens for non-curriculum related pages.
3. Due to the nature of filtering technology, the filter may at times filter pages that are appropriate for student research. The system administrator may override the technology protection measure for the student to access a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked.
4. The school district staff will monitor students' use of the Internet through direct supervision and by monitoring Internet use history to ensure enforcement of the policy.

D. Consequences for Violation of this Policy

1. Access to the school's computer system and to the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Any violation of school policy and rules may result in:
 - a. Loss of computer privileges;
 - b. Short-term suspension; long-term suspension or expulsion in accordance with the Nebraska Student Discipline Act; and
 - c. The student and parent/guardian being held financially responsible for the damage or loss of computer technology.
 - d. Other disciplines as school administration and the school board deem appropriate.
2. Students who use school computer systems without permission and for non-school purposes may be guilty of a criminal violation and will be prosecuted.

II. **Protection of Students**

A. Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

1. The school will not allow companies to collect personal information from children under 13 for commercial purposes. The school will make reasonable efforts to disable advertising in educational computer applications.
2. This policy allows the school to act as an agent for parents in the collection of information within the school context. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes.

B. Education About Appropriate On-Line Behavior

1. School district staff will educate students about appropriate online behavior, both in specific computer usage units and in the general curriculum.
2. Staff will specifically educate students on
 - a. Appropriate interactions with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms.
 - b. cyberbullying awareness and response.
3. The School District's Principals shall inform staff of this educational obligation and shall keep records of the instruction which occurs in compliance with this policy.

C. Application Authorization

1. Educational Purpose: All installed applications are vetted by school administration and instructional

- technology staff to ensure they serve a valid education purpose, align with curriculum, and enhance student learning.
- 2. Data Privacy and Compliance: The school is committed to protecting student privacy and complies with federal and state regulations including COPPA and FERPA. The school acts as an agent for parents in consenting to the collection of limited student information strictly for educational use within the approved applications
- 3. Management and Oversight: To maintain a secure and focused learning environment, device management is handled exclusively by the school's IT department. Individual students and parents are not permitted to install unapproved third-party applications on school-owned devices.

Complaint Procedure

Good communication helps to resolve many misunderstandings and disagreements. This complaint procedure applies to board members, patrons, students and school staff, unless the staff member is subject to a different grievance procedure pursuant to policy or contract. Individuals who have a complaint should discuss their concerns with appropriate school personnel in an effort to resolve problems. When such efforts do not resolve matters satisfactorily, including matters involving discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or age, a complainant should follow the procedures set forth below:

1. The first step is for the complainant to speak directly to the person(s) with whom the complainant has a concern. For example, a parent who is unhappy with a classroom teacher should initially discuss the matter with the teacher. However, the complainant should skip the first step if the complainant believes speaking directly to the person would subject the complainant to discrimination or harassment.
2. The second step is for the complainant to speak to the building principal, Title IX/504 coordinator, superintendent of schools, or president of the board of education, as set forth below.
 - a) Complaints about the operation, decisions, or personnel within a building should be submitted to the principal of the building.
 - b) Complaints about the operations of the school district or a building principal should be submitted in writing to the superintendent of schools.
 - c) Complaints about the superintendent of schools should be submitted in writing to the president of the board of education.
 - d) Complaints involving discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age may also be submitted, at any time during the complaint procedure to the School District's Title IX/504 coordinator. Complaints involving discrimination or harassment may also be submitted at any time to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education: by email at OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov; by telephone at (816) 268-0550; or by fax at (816) 268-0599.
3. When a complainant submits a complaint to an administrator or to the Title IX/504 coordinator, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator shall promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint, and shall:
 - a) Determine whether the complainant has discussed the matter with the staff member involved.
 - 1) If the complainant has not, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator will urge the complainant to discuss the matter directly with that staff member, if appropriate.
 - 2) If the complainant refuses to discuss the matter with the staff member, the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine whether the complaint should be pursued further.
 - b) Strongly encourage the complainant to reduce his or her concerns to writing.
 - c) Interview the complainant to determine:
 - 1) All relevant details of the complaint;
 - 2) All witnesses and documents which the complainant believes support the complaint;
 - 3) The action or solution which the complainant seeks.

- d) Respond to the complainant. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the response shall be in writing and shall be submitted within 180 days after the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator received the complaint.
- 4. A complainant who is not satisfied with the administrator's or the Title IX/504 coordinator's decision regarding a complaint may appeal the decision to the superintendent.
 - a) This appeal must be in writing.
 - b) This appeal must be received by the superintendent no later than ten (10) business days from the date the administrator or Title IX/504 coordinator communicated his/her decision to the complainant.
 - c) The superintendent will investigate as he or she deems appropriate. However, all matters involving discrimination or harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated.
 - d) Upon completion of this investigation, the superintendent will inform the complainant in writing of his or her decision. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the superintendent shall submit the decision within 180 days after the superintendent received the complainant's written appeal.
- 5. A complainant who is not satisfied with the superintendent's decision regarding a complaint may appeal the decision to the board.
 - a) This appeal must be in writing.
 - b) This appeal must be received by the board president no later than ten (10) business days from the date the superintendent communicated his/her decision to the complainant.
 - c) This policy allows, but does not require the board to receive statements from interested parties and witnesses relevant to the complaint appeal. However, all matters involving discrimination or harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated.
 - d) The board will notify the complainant in writing of its decision. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the board shall submit its decision within 180 days after it receives the complainant's written appeal.
 - e) There is no appeal from a decision of the board.
- 6. When a formal complaint about the superintendent of schools has been filed with the president of the board, the president shall promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint, and shall:
 - a) Determine whether the complainant has discussed the matter with the superintendent.
 - 1) If the complainant has not, the board president will urge the complainant to discuss the matter directly with the superintendent, if appropriate.
 - 2) If the complainant refuses to discuss the matter with the superintendent, the board president shall, in his or her sole discretion, determine whether the complaint should be pursued further.
 - b) Strongly encourage the complainant to reduce his or her concerns to writing.
 - c) Determine, in his or her sole discretion, whether to place the matter on the board agenda for consideration at a regular or special meeting.
 - d) Respond to the complainant. If the complaint involved discrimination or harassment, the response shall be in writing and shall be submitted within 180 days after the president received the complaint.

The school district prohibits retaliation against any person for filing a complaint or for participating in the complaint procedure in good faith.

Concussions

Concussions are serious. Walthill has a series of steps to support anyone with a concussion. Parents or guardians who suspect a student has sustained a concussion is expected to immediately notify district coaches or administrators of the injury. Students who suspect they have sustained a concussion shall immediately make such notification.

Conferences

Students' academic success has been closely linked to parental involvement in school. The school district has formal parent-teacher conferences at the end of the first quarter and during the third quarter.

In addition to formal conferences, classroom teachers will communicate with parents as necessary. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their student's teacher or the building principal to discuss parental concerns, student needs or any other issue.

Contact Information

Parents must supply the school with their student's address and telephone number as well as information about how to reach a responsible adult during the school day. Parents must promptly inform the school if this contact information changes during the school year.

Damage to School Property

Students who damage school property either intentionally or unintentionally may be required to pay to replace or restore the property, at the discretion of the administration. This includes the Chromebook, Yondr Pouch, or other school property.

Dating Violence

Dating violence, as that term is defined by Nebraska law, will not be tolerated by the school district. Students who engage in dating violence on school grounds, in a school vehicle or at a school activity or that otherwise violates the Nebraska Student Discipline Act will receive consequences consistent with the Act and the district's student discipline policies.

Walthill Public Schools strives to provide physically safe and emotionally secure environments for all students and staff. Positive behaviors are encouraged in the educational program and are required of all students and staff. Dating violence will not be tolerated.

For purposes of this policy "dating violence" means a pattern of behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to control his or her dating partner. "Dating partner" means any person, regardless of gender, involved in an intimate relationship with another person primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement whether casual, serious, or long term.

Incidents of dating violence involving students at school will be addressed as the administration determines appropriate, within the scope and subject to the limits of the District's authority.

Staff training on dating violence shall be provided as deemed appropriate by the administration. The dating violence training shall include, but need not be limited to, basic awareness of dating violence, warning signs of dating violence, and the District's dating violence policy.

Dating violence education that is age-appropriate shall be incorporated into the school program. Dating violence education shall include, but not be limited to, defining dating violence, recognizing dating violence warning signs, and identifying characteristics of healthy dating relationships.

Discrimination and Harassment

The school district prohibits discrimination and harassment based upon or related to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, marital status, disability, age or any other unlawful basis that (1) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school environment, (2) has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's school performance, or (3) otherwise adversely affects a student's school opportunities. Students who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their disability should contact the following Section 504 Coordinator: Andrea Corey, acorey@walthillschool.org, Jacob Schuller, jschuller@walthillschool.org, or Noelle Petersen, npetersen@walthillschool.org, or at 402-846-5432, or in person at school. Students who believe that they have been the subject of unlawful discrimination or harassment due to their sex should contact the following Title IX Coordinator: Andrea Corey, acorey@walthillschool.org, Jacob Schuller, jschuller@walthillschool.org or Noelle Petersen at 402-846-5432, npetersen@walthillschool.org or in person at school. Students who believe that they have been the subject of any other unlawful discrimination or harassment should contact the Superintendent at (402-846-5432), ssackmann@walthillschool.org or in person at school. Students may report discrimination or harassment to any staff member who will then forward it on to the appropriate coordinator or administrator. The staff member will follow school district policies to respond to the report.

Dress Code

Students must come to school dressed in clean, neat and appropriate clothing to conform with educational standards. Students are prohibited from wearing the following attire:

1. Clothing displaying indecent, suggestive or profane writing, pictures or slogans
2. Clothing that advertises or displays alcohol, tobacco or any illegal substance
3. Caps, hats and bandannas during the school day or at school-sponsored events

4. Bare feet (some type of footwear must be worn)
5. Short-shorts, biker shorts, or cutoffs
6. Hairstyles which distract from the learning process or the health and safety for either the student or others
7. Any clothing that could cause damage to others or school property
8. Clothing that is torn, ripped, or cut
9. Shirts, blouses, or other clothing worn unbuttoned, unzipped, or otherwise purposely unfastened
10. "Grubby clothes," those which are purposely torn or bedraggled or threadbare, dirty or disheveled
11. Costumes and/or those clothes intended only for leisure, entertaining or special occasions
12. Bare "midriff" (belly button) styles, see-through and low-cut blouses, halters, tank tops or thin-strapped tops (spaghetti straps)
13. Pants and shorts worn below the waist so as to expose undergarments
14. Pants that drag on the floor
15. Chains hanging or attached to pants or shorts
16. Coats during school hours unless the student has permission from a faculty member
17. Clothing with tears or holes that expose flesh or underclothes

Students who violate dress code guidelines will be required to correct the violation by changing into something appropriate at school or returning home to change. A detention or suspension may be given to make up the time away from school. Students may receive zeros for any class time they miss while correcting the violation. Repeated dress code violations may result in more severe consequences.

Driving and Parking Personal Vehicles

Students who drive privately owned motor vehicles to school must obey the following rules:

1. Students may not move their vehicles during the school day without the permission of the building principal or superintendent. Students will not be allowed to sit in or be around their vehicles during the school day, without administrative permission.
2. Students must drive with care to ensure the safety of pedestrians. Students may not drive carelessly or with excessive speed.
3. By driving personal vehicles to school and parking on school grounds, students consent to having that vehicle searched by school officials when they have reasonable suspicion that such a search will reveal a violation of school rules.

Drug Free Schools

The board of education has adopted policies to comply with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Students are prohibited from using, possessing or selling any drug, alcohol, vapes, or tobacco while on school grounds, at a school activity or in a school vehicle. In addition, students who participate in the school's activities program should refer to the Activities Handbook which prohibits the use or possession of alcohol, controlled substances and tobacco at all times.

Any student who violates any school policy regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use will be disciplined, up to and including short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion from school and/or referral to appropriate authorities for criminal prosecution. See page 18 (Smoking and Tobacco) for further details.

The Board of Education recently passed a policy for proper use of drug dogs. It is the intent of Walthill Public School to formulate and enforce policies that eliminate and/or discourage the use and possession of illegal drugs and prohibited substances in school. Walthill Public School will partner with the Omaha Nation Law Enforcement Services to conduct random and unannounced drug dog searches. Walthill Public School wants to impress on the students the importance of keeping themselves drug free. Students who are found to possess illegal drugs and/or prohibited substances will be subject to the disciplinary procedures outlined in the student handbook.

Emergency Contact Information

Parents must complete an emergency information card for each child enrolled in the district. The card should list the family physician's name, where parents or a responsible adult can be located, and any necessary emergency instructions.

Evacuations

The school district will hold routine evacuation drills throughout the school year. Whenever the fire alarm sounds, all students and faculty must evacuate the building in a quiet and orderly fashion and remain outside until told to return to the building. Classroom teachers will provide students with detailed instructions on building evacuations.

Eye Exams

All students enrolling in kindergarten or transferring into the school district from out of state must undergo a visual examination by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist, which consists of testing for amblyopia, strabismus, and internal and external eye health, with testing sufficient to determine visual acuity, except that no such physical examination or visual evaluation shall be required of any child whose parent or guardian objects in writing. They must provide evidence of the vision examination within six months prior to entrance. The cost of such physical examination and visual evaluation shall be borne by the parent or guardian of each child who is examined.

Food Service Program

The school district provides a food service program that is designed to provide adequate nutrition and an educational experience for students. The Walthill Public School is a Community Eligibility Program.

Breakfast

The school will serve breakfast daily from 7:30 a.m. until 7:50 a.m. The school breakfast program is free for all students. The school district charges adults \$2.75 for breakfast.

Lunch

Lunch prices depend on the federal funding that the program receives. The school lunch program is free for all students. Lunch for adults is \$4.25.

Notice of Non-discrimination

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20230-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Field Trips

Classes occasionally take field trips off school property for educational enrichment. Students must comply with the student code of conduct, any applicable extracurricular conduct codes, and all directives by trip chaperones. Due to COVID all such trips are being done virtually until further notice.

First-Aid

First-aid items may only be used by school staff. Students who need first aid should ask for assistance from their classroom teacher or the nearest staff member.

Head Lice

Students found to have live head lice will not be permitted at school and will be sent home. Upon discovering the presence of any indication of lice, louse eggs, or nits, the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified, and if appropriate will be asked to pick up the student from school immediately.

Students will not be permitted to return to school until the district finds that no live lice can be detected. The parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to treat the student and accompany the student to school to be examined.

Health Problems

Parents who do not want their children to play outdoors or participate in physical education for health reasons must send a written request to school. If a student persistently requests to be excused from these activities, the building principal or classroom teacher may require a doctor's verification.

Parents should notify the principal or superintendent if their student has any special health problems such as diabetes, asthma, and the like.

Homebound Instruction

The school district may provide a student with instruction in his or her home and under parental supervision if the student is physically or mentally ill or injured and unable to attend regular classes for an extended period of time. Homebound instruction shall be provided when the student's physical and mental condition are such that the student can benefit from instruction and no other provision will meet the student's educational needs. If you believe that homebound instruction is appropriate for your child, please contact the building principal to initiate the appropriate process to determine eligibility.

Homeless Children and Youth

Homeless students generally include children who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, as further defined by applicable state and federal law.

It is the school's policy not to stigmatize or segregate homeless students on the basis of their status of being homeless. Transportation for homeless students who enroll in the district shall be furnished by the district under the same guidelines applying to other students or if such transportation is necessary for compliance with federal law.

Each homeless child shall be provided services for which the child is eligible comparable to services provided to other students in the school selected regardless of residency. Homeless children shall be provided access to education and other services that such children need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same student performance standards to which all students are held.

If a homeless child registered to attend school in the district is receiving family reconciliation services pursuant to state law, the district will work in cooperation with any county or department of social services in the district to jointly develop an educational program for the child. The district's homeless coordinator is Seth Sackmann, who may be contacted at 402-846-5432.

Illness or Injury at school

Students who feel ill or are hurt while at school should seek immediate assistance from their classroom teacher or the nearest staff member. The school will contact parents to pick students up from school whenever necessary. When school officials determine that a student needs immediate medical attention but the parents cannot be reached by phone, emergency services will be summoned or the student will be taken directly to the doctor and/or hospital. Parents must complete an emergency information card for each child enrolled in the district. The card should list the family physician's name, where parents or a responsible adult can be located, and any necessary emergency instructions.

Immunizations

All students must furnish one of the following to school officials:

- proof of adequate immunizations for mumps, measles, rubella; diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus; polio; and hepatitis B series; or
- a signed parental statement of refusal to provide the immunization history. Homeless students who need immunizations will be referred to the homeless coordinator, who shall assist in obtaining necessary immunizations or medical records.

Provisional Enrollment:

Students who meet the statutory requirements for provisional enrollment shall be allowed to attend school for sixty days without the necessary immunizations.

Students who are excepted from the immunization requirement may be excluded from school in the event of an outbreak of any contagious disease in the school population.

Lockers and Other School Property

The school district owns and exercises exclusive control over student lockers, desks, computer equipment, and other such property. Students should not expect privacy regarding usage of or items placed in or on school property, because school property is subject to search at any time by school officials. Periodic, random searches of lockers, desks, computers and other such property may be conducted at the discretion of the administration. The assignment of a locker is on a

temporary basis and may be revoked at any time. School officials may inspect student lockers without any particularized suspicion or reasonable cause.

Lost and Found

All lost and found articles are to be taken to the Principal's office. Students may claim lost articles there. Unclaimed articles will be donated to a local charity or otherwise disposed of at the conclusion of each semester.

Medications

Whenever possible, parents should arrange medication schedules to eliminate the need for giving medication during school hours. When it is necessary for school personnel to administer medication to students, the school district will comply with the Nebraska Medication Aide Act, the requirements of Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 59, (promulgated by the Nebraska Department of Education and entitled Methods of Competency Assessment of School Staff Who Administer Medication), and all state and federal regulations. Parents and guardians who wish to have their child receive medication from school personnel must comply with the following procedures:

Prescription medication. (1) Parents/guardians must provide a physician's written authorization for the administration of the medication. (2) Parents/guardians must provide their own written permission for the administration of the medication. (3) The medication must be brought to school in the prescription container and must be properly labeled with the student's name, the physician's name, and directions for administering the medication.

Non-prescription medication. (1) Parents/guardians must provide written permission for the administration of the medication. (2) The medication must be brought to the school in the manufacturer's container. (3) The container must be labeled with the child's name and with directions for provision or administration of the medication

The district reserves the right to review and decline requests to administer or provide medications that are not consistent with standard pharmacological references, are prescribed in doses that exceed those recommended in standard pharmacological references, or that could be taken in a manner that would eliminate the need for giving them during school hours. The district may request parental authorization to consult with the student's physician regarding any medication prescribed by such physician.

Media Center

Students must check out materials from the librarian on duty. Each borrower is responsible for all books checked out in his/her name. If a book is lost and not found by the end of the semester, the student must pay for it. Students must also pay for any damage they cause to library books.

Memorials

Memorials or plaques honoring the deceased students are generally not allowed in or on the school grounds. Dedications to students will not be allowed. Scholarships in the deceased person's name will not be set up by the school.

Parental Involvement

The school district recognizes the unique needs of students who are being served in its Title programs, and the importance of parental involvement in the Title I program. Parental Involvement in the Title Programs shall include:

1. An annual meeting to which all parents of participating children will be invited. Invitations may take the form of notes sent with students or announcements in the school newsletter. The school compact will be jointly developed with parents that outlines shared responsibilities for improved student academic achievement. Additional meetings may be scheduled, based upon need and interest for such meetings.
2. Notification to the parent(s) or guardian of a student's eligibility to participate in the Title I program and assessment information under which the student has qualified.
3. An explanation of the details for the child's participation: curriculum objectives, type and extent of participation, and evaluations of progress. This information may be included in the annual Title I Individual Education Plan (IEP) for the student.
4. Opportunities for parent training on ways to support children's learning. This opportunity may include, but is not limited to, attendance at the annual Nebraska State Title I Parent Involvement Conference.
5. Communication to parents about student progress to be provided in the language used in the home.

Responses to parent concerns will be provided in a timely manner.

6. Opportunities for parent-teacher conferences, in addition to those regularly scheduled by the school district, if requested by the parents or as deemed necessary by school district staff.

Parties

Elementary classes may have seasonal parties during the year. Parents shall communicate with their student's classroom teacher for the teacher's rules regarding birthday and holiday parties.

Personal Items

The school provides the necessary equipment for classroom and school day activities. The school is not responsible for ruined or lost personal equipment. Students should not bring items such as athletic equipment, electronic devices, toys, or other similar personal items to school unless they have the prior permission of their classroom teacher or a school administrator.

Physical Education

The school district requires students to receive physical education to assist them in developing gross and fine motor skills. Students are not required to wear PE uniforms, but are encouraged to wear tennis shoes for P.E.

Physical Exam

Students entering kindergarten and the seventh grade, and those entering school from another state, are statutorily required to show evidence that they have had a physical examination within six months prior to the date of entering school.

Pictures

The school district arranges for a photographer to be present at school in the fall to take class pictures. Parents will be notified of the date. Included in the individual packet is a class composite. Parents who want pictures of their students or of their student's class composite may purchase them directly from the photographer.

Photo Release Agreement

Walthill School Employees or hired contractors may take pictures of our students in our activities. These photographs may be used for advertisement, programs, press releases, and other promotional material. Parents or guardians should notify the school if photos of their children should not be used.

Playground Rules

Students must follow these rules to keep the playground safe:

1. Students must obey the playground supervisor at all times.
2. Students may not enter the street/highway to retrieve a ball unless given permission by the playground supervisor.
3. Touch and flag football are permitted, but tackle football is prohibited. Students may only play football on grassy areas.
4. Students may throw balls and other authorized play equipment. They may not throw rocks, gravel, snowballs, and clothing.
5. Students must use the playground equipment properly and in a safe manner.

Students who violate these rules will be disciplined with the loss of recess or other privileges, detention and/or other consequences.

School staff supervise the playground during school hours. However, it is not supervised after school, and students should not play on the equipment without adult supervision.

Police Questioning and Apprehension

Police or other law enforcement officers may be called to the school at the request of school administration, or may initiate contact with the school in connection with a criminal investigation. The school district shall inform parents when law enforcement officers seek access to their student prior to the student being questioned unless the officers are investigating charges that the student has been the victim of abuse or neglect. Members of the school district staff will comply with board policy regarding police questioning of students.

Public Displays of Affection

Students may not engage in public displays of affection that are disruptive to the school environment or distracting to others. Prohibited conduct includes hugging, kissing, touching or any other display of affection that a staff member determines to be inappropriate.

Remote School

Remote School to provide an educational program for students that cannot attend Regular School due to COVID or other issues will be available ONLY to those that a doctor has determined they cannot attend. The school will provide computer technology to help this effort. However, it must be clear this is not a substitute for attending Regular School, nor will it be easier. To be counted toward their attendance the student is expected to login daily to the system and follow the schedule of their class assignment that the teacher sets up. Failure to complete such work each day is considered absent from Remote School. Remote School students cannot participate in extracurricular activities at Walthill.

Rights of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents

The school district will honor the parental rights of natural and adoptive parents unless those rights have been altered by a court. The term "custodial parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent to whom a court has given primary physical and legal custody of a child, and a person such as a caseworker or foster parent to whom a court has given legal custody of a child. The district will not restrict the access of custodial and non-custodial parents to their students and their students' records, unless the district has been provided a copy of a court order that limits those rights. If the district is provided such a court order, school officials will follow the directives set forth in the order.

The district will provide the custodial parent with routine information about his or her child, including notification of conferences. The district will not provide the non-custodial parent with such information on a routine basis, but will provide it upon the non-custodial parent's request unless it has been denied by the courts.

A non-custodial parent who wishes to attend conferences regarding his or her child will be provided information about conference times so both parents may attend a single conference. The district is not required to schedule separate conferences if both parents have been previously informed of scheduled conference times.

If either or both parents' behavior is disruptive, staff members may terminate a conference and reschedule it with appropriate modifications or expectations.

Secret Organizations

Secret organizations are prohibited. School officials shall not allow any person or representative of any such organization to enter upon school grounds or school buildings for the purpose of rushing or soliciting students to participate in any secret fraternity, society or association.

School Day

The school day typically begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:40 p.m. Students are to leave the school grounds after dismissal. School staff will provide supervision for students on school grounds 30 minutes before the school day begins and 20 minutes after the school day ends. There will be no supervision provided by the school before or after these times. Parents must make arrangements for their children to leave school promptly at the end of the day.

Self-Management of Diabetes or Asthma/Anaphylaxis

The school district will work with the parent or guardian in consultation with a physician to develop a medical management plan for a student with diabetes, asthma, or anaphylaxis subject to school policy. Parents desiring to develop such a plan should contact the school nurse.

Smoking and Tobacco

Smoking, including the possession or use of vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or any other such look-alike product, is not permitted on school property at any time.

Violation of the Policy:

- 1) First offense will result in 5 days of Out of School Suspension
- 2) Second Offense will result in 10 days of Out of School Suspension **OR** 5 days of Out of School Suspension PLUS Drug Counseling

- 3) Third offense will result in a one-semester mandatory reassignment of the educational environment as determined by the building principal **OR** 10 days of Out of School Suspension PLUS Drug Counseling
- 4) Fourth offense will result in a mandatory reassignment of the educational environment as determined by the building principal

Staff Qualifications

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 gives parents the right to get information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. Upon request, the school district will give parents the following information about their child's classroom teacher:

1. Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional teaching certificate.
3. The teacher's baccalaureate degree and major. Parents may also get information about other graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

Upon request, the school district will inform parents whether their child is being provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, the paraprofessional's qualifications. The request for such information should be made to the appropriate building administrator.

The school district will provide timely notice to parents if their child has been assigned to, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Standardized Testing

NSCAS and MAPs are administered annually in grades 3-11 to determine the students' achievement probability for individual success. Tests are administered in April, and the results are sent home.

Student Assistance

If your child has any learning, behavior, or emotional needs that you believe are not being addressed by the school district under existing circumstances, please contact your child's teacher. If appropriate, the teacher may convene the MTSS Tiers 2 and 3 teams. The MTSS Team can explore possibilities and strategies that will best meet the educational needs of your child.

Student Eligibility for Activities

Student academic eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities will be determined on a weekly basis starting on the third Monday or the first school day of that week of every quarter. A student will become ineligible based on the NSAA rules or by maintaining an average of less than seventy percent (70%) in two or more classes weekly. The eligibility report will be run on a weekly basis on the first school day of that week.

- If the student is failing (under 70%) in more than one class, they are not eligible to play for the week that the eligibility report is run. Grades and eligibility will be checked weekly.
- Each quarter will provide a fresh start, you have until the third Monday or the first school day of that week to ensure your grades are above 70%.
- While ineligible students cannot participate in activity events. This includes traveling with the group or team, dressing for games, or any other related activities until eligible.

Students must be in school by 8:15 AM and remain in school for the full day in order to be eligible to practice, travel, or participate in any extra-curricular activities.

Student Fee Policy

The school district shall provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution and the Nebraska statutes. The district also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the district is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

Student Illness

Students who suffer from a significant illness which has an actual or expected duration of six months or more may be eligible for accommodations and support under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act. The school will provide accommodations to students who are returning to school after a prolonged absence due to illness, including pediatric cancer, through a 504 plan or an IEP, as appropriate. The student's plan will include informal or formal accommodations, modifications of curriculum and monitoring by medical or academic staff as determined by the student's IEP team or 504 committee. Parents and staff will engage in ongoing communication about the needs of a student who is facing these circumstances.

Students who become ill at school will be sent to the building office where the school nurse or other school employee will determine the appropriate response. When a child is too ill to remain at school, a school employee will contact the child's parent(s) and make arrangements for the child to be picked up or sent home. If an illness or injury requires immediate medical attention, school officials shall attempt to contact the child's parent(s) regarding treatment for the child. If the parents cannot be contacted, school officials may have the child treated by an available physician. Students who show symptoms of a contagious disease may be sent home, and the district may require a physician's statement before allowing such students to return to school.

Student Records

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") provides parents certain rights with respect to their student's education records. These rights include the right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the date the school receives a request for access; and the right to request the amendment of the student's education records that you believe to be inaccurate.

If parents believe one of their student's records is inaccurate, they should write to the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why they believe it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested, it will notify the parents of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment.

Directory Information.

FERPA and the Nebraska Public Records Law authorize school districts to make "directory information" available for review at the request of non-school individuals. These laws also give parents and guardians a voice in the decision-making process regarding the disclosure of directory information regarding their children. The school district has designated the following as directory information:

name and grade, address, telephone number, including the student's cell phone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, the image or likeness of students in pictures, videotape, film or other medium, major field of study, participation in activities and sports, degrees and awards received, weight and height of members of athletic teams, most recent previous school attended, certain class work which may be published onto the Internet, classroom assignment and/or home room teacher, student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by the student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems (but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a personal identification number (PIN), password, or other factor known or possessed only the authorized user). Directory information does not include a student's social security number.

Directory information about students may also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that market or manufacture class rings, sell student photographs or publish student yearbooks.

Federal law requires school districts to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education with the names, addresses and telephone listings of high school students unless parents have notified the school district that they do not want this information disclosed without prior written parental consent.

Parents who OBJECT to the disclosure of any directory information about their student should write a letter to the principal. This letter should specify the particular categories of directory information that the parents do not wish to have

released about their child or the particular types of outside organizations to which they do not wish directory information to be released. This letter must be received by the school district no later than September 1, 2021.

Non-Directory Information

All of the other personally identifiable information about students that is contained in this school district's education records will generally not be disclosed to anyone outside the school system except under one of two circumstances: (1) in accordance with the provisions of the FERPA statutes and related administrative regulations, or (2) in accordance with the parent's written instructions.

Transfer of Records Upon Student Enrollment

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. The school is not obligated to inform parents when it makes a disclosure under this provision.

Complaints

Individuals who wish to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA may contact the Office that administers FERPA:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20212-4605

Student Schedule Changes

Student schedule changes may be made without penalty during the first three days of each semester. Drop and Add slips are to be obtained from the office of the Guidance Counselor and must be signed by the guidance counselor and teachers involved before final approval by the school principal.

Student Security Doors

It is the intent of Walthill Public School to provide a safe learning environment for all students. The main entrances to the building will be locked at 8:30 AM. All visitors will be required to use the buzz-in camera system positioned by the North and South entrances. Once you are buzzed into the building by the secretary, please check in with the secretary, and obtain a visitor's pass. Only visitors with official business will be allowed past the office areas. Parents or guardians wishing to check their child out of school or speak to their child should wait in the front office area, and their child will be called out of class by the secretary. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause, but the safety of our students is the purpose of this process.

Telephone Calls

The school's telephone may be used only with permission of staff. Students are not permitted to use cellular telephones during school hours or on school property.

Threat Assessment and Response

The board of education is committed to providing a safe environment for members of the school community. Students, staff and patrons are urged to immediately report any statements or behavior that makes the observer fearful or uncomfortable about the safety of the school environment.

1. Obligation to Report threatening Statements or Behaviors.

All staff and students must report any threatening statements or behavior to a member of the administration. Staff and students must make such reports regardless of the nature of the relationship between the individual who initiated the threat or threatening behavior and the person(s) who were threatened or who were the focus of the threatening behavior. Staff and students must also make such reports regardless of where or when the threat was made or the threatening behavior occurred.

THREATS OR ASSAULTS WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE AT 911.

2. Threat Assessment Investigation and Response

All reports of violent, threatening, stalking or other behavior or statements which could be interpreted as posing a threat to school safety will immediately be forwarded to the superintendent. Upon receipt of an initial report of any threat, the superintendent will take steps to verify the information, make an initial assessment, and document any decision involving further action. This investigation may include interviews with the person who made the statement(s) or engaged in the behavior of concern, interviews with teachers and other staff members who may have information about the individual of concern, interviews with the target(s) of the threatening statements or behavior, interviews of family members, physical searches of the individual of concern's person, possessions, and home (as allowed by law and in cooperation with law enforcement), and any other investigatory methods that the superintendent determines to be reasonable and useful.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the superintendent will determine what, if any, response to the threat is appropriate. The superintendent is authorized to disclose the results of his/her investigation to law enforcement and to the target(s) of any threatened acts. The superintendent may refer the individual of concern to the appropriate school administrator for consequences under the school's student discipline policy or, if appropriate, report the results of his/her investigation to the student's individualized education plan team.

3. Communication with the Public about Reported Threats

To the extent possible, the team will keep members of the school community informed about possible threats and about the team's response to those threats. This communication may include oral announcements, written communication sent home with students, and communication through print or broadcast media. However, the team will not reveal the identity of the individual of concern or of any target(s) of threatened violence if that individual is a minor.

Transportation Services

The district operates school buses as a convenience for students and parents. They represent a substantial investment, and students are expected to care for and respect them.

Transportation to School

Students who ride the bus to school will arrive in time for them to eat breakfast at school. Parents must contact the school if a student will not ride the bus on a given day. Bus drivers endeavor to adhere to their schedule, and will wait for riders only a short period of time so as not to jeopardize the time remaining for the rest of their schedule. The Superintendent will schedule bus routes, and questions concerning them should be directed to that office.

Bus Regulations

Riding school vehicles is a privilege, not a right. The bus drivers have the same authority as teachers while transporting students. Students must comply with the following rules and all school conduct rules and directives while riding in school vehicles. In addition, students must also comply with the student code of conduct while riding in school vehicles. If misconduct is recurring, the student will not be allowed to ride the bus/van.

c) Rules of Conduct on School Vehicles:

- 1) Students must obey the driver promptly.
- 2) Students must wait in a safe place for the bus to arrive, clear of traffic and away from where the vehicle stops.
- 3) Students are prohibited from fighting, engaging in bullying, harassment or horseplay.
- 4) Students must enter the bus without crowding or disturbing others and go directly to their assigned seats.
- 5) Students must remain seated and keep aisles and exits clear while the vehicle is moving.
- 6) Students are prohibited from throwing or passing objects on, from, or into vehicles.
- 7) Students may not use profane language, obscene gestures, tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substance on the vehicles.
- 8) Students may not carry Weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district.
- 9) The term "dangerous object" shall include noxious or flammable material, fireworks, devices intended to administer an electric shock (tasers, electric batons, prods, or stun guns) chemical weapons (i.e. mace, pepper spray), martial arts weapons or other instruments including those which eject a projectile or

substance of any kind, or any replica or facsimile of any of the above, whether functional or nonfunctional, whether designed for use as a weapon or for some other use.

- 10) Students may carry on conversations in ordinary tones, but may not be loud or boisterous and should avoid talking to the driver while the vehicle is in motion. Students must be absolutely quiet when the vehicle approaches a railroad crossing and any time the driver calls for quiet.
- 11) Students may not open windows without permission from the driver. Students may not dangle any item (e.g. legs, arms, backpacks) out of the windows.
- 12) Student must secure any item or items that could break or produce injury if tossed about the inside of the vehicle if the vehicle were involved in an accident
- 13) Students must respect the rights and safety of others at all times.
- 14) Students must help keep the vehicle clean, sanitary and orderly. Students must remove all personal items and trash upon exiting.
- 15) Students may not leave or board the vehicle at locations other than the assigned stops at home or school unless approved prior to departure by the superintendent or designee.
- 16) Video cameras may be placed on buses, at random, to monitor student behavior on the bus.

d) **Consequences**

Drivers must promptly report all student misconduct to the administration. These reports may be oral or written. Students who violate the Rules for Conduct will be referred to their building principal for discipline. Disciplinary consequences may include a note home to parents, suspension of bus riding privileges, exclusion from extracurricular activities, in-school suspension, short term or long-term suspension from school, and/or expulsion. These consequences are not progressive, and school officials have discretion to impose any listed punishment they deem appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law and board policy.

e) **Records**

Records of vehicle misconduct will be forwarded to the appropriate building principal and will be maintained in the same manner as other student discipline records. Reports of serious misconduct may be forwarded to law enforcement.

Requests to be dropped off at a point not on the regular route will not be accommodated, unless extenuating circumstances arise and the request is approved by the transportation director or administration.

Students who are not regular route riders may not ride the bus home with a friend, unless the parent of the non-route student presents written permission to the administration ahead of time. The written permission should include the date, the non-route rider's name, the signature of the non-rider's parent, and the place approved for drop off. Such requests may not be granted if they cause overcrowding of the vans or buses.

Transportation to Activities

The school district provides transportation to students who are participating in school-sponsored events and they must ride to those events in a school vehicle. Students who wish to take private transportation home from a school event must submit a release form to the sponsor which has been signed by that student's parent.

Video Surveillance and Photographs

The Board of Education has authorized the use of video cameras on school district property to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all staff, students and visitors, and to safeguard District facilities and equipment. Video cameras may be used in locations deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. If a video surveillance recording captures a student or other building user violating school policies or rules or local, state, or federal laws, it may be used in appropriate disciplinary proceedings against the student or other building user and may also be provided to law enforcement agencies.

The school district generally prohibits students from taking photographs or making video recordings on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or at a school event except as provided in this policy or as otherwise required by law. Students may take photographs and make video recordings only after receiving permission from the principal. An exception will be made to

this policy if photographs or video recordings are necessary to accommodate a student's disability or are required by the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. In no event shall photographs or video recordings be taken or made in restrooms, locker rooms, or other areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. Students who violate this policy may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.

Weather-Related School Closing

The Superintendent will occasionally announce an emergency early school dismissal, late start, or cancellation of school due to extreme heat, snow or ice. School closings will be announced on the television station: KTIV Channel 4, KMEG, Facebook, and parent square phone system. Parents should assume that school is open and a regular schedule is being followed if there is no announcement concerning the school district. Please do not call the school or individual staff members to find out whether school is being canceled. Parents who do not believe it is safe to transport their students to school may keep their children home after contacting the district office. If schools are closed due to severe weather conditions, all after-school activities will be canceled.

Withdrawal From School

Students who are moving from the district must notify the school office.

Work Permits

The building principal or other authorized school official shall be responsible for the issuance of work permits for children in accordance with state law.

SECTION TWO

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Class Rank

Student class rank shall be determined by using a numeric grade point average derived from all classes graded on a numeric basis. To be included in the class ranking, a student must have received a numeric grade for each core curriculum class in which he/she was enrolled. For the purposes of this policy, core curriculum shall include all courses in the areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Students who transfer into the school district will be eligible to be included in class ranking after two semesters of attendance and full senior year completed.

Students who transfer into the school district in the middle of their senior year will be eligible to be included in class ranking, although a mid-year transfer will not displace the ranking of a student who has not transferred mid-year. In those circumstances there will be two students holding the relevant class ranking. Mid-year transfer students will not be eligible to receive senior awards such as valedictorian and salutatorian unless the student has been enrolled in the district's high school for the last two semesters.

Correspondence and Online Courses

Under certain circumstances, the school district will reimburse students for approved courses by the District, the cost of tuition, textbooks and other mandatory class materials for high school correspondence or online courses that are not part of the school district's regular curriculum. To receive reimbursement, the student must: 1) pay all initial course costs when he/she registers for the course; 2) select a course that is not available in the school curriculum, nor is any comparable course available; 3) register for the course during a specific school period; 4) have a faculty member designated as course monitor; and 5) complete the course during the regular school semester(s).

The district will not be liable for the costs of such courses until the student has successfully completed the course according to the established timelines. After the student has completed the course and the district has reimbursed the student for these costs, the textbooks and class materials shall become the property of the district.

Grades

Students will receive letter grades for their academic classes.

The Walthill Public School grading system is as follows:

A	- Excellent	93% - 100%
B	- Above Average	85% - 92%
C	- Average	77% - 84%
D	- Below Average	70% - 76%
F	- Failing (no credit)	69% - 0%

A student may earn an incomplete when he or she fails to complete classroom assignments. Any student in grades 7-11 who receives an incomplete will have this grade recorded on his/her permanent record until the required work is completed to the teacher's satisfaction. If a student does not remove an incomplete by completing the minimum classroom assignments, the incomplete will be calculated as a failing grade in determining the student's grade point average.

If a student does not remove an incomplete by completing the necessary work within two weeks of the end of the grading period, the incomplete will become a failing grade which the student may make up only by taking the entire course again. The two-week period may be extended by mutual agreement of the teacher, principal, and student.

A student who receives an incomplete during his/her senior year must satisfactorily complete the classroom assignments to participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors with incomplete sentences will not be dismissed from school attendance until the classroom assignments are completed to the teacher's satisfaction.

Graduation Awards

Graduating seniors will be awarded for their academic achievements during the annual commencement activities. The winners of these awards will be determined on the basis of student academic achievement in the core curriculum: English, mathematics, science, social studies, business education, foreign language and computer science.

The valedictorian and salutatorian of the graduating class shall be the students with the highest and second highest cumulative percentage grade point averages respectively in core curriculum course work completed in grades nine through twelve. These students will receive their awards during commencement exercises.

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn two hundred and forty-five (245) total credit hours in order to graduate from high school. Beginning in 2024-2025 school year, all students are required to complete the FAFSA form or waiver prior to graduation. Required courses and credit hours that students must complete in order to qualify for the Walthill High School Diploma are: (Changes will be grandfathered in starting with the 2023-2024 9th grade class.)

A core of academic courses will consist of 190 credit hours to include:

English - 4 years, 40 credit hours

Social Studies - 4 years, 40 credit hours

Mathematics - 4 years, 40 credit hours

Science - 4 years, 40 credit hours

Computer Science - 1 year, 10 credit hours

Physical Education with Health Integration - 2 year, 20 credit hours

Culture- 2 years, 20 credit hours

Personal Finance- 1 semester, 5 credit hours

A core of elective courses provides for the additional credit hours needed for graduation which reaches the 245 credit hours:

Vocational Education - 30 credit hours

Home Economics - 30 credit hours

Art Education - 30 credit hours

Instrumental Music and/or Vocal Music - 40 credit hours (Four years of instrumental and/or vocal music may be taken, but only forty (40) hours can be counted toward graduation).

Physics/Chemistry - 20 credit hours

Algebra I & II – 10 credit hours

Geometry - 20 credit hours

Practical Science - 10 credit hours
Advanced Math - 10 credit hours
Journalism - 5 credit hours
Culture or Foreign Language - 20 credit hours
Business Education - 60 credit hours
Novel - 10 credit hours

Only academic grades will be used in computing grade point averages for rank in class. Physical Education, Vocal Music, Band, and Art are not considered academic.

Any student planning on graduating early will have all arrangements, including approval of parents, high school principal, guidance counselor, and Board of Education, made by mid-term of his/her junior year.

Any exceptions to the preceding rules will be acted on individually by the Board of Education. Students must have met the attendance requirements of the Board of Education.

Transfer students must meet the minimum hour requirement for graduation both in terms of total number and specific subject areas. Substitutions may be made for deficiencies in required courses, provided that it was not possible to include the courses on the student's schedule while enrolled at this school district.

Students who receive special education services are mainstreamed into the regular education curriculum when appropriate. The curriculum content of regular education classes may be modified to accommodate the individual needs and abilities of verified special education students. Each curriculum modification will be included on the student's Individual Education Plan by the Multidisciplinary Team and/or school staffing teams composed of special and regular education staff. Hours in special education will be counted toward a high school diploma.

Parents of students who may not qualify for their high school diploma because of academic deficiencies will be notified of this possibility by the beginning of the second semester of the student's senior year.

Homework

Classroom teachers will often assign homework. Parents who have questions about homework or concerns about class work should contact the teacher. Questions not resolved by the teacher should be referred to the administration.

Each student is expected to spend some time preparing for studies outside of school hours. The amount of time that is needed will depend upon each student. Normally, at least an hour a day should be spent in preparing for an average assignment. Students who struggle to complete assignments or who must spend an inordinate amount of time completing an assignment should seek the help and advice of their teachers and consult with the principal and/or the guidance counselor.

Honor Roll

To qualify for the honor roll, students must be enrolled in a minimum of seven (7) classes, four of which must be from the core curriculum of English, mathematics, science, social studies, business education, foreign language and computer science. Students who earn a quarter or semester academic average of 94% or better with no grade in any class lower than 90% will qualify for the honor roll.

Early Graduation

A student who wishes to graduate from high school in less time than the ordinary eight (8) semester, grade 9-12 sequence, may request permission to complete graduation requirements on an alternate schedule.

The student and parents/guardians will consult with high school guidance personnel to develop a graduation plan. The student's intention to accomplish this shall be stated in writing to the principal. The student's parent or legal guardian must submit a letter in support of the student's request for early graduation, and such letter is to accompany the student's written request. The request letters to the principal are to be submitted no later than six months prior to the anticipated completion of the required high school program.

A student who graduates early must complete all graduation requirements established by the board. The student who chooses early graduation will be allowed to participate in the spring graduation ceremonies. In all other school activities the early-out graduate will be treated as a graduated student.

Report Cards

Report cards are sent home the week following the end of the nine-week reporting period. Mid-quarter reports are also sent to parents of students who are having difficulty in an academic subject.

SECTION THREE

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

General Discipline Philosophy

The school district has the authority to discipline students who behave inappropriately on the way to school, at school, during lunch, on the way home, and at all school activities (home and away or any time while on school or district property).

Walthill Public School is committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment. Our approach to student discipline is guided by the following principles:

- 1) **Personal Responsibility**: Students are expected to take ownership of their actions. The district's discipline policy is designed to help students develop accountability and make positive behavioral choices.
- 2) **Clear Expectations**: Behavior expectations and corresponding consequences will be clearly communicated to all students and their parents or guardians, ensuring transparency and understanding.
- 3) **Fair and Progressive Discipline**: Disciplinary measures will generally follow a progressive model, meaning consequences may increase with repeated violations. However, each situation will be evaluated individually, and the appropriate action will be taken based on the nature and severity of the misconduct.
- 4) **Parent Partnership**: Families play a critical role in reinforcing behavioral expectations. The support and cooperation of parents or guardians is essential to the success of the discipline process.
- 5) **Consistency and Equity**: Expectations apply to all students equally. Consequences will be applied fairly and consistently, regardless of a student's academic performance, background, or status.

Through these principles, we aim to foster a positive school culture where all students can learn, grow, and thrive both academically and socially.

Extracurricular activities including athletics, cheerleading, band, chorus, and club activities, are governed by the Student Handbook.

The school district reserves the right to refer to the appropriate non-school agency any act or conduct of its students which may constitute a crime under federal, state, county, or local law. The administration will cooperate with these agencies in their investigations.

The guidance counselor, Dane Eisenmenger, will serve as the school district behavior awareness point of contact. He, along with all staff, are trained yearly in suicide awareness and behavior de-escalation techniques. Mr. Eisenmenger can be reached via email at deisenmenger@walthillschool.org.

Forms of School Discipline

Administrative and teaching personnel may take actions regarding student behavior which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but need not be limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation. The actions may also include in-school suspensions during the day or mandatory attendance at Saturday school. When in-school suspensions, after-school assignments, Saturday School or other disciplinary measures are assigned, the student is responsible for complying with such disciplinary measures; and a failure to serve such assigned discipline as directed will serve as grounds for further discipline, up to expulsion from school. District administrators may develop building-specific protocols for the imposition of student discipline.

In this section, references to "Principal" shall include building principals, the principal's designee, or other appropriate school district administrators.

Any statement, notice, recommendation, determination, or similar action specified in this section shall be effectively given at the time written evidence thereof is delivered personally to or upon receipt of certified or registered mail or upon actual knowledge by a student or his or her parent or guardian.

Any student who is suspended or expelled from school pursuant to this section may not participate in any school activity during the duration of that exclusion including adjacent school holidays and weekends. The student activity eligibility of a student who is mandatorily reassigned shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the principal of the building to which the student is reassigned.

In-School Suspension

The building administrator may require a student to serve in-school suspension. Students may be required to attend up to six hours per day of school-sponsored suspension a day at a designated location where they will study. There will be zero tolerance for behavior problems from students placed in in-school suspension. Students not completing their In-School Suspension will face further disciplinary action.

Emergency Exclusion

Students may be emergency excluded from school pursuant to the board's separate policy on emergency exclusion or state law, this may include a dangerous communicable disease transmissible through normal contracts, such as COVID - 19 and poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of the school community.

Short-Term Suspension

The Principal or the Principal's designee may exclude a student from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (short-term suspension) on the following grounds:

1. Conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth; or
2. Other violations of rules and standards of behavior adopted by the board of education or the administrative or teaching staff of the school, which occur on or off school grounds, if such conduct interferes with school purposes or there is a nexus between such conduct and school.

The following process will apply to short-term suspensions:

1. The Principal shall make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. Short-term suspension shall be imposed only after a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.
2. Prior to commencement of the short-term suspension, the student will be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student. The student will be advised of what he/she is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and an opportunity to explain his/her version of the facts.
3. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Principal will contact the student's parent or guardian, describing the student's conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or standard and the reasons for the action taken. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with the Principal ordering the short-term suspension before or at the time the student returns to school. The Principal shall determine who, in addition to the parent or guardian, is to attend the conference.
4. Students who are short-term suspended will be given the opportunity to complete classwork.

Long-Term Suspension

Students may be excluded by the Principal from school or any school function for a period of more than five school days but less than twenty school days (long-term suspension) for any conduct constituting grounds for expulsion as hereinafter set forth. The process for long-term suspension is set forth below.

Expulsion

1. Meaning of Expulsion. Expulsion means exclusion from attendance in all schools, grounds and activities of or within the system for a period not to exceed the remainder of the semester in which it took effect unless the misconduct occurred (a) within ten school days prior to the end of the first semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect through the second semester, or (b) within ten school days prior to the end of the second semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for summer school and the first semester of the following school year, or (c) unless the expulsion is for conduct specified in these rules or in law as permitting or requiring a longer removal, in

which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for the period specified therein. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period.

2. Summer Review. Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year will be automatically scheduled for review before the beginning of the school year. The review will be conducted by the hearing officer who conducted the initial expulsion hearing, or a hearing officer appointed by the Superintendent in the event no hearing was previously held or the initial hearing officer is no longer available or willing to serve, after the hearing officer has given notice of the review to the student and the student's parent or guardian. This review shall be limited to newly discovered evidence or evidence of changes in the student's circumstances occurring since the original hearing. This review may lead to a recommendation by the hearing officer that the student be readmitted for the upcoming school year. If the school board or board of education or a committee of such a board took the final action to expel the student, the student may be readmitted only by action of the board. Otherwise the student may be readmitted by action of the Superintendent.
3. Suspension of Enforcement of an Expulsion: Enforcement of an expulsion action may be suspended (i.e., "stayed") for a period of not more than one full semester in addition to the balance of the semester in which the expulsion takes effect, and as a condition of such suspended action, the student may be assigned to a school, class, or program/plan and to such other consequences which the school district deems appropriate.
4. Alternative School or Pre-expulsion Procedures. The school shall either provide an alternative school, class or educational program for expelled students or shall follow the pre-expulsion procedures outlined in Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-266.

Grounds for Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment:

The following conduct constitutes grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, subject to the procedural provisions of the Student Discipline Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-254 through 79-296, when such activity occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event:

1. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes;
2. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, or repeated damage or theft involving property;
3. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, to a school volunteer, or to any student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision;
4. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student;
5. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (see also board policy on weapons and firearms);
6. Engaging in the unlawful possession, selling, dispensing, or use of a controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance, as defined in section 28-401, a substance represented to be a controlled substance, or alcoholic liquor as defined in section 53-103.02 or being under the influence of a controlled substance or alcoholic liquor (note: the term "under the influence" for school purposes has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant);
7. Public indecency as defined in section 28-806, except that this prohibition shall apply only to students at least twelve years of age but less than nineteen years of age;
8. Engaging in bullying as defined in section 79-2,137 and in these policies;
9. Sexually assaulting or attempting to sexually assault any person if a complaint has been filed by a prosecutor in a court of competent jurisdiction alleging that the student has sexually assaulted or attempted to sexually assault any person, including sexual assaults or attempted sexual assaults which occur off school grounds not at a school function, activity, or event. For purposes of this subdivision, sexual assault means sexual assault in the first degree as defined in section 28-319, sexual assault in the second degree as defined in section 28-320, sexual assault of a child in the second or third degree as defined in section 28-320.01, or sexual assault of a child in the

first degree as defined in section 28-319.01, as such sections now provide or may hereafter from time to time be amended.

10. Engaging in any other activity forbidden by the laws of the State of Nebraska which activity constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes; or
11. A repeated violation of any of the following rules if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes:
 - a. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to students or staff members. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, gender, national origin, or religion;
 - b. Dressing or grooming in a manner which violates the school district's dress code and/or is dangerous to the student's health and safety, a danger to the health and safety of others, or which is disruptive, distracting or indecent to the extent that it interferes with the learning and educational process;
 - c. Violating school bus rules as set by the school district or district staff;
 - d. Possessing, using, selling, or dispensing tobacco, drug paraphernalia, or a tobacco imitation substance or packaging, regardless of form, including cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and any other form of tobacco or imitation, such as electronic cigarettes, vapor pens, etc.;
 - e. Possessing, using, selling, or dispensing any drug paraphernalia or imitation of a controlled substance regardless of whether the actual substance possessed is a controlled substance by Nebraska law;
 - f. Possession of pornography;
 - g. Sexting or the possession of sexting images (a combination of sex and texting - the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically);
 - h. Engaging in hazing, defined as any activity expected of someone joining a group, team, or activity that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. Hazing activities are generally considered to be: physically abusive, hazardous, and/or sexually violating and include but are not limited to the following: personal servitude; sleep deprivation and restrictions on personal hygiene; yelling, swearing and insulting new members/newbies; being forced to wear embarrassing or humiliating attire in public; consumption of vile substances or smearing of such on one's skin; branding; physical beatings; binge drinking and drinking games; sexual simulation and sexual assault;
 - i. Bullying which shall include cyber-bullying, defined as the use of the internet, including but not limited to social networking sites such as Facebook, cell phones or other devices to send, post or text message images and material intended to hurt or embarrass another person. This may include, but is not limited to; continuing to send email to someone who has said they want no further contact with the sender; sending or posting threats, sexual remarks or pejorative labels (i.e., hate speech); ganging up on victims by making them the subject of ridicule in forums, and posting false statements as fact intended to humiliate the victim; disclosure of personal data, such as the victim's real name, address, or school at websites or forums; posing as the identity of the victim for the purpose of publishing material in their name that defames or ridicules them; sending threatening and harassing text, instant messages or emails to the victims; and posting or sending rumors or gossip to instigate others to dislike and gang up on the target;
 - j. Violation of the district's computer acceptable computer use policy are subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion; and
 - k. Any other violation of a rule or regulation established by a school district staff member pursuant to authority delegated by the board.

The length of any suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment shall be as provided or allowed by law.

Due Process Afforded to Students Facing Long-term Suspension or Expulsion

The following procedures shall be followed with regard to any long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment.

1. On the date of the decision to discipline, the Principal shall file with the Superintendent a written charge and a summary of the evidence supporting such charge.
2. The Principal shall serve the student and the student's parents or guardian with a written notice by registered or certified mail or personal service within two school days of the date of the decision to recommend long-term suspension or expulsion. The notice shall include the following:

- a. The rule or standard of conduct allegedly violated and the acts of the student alleged to constitute a cause for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, including a summary of the evidence to be presented against the student;
 - b. The penalty, if any, which the principal has recommended in the charge and any other penalty to which the student may be subject;
 - c. A statement that, before long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment for disciplinary purposes can be invoked, the student has a right to a hearing, upon request, on the specified charges;
 - d. A description of the hearing procedures provided by the act, along with procedures for appealing any decision rendered at the hearing;
 - e. A statement that the principal, legal counsel for the school, the student, the student's parent, or the student's representative or guardian has the right (i) to examine the student's academic and disciplinary records and any affidavits to be used at the hearing concerning the alleged misconduct and (ii) to know the identity of the witnesses to appear at the hearing and the substance of their testimony; and
 - f. A form on which the student, the student's parent, or the student's guardian may request a hearing, to be signed by such parties and delivered to the principal or superintendent in person or by registered or certified mail.
3. When a notice of intent to discipline a student by long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment is filed with the superintendent, the student may be suspended by the principal until the date the long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment takes effect if no hearing is requested or, if a hearing is requested, the date the hearing examiner makes the report of his or her findings and a recommendation of the action to be taken to the superintendent, if the principal determines that the student must be suspended immediately to prevent or substantially reduce the risk of (a) interference with an educational function or school purpose or (b) a personal injury to the student himself or herself, other students, school employees, or school volunteers.
 4. Nothing in this policy shall preclude the student, student's parents, guardian or representative from discussing and settling the matter with appropriate school personnel prior to the hearing stage.
 5. If a hearing is requested within five days after receipt of the notice, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer who shall follow the "hearing procedures" outlined below.
 6. If a hearing is requested more than five school days following the receipt of the written notice, but not more than thirty calendar days after receipt, the Superintendent shall appoint a hearing officer who shall follow the "hearing procedures" outlined below, except that the time constraints set forth may differ as provided by law and this policy. The student shall be entitled to a hearing but the consequence imposed may continue in effect pending final determination.
 7. If a request for hearing is not received within thirty calendar days following the mailing or delivery of the written notice, the student shall not be entitled to a hearing.

In the event a hearing is requested, the hearing, hearing procedures, the student's rights and any appeals or judicial review permitted by law shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Nebraska Student Discipline Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-254 to 79-294). The school district will provide parents with copies of the relevant statutes upon request.

Weapons and/or Firearms

Weapons and other dangerous objects and look-alikes shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district.

The term "dangerous object" shall include noxious or flammable material, fireworks, devices intended to administer an electric shock (tasers, electric batons, prods, or stun guns) chemical weapons (i.e. mace, pepper spray), martial arts weapons or other instruments including those which eject a projectile or substance of any kind, or any replica or facsimile of any of the above, whether functional or nonfunctional, whether designed for use as a weapon or for some other use, pursuant to the board's separate policy on weapons and firearms or state law.

WALTHILL SCHOOLS - PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT

This compact is a tool to help children to do well through the combined support of the school and home. It is an action plan that explains the duties that the school staff pledges to perform, the duties that parents pledge to carry out, and the responsibilities of the students. Please discuss this with your child.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

We, the staff of Walthill Public School, will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards.
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences at least annually during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.
3. Provide parents with quarterly reports on their children's progress.
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff through scheduled consultations.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

1. Monitor attendance.
2. Make sure that homework is completed.
3. Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children's education.
4. Stay informed by reading all notices from the school and responding when appropriate.

STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

We, as students will improve our academic achievement in the following ways:

1. promote and develop self-discipline by following the student behavior guidelines established.
2. attend classes regularly and punctually.
3. respect the rights of others--peers and staff.
4. respect school and others personal property and equipment.
5. be prepared to work and take an active part in your classes.
6. seek assistance from school staff when experiencing difficulty in classes.

STUDENT RIGHTS

1. to learn in a safe and undisturbed environment.
2. to have freedom from physical and verbal harassment.
3. to have access to educational programs which will prepare them to become well-adjusted, productive members of society.
4. to be treated with respect and courtesy.
5. to be given instruction designed to maximize individual talents and interests.

TEACHER RIGHTS

1. to expect reasonable student behavior in all curricular and co-curricular programs.
2. to exclude students from class who impede the educational-opportunities of other students.
3. to expect all students to come to class prepared for educational activities.
4. to expect students to complete assignments in a timely fashion.
5. to expect students to attend classes unless legitimate cause for absence exists.

PARENTS RIGHTS

1. to expect that classes are conducted in an orderly fashion.
2. to expect that the students are provided with a meaningful educational program.
3. to receive school communications in a timely fashion.
4. to be treated with respect and courtesy.
5. to be given the opportunity to confer with the administration and instructional staff.

AUGUST 2026						
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10-11 In-service
 11 Open House 5-7:00 PM
 12 First Day 1:30 ED
 21st Home Football 1:30 ED
 28 In-Service

13 student
 16 contract

11 P/T Conf. 1:30 4-8 PM
 12 No School (C)

19 student
 20 contract

FEBRUARY 2027						
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SEPTEMBER 2026						
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7 NS Labor Day

11th and 18th: Home Football
 1:30 ED

21 student
 21 contract

12 End of Qtr 1:30ED

25 1:30 ED

26 & 29 Spring Break (NS)

10/11 student
 21 contract

MARCH 2027						
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1 P/T Conf. 1:30 4-8 PM
 2 NS (P/T Conf contract day)
 9 Home football 1:30 ED
 12 Indigenous People' Day

16 End of Qtr. 1:30 ED

10/10 student
 21 contract

22 student
 22 contract

APRIL 2027						
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29	30					

24 Early Dismissal 1:30
 25-27 Thanksgiving Break

17 student
 17 contract

7 Senior Last Day
 8 Graduation
21 Last Day of School
 21 End of Qtr 1:30 ED

15 Student (182)
 15 Contract (188)

MAY 2027						
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DECEMBER 2026						
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22 Early Dismissal 1:30 End of Qtr

23-31 & January 1-2 Winter Break

16 student
 16 contract

*3 built-in snow day---
 additional makeup days will
 be added on the end of year.
May 24, 25, 26 etc...
 will be potential last days.

Summer School

JUNE 2027						
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JANUARY 2027						
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1 Winter Break (NS)
 4 No School -Teacher Ins. (C)
5 Students Return
 18 MLK Day (NS)

18 student
 19 contract

4 Independence Day

All days not marked with early
 out times are 7:55 AM – 3:40 PM

NS = No School – Non-Contract
 C = Contract Day – No Students

1:30 Dismissal
 No School
 No School (Teacher
 Contract Day)

JULY 2027						
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SECTION FOUR STAFF DIRECTORY

Board of Education:

James Randol Sr	President
Chris Ross	Vice President
Chad Fuller	Secretary
Bill Athey	Member
Chance Clinchers	Member
Brad Morgan	Member

Administration & Services

Seth Sackmann	Superintendent
Noelle Petersen	Secondary Principal
Jacob Schuller	Elementary Principal
Andrea Corey	Early Childhood Principal and AD
Jessica Smith	Special Education Director
Brandon Holmes	Student Support Services
Lisa Beaudette	Business Manager
Chris Swanson	Business Manager
Heather Luoma	Elementary Secretary
Stephanie Lyons	Secondary Secretary
Dane Eisenmenger	Guidance Counselor

Classified Instructional Support

Mark White Eyes	Cultural Aide
Tina Bird	Focus Room
Summer Bernie	Paraeducator
Esther Del Angel	Paraeducator
Mary Karas	Paraeducator
Cory McManigal	Paraeducator
Kaylee McManigal	Paraeducator
Terese Moniz	Paraeducator
Elaine Phillips	Paraeducator
Kassie Phillips	Paraeducator
Megan Stansberry	Paraeducator
??	Paraeducator
??	Paraeducator
??	Paraeducator
??	Paraeducator

Elementary Staff

Trina Springer	Early Childhood
Cashlyn Krahmer-Hegge	Early Childhood
Emma Schulz	Early Childhood
Allison Guenther	Pre-School
Tabby Fajardo	Kindergarten
Mazzy Curry	Kindergarten
Rita Gomez	1st Grade
Taylor Buderus	1st Grade
Danielle Pickering	2nd Grade
Connor Birkes	Upper Elementary ELA

Jill Ellerbruch
Jill Anderson
Tara Kramer
Marsha Meyers
Tiffany Stark
Norah Beekhuizen
Kendra Ross
Diann Wolfe

Upper Elementary ELA
Upper Elementary Math
Upper Elementary Math
Upper Elementary Science
Upper Elementary Social Studies
Math Specialist
Reading Specialist
Full-Time Substitute

Facilities

Alan Stark
Clyde Porter
Ed Ross
Lenora McManigal

Maintenance and Transportation
Head of Building and Grounds
Building and Grounds
Building and Grounds

Nutrition Program

David Pan
Nancy Anderson
Pearl Pan
Connie Price
Tretin Ross
Irene Warner

Nutrition Manager
Nutrition Cook
Nutrition Cook
Nutrition Cook
Nutrition Cook
Nutrition Cook

Special Education

Olivia Anderson
Kyle Novak
Alexis Rohde
Amber Sackmann
Hannah Schuller
Kaya Stark
Kate Van Der Werf
Brianna Hansen
Lar Htoo

Special Education
Special Education
Special Education
Special Education
Special Education
Special Education
Special Education
Speech Pathologist
School Psychologist

Secondary Staff

Angela Dorcey
Ian Rappolt
Liz White Eyes
Joseph Stark
Megan Nichols
Ruffin Stirling
Peggy Keizer
Beau Davis
Kimberly Woltman
Heidi Meyers
Joseph Stark
Hazel Requina
Jacob Kalkwarf
Rheanna Anderson
Terri Greenleaf
Kaden Swanson
Michael Anderson

Art
Business Education
Culture
Math
English Language Arts
English Language Arts
Family & Consumer Science
Industrial Arts
Librarian/Media Specialist
Math
Math
Music
Physical Education
Science
Science
Social Studies
Social Studies

SECTION FIVE – Registration Forms follow

RECEIPT

This Family handbook is distributed in accordance with Nebraska State Law, Section 79-262, paragraph three which states in part: “Rules and Standards which form the basis for discipline shall be distributed to students and parents at the beginning of each school year or at the time of enrollment...” Parents/Guardians and students are required to sign and return the receipt form before the child starts school.

RECEIPT AND PARENT/STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have received and read the Family Handbook that describes the Walthill School District's discipline policies, regulations, rules, and expectations to be followed by students enrolled in the Walthill Public Schools. My child and I have discussed these policies and understand that we must comply with them.

CRITICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Student's Name (Printed)

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Student's Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed)

Phone

Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed)

Phone

Mailing Address

Physical Address

Father's Employer

Business Phone

Mother's Employer

Business Phone

Other Person Who May Be Contacted in an Emergency

Phone

SIGNATURES:

Student's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Email Address

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent's Email Address

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Student Health Intake Form

Students name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Allergies (food, drug, environmental): _____

History of: Asthma - yes / no
 Seizures - yes / no
 Diabetes - yes / no

Other medical problems: _____

Student receives medical care at: Carl T. Curtis 12 Clans Pender Clinic

Students entering kindergarten and 7th grade must have a school physical prior to the start of school. Students entering kindergarten also must be seen by an eye doctor or have their vision evaluated at their school physical prior to the start of school.

Kindergarten only - Where did student receive vision evaluation: _____

If the student is to receive prescription medication at school please ask the office for a Medication Authorization Form.

Students must be current on immunizations, please provide the office a copy of the students current/ updated immunization record. You may ask your doctor's office to fax a copy to 402-846-5932.

I consent to the above student receiving the following over the counter medications per weight based dosing as applicable (cross off any you do not want student to receive):

Acetaminophen/ Tylenol
Calcium Carbonate/ TUMS
Rewetting eye drops
Wound cleanser

Ibuprofen/ Motrin
Cough drops
Antibiotic ointment
Burn spray

Parent/ guardian signature: _____

Emergency personnel will be called in the event of a serious injury or illness and your student will be transported to the emergency room at parent/ guardian expense. As a parent/ guardian, I understand that providing this emergency information does not constitute permission for any district personnel to authorize medical treatment for him/ her and that the school will make every attempt to contact a parent/ guardian or emergency contact(s) listed in the students file in the event of an accident or illness.