

Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting - July 2, 2024  
7:30 AM

1. Call to Order
  - 1.1. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting
  - 1.2. Roll Call
  - 1.3. Communications; Pledge of Allegiance
  - 1.4. Approval of Agenda
2. Hearings and Persons to Address the Board:
  - 2.1. Public Hearing for Parent Involvement Policy 5018, Title I Parent Involvement Policy 5057, Student Fee Policy 5045
3. Regular Agenda
  - 3.1. Excusing a Board Member(s);
  - 3.2. Review, consider, and take action regarding approval of KSB policies 3060: Firearms and Weapons for Non-Students, 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, 5004 Option Enrollment, 6040 Prekindergarten Program
  - 3.3. Review, consider, and take action regarding KSB's annual policy reviews, notices and reports.
  - 3.4. Review, consider, and take action regarding approval of the Staff, Activities and Student Handbooks.
4. Informational Items: Next regular meeting Thursday July 11 at 7:00 AM
  - 4.1. Next Regular Meeting;
5. Adjournment

Should anyone be present and wish to address the Board, the Board Chairman will read the following guidelines:

- 1) Leyton Board of Education recognizes the importance of citizen participation in school district matters;
- 2) Only those speakers recognized by the Board President shall be allowed to speak;
- 3) A time limit of five minutes per speaker is allowed and no more than twenty minutes will be divided among those who wish to address the Board;
- 4) Defamatory or abusive remarks are out of order and a speaker will lose his/her privilege of address if such conduct or remarks occur;
- 5) A speaker at a Board meeting shall NOT orally initiate charges or complaints against District employees OR challenge instructional materials used in the District but shall use the appropriate Board policy to process such complaints;
- 6) The Superintendent and Board are not subject to questioning by the speaker(s);
- 7) To speak to an agenda item an individual must:
  - a. Stand and be recognized by the Board President;
  - b. State your name and address;
  - c. State the agenda item to which you wish to speak;
  - d. Your name will be placed under that agenda item and you will be called upon to speak when that topic is up for discussion;
- 8) If the speaker has written or printed materials to be circulated during a board meeting, he/she must have submitted this information to the Superintendent not later than the Friday immediately preceding the Monday Board meeting. Written materials not submitted by the deadline will not be reviewed or considered by the board at the meeting.

Key Points to Remember:

- 1) The Board takes no action on items brought up during this time;
- 2) Board members or the Superintendent may question a speaker or make comments in response to a speaker. However, the Board and Superintendent are not subject to questioning by speakers.

## July 2, 2024 Board Meeting - Annual Policy Reviews

### Required Annual Policy Reviews

#### Hearings Required:

- #5018 Parental Involvement Policy
- #5057 Title I Parental Involvement Policy
- #5045 Student Fees
- #5054 - Bullying
- #4031 - Teacher Evaluation
- #3040 - Safety & Security Committee
- #5001 - Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism (Being revised from June)

### Required Biennial Policy Reviews

- #3004.1 - Federal Inventory Review - Policy was revised at the June 2024 meeting  
\*\*Need to review the inventory

### Required Triennial Policy Reviews

- #5052 - Wellness - Policy was revised at the June 2024 meeting.

# KSB SCHOOL LAW

## NOTICES, REPORTS, AND POLICY REVIEWS REQUIRED OF NEBRASKA SCHOOL BOARDS FOR 2024-25

Each year, school boards are required to provide students, parents, and/or the public with notices, many of which must be provided at the beginning of the school year. Similarly, school boards must review certain policies on an annual basis, even if they do not have to provide a separate notice of that review. This list summarizes the notices and policy reviews your board should complete before or during the 2024-25 school year.

### Required Annual Policy Reviews

**Parental Involvement Policy (5018).** Although it is confusing, there are two "parental involvement" policies: one required by state law and one by federal law under Title I. State law requires the board to hold a public hearing on its parental involvement policy. After the hearing, the board must either alter and adopt the revised policy or reaffirm it as written. NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-533.

**Title I Parental Involvement Policy (5057).** In addition to the general parental involvement policy, the district must have a policy on the involvement of parents in its Title I program. The board must "conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served...." 20 U.S.C. § 6318(a)(2)(E) (Elementary and Secondary Education Act § 6318(B)). *Note that NDE has been looking for evidence of parental input in the "annual evaluation" of the policy and programs. We recommend that you provide evidence of input from at least one affected parent, even if that is a staff member of the district, such as recording their input in your board meeting minutes or receiving an e-mail from an affected parent suggesting changes or stating that the policy is good as written.*

**Student Fees Policy (5045).** The board must review the amount of money collected from students and review the waivers of student fees provided to students under its student fee policy. It must then hold a public hearing on a proposed student fee policy for the following school year. NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-2,134.

**Bullying (5054).** The board must review its bullying policy. No public hearing is required. NEB. REV. STAT § 79-2,137.

**Teacher Evaluation (4031).** The district must communicate with staff members in writing about the evaluation process. Rule 10 § 007.06A1a. If the district revises its evaluation instrument or process, it must submit the revised policies and procedures to the Nebraska Department of Education for approval. Rule 10 § 007.06A2.

**Safety and Security Committee (3040).** The district's safety and security committee must meet at least annually to prepare and/or review safety and security plans and procedures. Rule 10 § 011.01C. The district's safety and security plan must be reviewed annually by at least one person who is not on the safety and security committee and is not an employee of the district. Rule 10 § 011.01C.

**Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism (5001).** The board must annually review its attendance policy at a board meeting. The statute requires that this review be "in collaboration with the county attorney." We interpret the statute to allow an administrator to communicate with the county attorney either before or after the board's annual review of the policy.

**SRO Program and Agreement.** Section 79-2703(1) requires NDE to develop and distribute a model memorandum of understanding (MOU). NDE's model MOU requires the school, in collaboration with the applicable law enforcement agency, to conduct an annual review of the program and: (a) make modifications as necessary to accomplish stated program goals; and (b) create a report of the review to be provided to both parties and, to the extent permitted by law, made available online. The parties must establish an evaluation process, to include community stakeholders, as part of the regular review of program goals and relevant data, including the specific measures, data points, and metrics included in the report. The first annual report is for the first full school year following the formation of the MOU.

### Required Biennial Policy Reviews

**Federal Inventory Review (3004.1).** The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) regulations require in section 80.32 that "a physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years." If you've accepted federal funds to purchase physical items like iPads or kitchen equipment, you'll need to comply with the biennial inventory requirements. You also will need to tag all non-consumable purchases, like network equipment, and small property such as Chromebooks and tablets that can easily be stolen. Those in charge of grants must ensure that procedures are in place and followed to tag equipment in a visible location and record funding details.


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### Required Triennial Policy Reviews

**Wellness (5052).** Under the Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 the district is required to assess and review its wellness policy to determine compliance, compare with NDE model wellness policies, and how much progress has been made toward the goals of the policy. Updates or modifications should be made after review as the board deems appropriate.

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### Required Reports

**Insurance Coverage Report.** A school board that opts to permit its members to participate in the school district's hospitalization, medical, surgical, accident, sickness, or term life insurance coverage(s) must report **quarterly** at a board meeting the board members who have elected such coverage. The report must be made available in the school district office for review by the public upon request.

**Student Academic Performance (5012).** The district must distribute an annual report to patrons about the district's academic performance. Rule 10 § 010.01A and B.

**Multicultural Education (6020).** The board must receive annually a report about the district's multicultural education curriculum. Rule 10 § 004.01F5.

**Financial Literacy Act Report.** On or before December 31, 2024, and on or before December 31st of each year thereafter, each school district must provide an annual financial literacy status report to its school board, including, but not limited to, student progress in financial literacy courses and other district determined measures of financial literacy progress from the previous school year.

**Computer Science and Technology Education Report.** [Beginning December 1, 2026, and each December 1st thereafter] Each school district must provide an annual computer science and technology education status report to its school board and NDE, including student progress in computer science and technology courses and other district-determined measures of computer science and technology education progress from the previous school year.

**Behavioral Awareness Training.** On or before July 1, 2025, and on or before July 1 of each year thereafter, each school district must submit a behavioral awareness training report to the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council. The report must include the school district behavioral

awareness training plan and summarize how the plan fulfills the requirements of the Act.

**Option Enrollment.** Beginning July 1, 2024, and on or before July 1 of each year thereafter, each school district shall provide to the State Department of Education, on forms prescribed by the department, information relating to all applications rejected by the option school district.

**Option Enrollment - Maximum Capacity Report.** The school district will annually establish, publish, and report the capacity for each school building under the district's control pursuant to procedures, criteria, and deadlines established by the Nebraska Department of Education.

**Dyslexia.** On or before July 1 of each year, the school district will provide the required information relating to dyslexia to NDE.

### **Required Notices**

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (5016).** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), requires school districts to provide parents/guardians and adult students annual notice of their rights to inspect and review education records, amend education records, consent to disclose personally identifiable information in education records, and file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. 34 C.F.R. § 99.7. This information is contained in the FERPA policies we have provided you and should be reproduced in your student handbook.

**Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (5015).** The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) requires school districts to adopt a number of policies regarding surveys, instructional materials, physical examinations, personal information used for marketing, etc. Parents must be notified of these policies at least annually at the beginning of the school year and within a reasonable time period after any substantial change is made to the policies. 20 U.S.C. § 1232(h) (c)(2)(A). This information is contained in the PPRA policy we have provided you and should be reproduced in your student handbook.

**Child Nutrition Programs (3012).** School districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, or the Special Milk Program, must provide both parents and the public information near the beginning of the school year, about free and reduced-price meals and/or free milk. 7 C.F.R. § 245.5. Districts must provide parents with an application form. Districts must also notify students and their families of the district's policy for meal purchases by students with negative account balances.

**McKinney Vento Act (5014).** The McKinney Vento Act requires homeless student liaisons to provide public notice of the education rights of homeless students in places where homeless students receive services under the Act. 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6). This information is included in the policy we have provided you.

The McKinney Vento Act also requires homeless student liaisons to provide public notice of the education rights of homeless students disseminated in places where homeless students receive services under the Act including schools, family shelters, and soup kitchens. The notice must be in a "manner and form" understandable to homeless students and their parents/guardians, "including, if necessary and to the extent feasible," in their native language. 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6). The National Center for Homeless Students (funded by the U.S. Department of Education) has created posters (in black and white or color, in English or in Spanish, for parents or for students) that can be ordered here: <http://center.serve.org/nche/products.php#electronic>

**Title VI, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act, and Title II of the American with Disabilities Act (3053).** A number of federal statutes protect the rights of beneficiaries in programs or activities that receive financial assistance from being discriminated against, and most of these statutes require districts to provide public notice of compliance with these laws. The Notice of Non-Discrimination that we have provided with this policy update should appear in your staff and student handbooks.

**Drug-Free Workplace (4002).** Your staff handbook should contain a notice to all employees that the school is a drug-free workplace. This is required of all recipients of federal funds pursuant to 41 U.S.C. § 702. Be sure to have your employees sign a receipt confirming that they have reviewed and understand that policy.

**Notice of Policy on Opting Out of Assessments (5018).** The Every Student Succeeds Act requires school districts receiving Title I funds shall notify parents that they may request, information regarding any state or local policy addressing student participation in assessments mandated by state and federal law. Schools must provide this information in a timely manner. We have included in the policy service a sample opt-out notice. If a parent requests this information, you should provide them with a copy of Policy 5018 (as amended in the 2017 Annual Updates).

**Information on State and Federal Assessments.** ESSA also requires all school districts to take steps to ensure that state and federal assessments are administered with transparency. School districts are required to "make widely available through public means" information on required state assessments

and, if available and feasible to report, information on assessments required districtwide. This information must include:

- Subject matter assessed
- Purpose for which the assessment is designed and used
- Source of the requirement for the assessment

If the following information is available, the public notice of assessments must also include:

- Amount of time students will spend taking the assessment
- Schedule for the assessment
- Time and format for disseminating results

This information must be posted "in a clear and easily accessible manner" on the district's website.

**Asbestos Management Plan.** Federal law requires districts to have an asbestos management plan for all of its buildings—owned or leased—and to update it periodically, among other requirements for inspections and training if staff work in buildings which contain or may contain asbestos. At least once each school year, schools must notify parents, staff, and local associations of the plan and where it can be found.

**Notice of Designation for Support.** Schools which are designated by NDE as needing "comprehensive support and improvement" or "targeted support and improvement" must "promptly notify the parents" of every student of the school's identification for support, the reasons for identification, and how parents can become involved in the improvement process.

### **Annual Training Requirements**

**Title IX (3057).** As of August 1, 2024, the members of your Title IX Team (i.e., Title IX Coordinator, Investigator, Decision-Maker, Appellate Decision-Maker, and Informal Resolution Facilitator) must receive annual training specific to their roles. The regulations also require annual training for ALL staff (including volunteers, subs, community coaches, and board members) on their basic reporting and Title IX obligations.

**Dating Violence.** The Lyndsay Ann Burke Act, adopted by Nebraska in 2010, requires "[e]ach school district shall provide dating violence training to staff deemed appropriate by a school district's administration. The dating violence training shall include, but not be limited to, basic awareness of dating violence, warning signs of dating violence, and the school district's dating violence policy." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-2,141. Notice that this does not have to be an

annual training, but you should be able to point to something since 2010 that you have done which counts as "dating violence training."

**Concussion Awareness.** The school is obligated to make available training approved by the chief medical officer on how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion or brain injury and how to seek proper medical treatment for a concussion or brain injury to all coaches of school athletic teams. Again, this doesn't have to be re-done every year, but you should make sure all of your current coaches have had that. You also have to provide concussion and brain injury information to students and their parents or guardians prior to such students initiating practice or competition on an annual basis.

**Behavioral and Mental Health Training (Formerly Suicide Prevention Training).** All public school employees who interact with students and any other "appropriate personnel" as determined by the superintendent must receive at least one hour of behavioral and mental health training with a focus on suicide awareness and prevention training each year. NDE will develop a list of approved training materials.

**Seizure Safe Schools Act.** Beginning with the 2022-23 school year:

- Each school must have at least one school employee at each school who has met the training requirements necessary to administer or assist with the self-administration of a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and
- *Every* certificated school employee must participate in a minimum of one hour of self-study review of seizure disorder materials at least once in every two school years.

### **Other Required Trainings/Actions**

**Behavioral Awareness Training.** Beginning in school year 2024-25, the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council shall (i) ensure annual behavioral awareness training is available statewide and (ii) develop, implement, and administer an ongoing statewide teacher support system.

Beginning in school year 2026-27, each school district must ensure that each administrator, teacher, paraprofessional, school nurse, and counselor receives behavioral awareness training. Each administrator, teacher, paraprofessional, school nurse, and counselor who has received such training must receive a behavioral awareness training review at least once every three years. Each school district may offer such training, or similar training, to any other school employees at the discretion of the school district. In addition, all school

employees must have a basic awareness of the goals, strategies, and schoolwide plans included in such training.

*Report.* On or before July 1, 2025, and on or before July 1 of each year thereafter, each school district must submit a behavioral awareness training report to the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council. The report must include the school district behavioral awareness training plan and summarize how the plan fulfills the requirements of the Act.

*Point of Contact.* Each school district must designate one or more school employees as a behavioral awareness point of contact for each school building or other division as determined by such school district. Each behavioral awareness point of contact must be trained in behavioral awareness and shall have knowledge of community service providers and other resources that are available for the students and families in the school district.

*Mental Health and Counseling Resources.* Each school district must maintain or have access to a registry of local mental health and counseling resources. The registry must include resource services that can be accessed by families and individuals outside of school. Each behavioral awareness point of contact must coordinate access to support services for students whenever possible. Except as provided in section 43-2101, if information for an external support service is provided to an individual student, school personnel must notify a parent or guardian of such student in writing unless the recommendation involves law enforcement or child protective services. Each school district shall indicate each behavioral awareness point of contact for the school district on the school district's website and in any school directory for the school that the behavioral awareness point of contact serves.

**Behavioral Awareness and Intervention Training.** Beginning in school year 2026-27, each school district must ensure that any school employee who has behavioral management responsibilities participates in behavioral awareness and intervention training consistent with the school district's revised student discipline policy developed and adopted on or before August 1, 2025. The training must be provided by the school district or the school district's ESU. The training must be consistent with the model policy relating to behavioral intervention, behavioral management, classroom management, and removal of a student from a classroom in school developed by NDE (on or before July 1, 2025).

**Option Enrollment.** If the district intends to declare a program, a class, or a school unavailable for the *next* school year to option students due to lack of capacity, the board must do so no later than October 14<sup>th</sup> of the *prior* school year.

### **Suggested Annual Reviews and/or Trainings**

Although we try hard not to make service on the board of education more onerous than it already is, we think boards would also be well served to review the following policies once per year, whether it be prior to the beginning of the school year, or at the beginning of the calendar year.

**Reimbursement and Miscellaneous Expenditures (2007).** State statute allows the board of education to provide one recognition dinner each year for the board, employees or volunteers. You may also spend funds on "plaques, certificates of achievement, or items of value awarded to elected or appointed officials, employees, or volunteers." including persons serving on local government boards or commissions. These expenditures have to be formally authorized by the board "after a public hearing." You may not amend the policy more than once in any 12-month period after its initial adoption. This is an area that the Nebraska State Auditor has focused on, so we think school boards would be wise to review this policy annually and to have that review recorded in its meeting minutes.

**Meetings (2008).** Finally, we strongly suggest that your board "repass" this policy or whichever policy you use to designate the method of providing notice of meetings. The Open Meetings Act requires you to use the method designated in your board's minutes. If you do not have those minutes readily available, repassing the policy and including the methods in your minutes during your next meeting will allow you to comply with that technical requirement.

**Data Breach (3047).** We recommend that the superintendent, or his/her designee, annually update the data directory. This includes a list of all computing devices purchased by the district, all software installed on district devices, a list of staff members with access to district devices, and a list of staff members with active usernames and passwords for any district software.

**Conflict of Interest Training for All Staff Working with Federal Programs (2005 and 4053).** The EDGAR regulations require that each school district has a code of conduct to prevent employees who work in programs funded by federal dollars from engaging in behavior which creates a conflict of interest. Although there is no requirement that you train your staff on this policy, we do not think it is fair to create standards for employees like cooks, special education drivers and Title I paraeducators without providing them with training. We recommend that you train on this issue annually.

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No Changes - Annual Review -

Hold Public Hearing

**LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY #5018**

**Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices**

The school district recognizes the importance of parental and guardian involvement in the education of their children. The school district will take the following steps to ensure that the rights of parents and guardians to participate in the education of their children are preserved.

1. Parents/Guardians will be provided access, as described in district procedures, to district-approved textbooks and other curricular materials and tests used in the district upon request.
  - a. A parental request to review specific approved textbooks and other district- or building-approved curricular materials (written, visual, and audio) should be made to the principal of the building where the textbooks and curriculum materials are used.
  - b. Parents may check out textbooks and may review curricular materials such as video and audio recordings within a time frame determined by the building principal to prevent disruption of the instructional process.
  - c. A parental request to review specific standardized and criterion-referenced tests used in the district should be made in writing to the building principal. Copies of the most recent tests used in the district will be available for parent review. Parents wishing to review statewide assessments will be provided with sample questions and a copy of a practice test, but will not be provided with copies of the actual assessment due to testing security. In the case of other secure tests such as the ACT, parents must contact the publisher to obtain copies of the test.
2. Parents/Guardians will be permitted, within district procedures, to attend and observe courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities.
  - a. Parents/guardians are invited to make appointments with the building principal to visit classes, assemblies and other instructional activities. The principal shall give permission after determining that parental/guardian observation would not disrupt the activity. Observations that last more than 60 minutes or occur on consecutive days are typically disruptive and will not be

permitted absent unusual circumstances, in the sole discretion of the building principal.

- b. Parents/guardians may contact the building principal to request permission to attend counseling sessions in which their child is involved.
3. Parents/guardians will be permitted, within district procedures, to ask that their children be excused from school experiences that parents find objectionable.
    - a. Building principals may excuse a student from any single school experience at the parent's written request.
    - b. When appropriate, alternative experiences will be provided for the student by the school.
  4. Parents/guardians will be informed through the student handbook and district policies of the manner that the district will provide access to records of students.
  5. Parents/guardians will be informed of the standardized and criterion-referenced district testing program. Parents may request additional information from the building principal.
  6. Parents/guardians will be informed of the circumstances under which they may opt-out of state and federal assessments.
    - a. In accordance with federal law, at the beginning of the school year, the District shall provide notice of the right to request a copy of this policy to parents/guardians of students attending schools receiving Title I funds. The District will provide a copy of this policy to a requesting parent in a timely manner.
    - b. State Assessments  

State and federal law simultaneously require students to take state assessments, with few exceptions, but also permit parents or guardians to request to opt their students out of these assessments. Approval of opt out requests is contrary to the mandatory testing laws, so the District cannot "approve" the request. Parents who do not present their child for testing will result in the child receiving the lowest score possible on the assessment.

c. National Assessment of Educational Progress

As a condition of receiving federal funds, the District participates in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). To help ensure that the District has a representative sample of students taking the NAEP, which will allow the District to assess the quality and effectiveness of its programming on a national level, the District strongly encourages all eligible students to participate. However, student participation in NAEP is voluntary.

The District shall provide parents/guardians of eligible students with reasonable notice prior to the exam being administered. Parents/guardians wishing to opt their students out of the NAEP assessment must notify the district in writing at least three days prior to the exam date to ensure that the District can coordinate supervision and alternative activities for students who have opted out.

7. Parents/guardians will be notified of their right to remove their children from surveys prior to district participation in surveys.
- a. The principal must approve all surveys intended to gather information from students before they are administered to students.
  - b. Students' participation in surveys is voluntary. Parents/guardians may restrict their child from participating in any survey.

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Reviewed on: July 10, 2023

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Policy # 5018

**LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY #5057**

**District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

The school district will jointly develop with parents a School-Parent-Student Compact that outlines how the parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

The written District Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be jointly developed and distributed to parents and family members of participating children and the local community in an understandable format and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. An annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be used to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, to revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and to remove barriers to participation.

The school district recognizes the unique needs of students who are being served in its Title I program, and the importance of parent and family engagement in the Title I program. Parent and family engagement in the Title I Program shall include, but is not limited to:

1. An annual meeting to which all parents of participating children will be invited to inform parents of their school's participation under this part, to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved. Invitations may take the form of notes sent with students or announcements in the school newsletter. Additional meetings may be scheduled, based upon need and interest for such meetings.
2. An explanation of the details for the child's and parents' participation, including but not limited to: curriculum objectives, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards, type and extent of participation, parental input in educational decisions, coordination and integration with other Federal, State, and district programs, and evaluations of progress.
3. Opportunities for participation in parent involvement activities such as training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement. The goal of these parent activities is to provide parents with opportunities to participate in decisions relating to the education of their students, where appropriate.

4. The district will, to the extent practicable, provide parents of limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, parents with limited literacy, are economically disadvantaged, are of a racial or minority background or parents of migratory children with opportunities for involvement in the Title I Program. Communication to parents about student progress and the district's other Title I Program communications will be provided in the language used in the home to the extent practicable. Responses to parent concerns will be provided in a timely manner.
5. 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.
6. The district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other programs in the community. These may include cooperation with other community programs such as Head Start and preschools and other community services such as the public library.
7. Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, with the assistance of parents in the value and utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners.

This policy shall be reviewed annually at the annual meeting where concerned parties can have a conversation about possible changes to the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

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Reviewed on: April 13, 2023  
Reviewed on: July 10, 2023

Changes-

Annual Review

- Lunch Prices
- Need to discuss
- Preschool Fee

**LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY #5045**

**Student Fees**

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.

**A. Definitions.**

1. "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.
2. "Extracurricular activities" means student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the district; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the district.
3. "Post-secondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

**B. Listing of Fees Charged by this District.**

**1. Guidelines for Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities.**

Students are responsible for complying with the district's grooming and attire guidelines and for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach, or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course or activity.

## **2. Safety Equipment and Attire.**

The district will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.

## **3. Personal or Consumable Items.**

The district does not provide students with personal or consumable items for participation in courses and activities including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers and notebooks. Students who wish to supply their own personal or consumable items may do so, as long as those items comply with the requirements of the district. The district will provide students with facilities, equipment, materials and supplies, including books. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students will be charged for damage to school property caused by the student and will be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of any school property that they lose.

## **4. Materials Required for Course Projects.**

The district will provide students with the materials necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. In courses where students choose to produce a project that requires materials beyond the basic materials provided by the district, the students will furnish the materials, purchase the materials from the school, or purchase the materials from an outside vendor with an order form provided by the school.

## **5. Technological Devices**

The district will provide students with the technological devices necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. To the extent that a student is not required by the district's curriculum to utilize a device off district property, the district may charge students a convenience fee to take the device off district property. The maximum dollar amount of this convenience fee charged by the district will be \$50.00.

As with all school property, students may be charged for damage to such devices. To protect against such potential losses, students and parents may, but are not required, to purchase insurance coverage for the devices. The maximum dollar amount of this insurance coverage facilitated by the district will be \$100.00. The district may also charge a damage deposit which will be returned or may be rolled to cover the damage deposit for the next year if it

is not needed to cover the costs of any damage to the device. The maximum dollar amount of this damage deposit will be \$250.00.

Additionally, the district may allow students to purchase technological devices by arranging for the students to purchase these devices through a single, or series of, payments.

## **6. Extracurricular Activities.**

The district may charge students a fee to participate in extracurricular activities to cover the district's reasonable costs in offering such activities. The district may require students to furnish specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation in extracurricular activities, or may charge a reasonable fee for the use of district-owned equipment or attire. Attached to this policy is a list of the fees charged for particular activities. The coach or sponsor will provide students with additional written guidelines detailing the fees charged, the equipment and/or clothing required, or the usage fee charged. The guidelines will explain the reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for the activity.

The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all extracurricular activities fees and the specifications for any equipment or attire required for participation in extracurricular activities:

- Student Activity Card (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade): \$20.00
  - Covers admission to all athletic events
- Cheerleading
  - Students may be required to purchase uniforms and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group.
- Football:
  - Students must provide their own football shoes and undergarments.
- Golf:
  - Students must provide their own golf shoes, pants, undergarments, and clubs. The district will provide golf shirts.
- Track, Volleyball, Basketball and Wrestling:
  - Students must provide their own shoes and undergarments
- Future Farmers of America:
  - Students must purchase their own jackets and pay dues

## **7. Post-Secondary Education Costs.**

Some students enroll in postsecondary courses while still enrolled in the district's high school. As a general rule, students must pay all costs associated with such post-secondary courses. However, for a course in which students

receive high school credit or a course being taken as part of an approved accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the district shall offer the course without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees. Students who chose to apply for post-secondary education credit for these courses must pay tuition and all other fees associated with obtaining credits from a post-secondary educational institution.

**8. Transportation Costs.**

The district will charge students reasonable fees for transportation services provided by the district to the extent permitted by federal and state statutes and regulations.

The maximum dollar amount of the transportation fee charged by this district shall be \$100.00.

**9. Copies of Student Files or Records.**

The district will not charge a fee for making copies of a student's files or records for the parents or guardians of such student. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of student record fees. Parents of students have the right to inspect and review the students' files or records without the payment of a fee, and the district shall not charge a fee to search for or retrieve any student's files or records.

**10. Participation in Before-and-After-School or Pre-Kindergarten Services.**

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in before-and-after school or pre-kindergarten services offered by the district pursuant to statute.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these services shall be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**11. Charges for Food Consumed by Students.**

The district will charge for items that students purchase from the district's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charged for these items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The district will charge students for the cost of food, beverages, and the like that students purchase from a school store, vending machine, booster club or from similar sources. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for the breakfast and lunch programs is as follows:

- Breakfast Program – Grades K-8
  - Regular Price \$1.50
  - Reduced Price \$0.30
- Breakfast Program – Grades 9-12
  - Regular Price \$1.75
  - Reduced Price \$0.30
- Lunch Program – Grades K-5
  - Regular Price ~~\$2.70~~ 2.75
  - Reduced Price \$0.40
- Lunch Program – Grades 6-8
  - Regular Price ~~\$2.85~~ 3.00
  - Reduced Price \$0.40
- Lunch Program – Grades 9-12
  - Regular Price ~~\$2.95~~ 3.10
  - Reduced Price \$0.40

### **12. Charges for Musical Extracurricular Activities.**

Students who qualify for fee waivers under this policy will be provided, at no charge, the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. The following list is for equipment or attire required for participation in musical extracurricular activities:

- Band:
  - Students must provide their own instruments, pants, and shoes. Students may be assessed a uniform rental fee for dry cleaning.
- Swing Choir:
  - Students must purchase outfits and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group.

### **12. Class Dues for High School Students.**

Students may be assessed class dues to cover the cost of class activities such as prom and graduation. Class meetings will be held at the beginning of the school year to determine the amount of class dues. Class dues will be placed on a student's charge account at the beginning of each semester.

## **C. Waiver Policy.**

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) materials for course projects, and (3) the use of a musical instrument in optional music

courses that are not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waivers provided in this section. The district is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other material to eligible students. Students who wish to be considered for waiver of a particular fee must submit a completed fee waiver application to their building principal.

**D. Distribution of Policy.**

This policy will be published in the Student Handbook or its equivalent that will be provided to students at no cost.

**E. Voluntary Contributions to Defray Costs.**

The district will, when appropriate, request donations of money, materials, equipment or attire from parents, guardians and other members of the community to defray the costs of providing certain services and activities to students. These requests are not requirements and staff members of the district are directed to clearly communicate that fact to students, parents and patrons.

**F. Fund-Raising Activities.**

Students may be permitted or required to engage in fund-raising activities to support various curricular and extracurricular activities in which they participate. Students who decline to participate in fund-raising activities are not eligible under this policy for waiver of the costs or fees which the fund-raising activity was meant to defray.

**G. Student Fee Fund.**

The school board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund that will not be funded by tax revenue, and that will serve a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected from students.

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**LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY #5054**

**Student Bullying**

**Definition of Bullying.** Nebraska statute defines bullying as “an ongoing pattern of physical, verbal or electronic abuse.” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines bullying as “any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths who are not siblings or current dating partners that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated.” The school district’s administrators will consider these definitions when determining whether any specific situation constitutes bullying. These definitions include both in-person and cyberbullying behaviors.

**Bullying Prohibited.** Students are prohibited from engaging in any form of bullying behavior.

**Reporting Bullying.** Students who experience or observe bullying behavior must immediately report what happened to a teacher or administrator. Students can use the district’s anonymous platform “Safe Schools Tip Reporting”, which is located on the homepage of the district website, to make this report. Students may always confer with their parents or guardians about bullying they experience or witness, but the students must also ultimately report the situation to a teacher or administrator.

**Bullying Investigations.** School district staff will investigate allegations of bullying using the same practices and procedures that the district observes for student disciplinary matters. In no circumstance will school district staff be deliberately indifferent to allegations of bullying.

**Disciplinary Consequences.** The disciplinary consequences for bullying behavior will depend on the frequency, duration, severity and effect of the behavior.

A student who engages in bullying behavior 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 or her designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events may be subject to disciplinary consequences including but not limited to long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment.

Without limiting the foregoing, a student who engages in bullying behavior that materially and substantially interferes with or disrupts the educational environment, the district's day-to-day operations, or the education process, regardless of where the student is at the time of engaging in the bullying behavior, may be subject to discipline to the extent permitted by law.

**Bullying Based on Protected Class Status.** Bullying based on protected class status is unique and may require additional investigation. The appropriate district staff member or coordinator will promptly investigate bullying complaints that violate the district's antidiscrimination policies.

**Support for Students Who Have Experienced Bullying.** Regardless of where the bullying occurred, the district will consider whether victims of bullying are suffering an adverse educational impact and, if appropriate, will refer those students to the district's student assistance team.

**Bullying Prevention and Education.** Students and parents are encouraged to inform teachers or administrators orally or in writing about bullying behavior or suspected bullying behavior. School employees are required to inform the administrator of all such reports. The appropriate administrator shall promptly investigate all such reports. Each building shall engage in activities which educate students about bullying, bullying prevention and digital citizenship.

**Policy Review.** The school district shall review this policy annually.

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**LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY #4031**

**Evaluation of Probationary Certified Employees**

A certified administrator will observe and evaluate each probationary certified employee for a full instructional period once each semester. The administrator will provide each employee with a written list of deficiencies, suggestions for improvement, and sufficient time to improve.

For the purposes of this policy, the terms "actual classroom observation" and "entire instructional period" are defined as follows:

**Entire Instructional Period.** For certified employees whose classes are held during defined periods of time (e.g., senior high classes), an entire instructional period consists of one such time period. For those whose time periods are not so defined (e.g., elementary classroom teachers), an entire instructional period consists of 40 minutes. The instructional period for those whose work does not necessarily involve continuous instruction for 40-minute periods (e.g., librarians or speech therapists) consists of no less than 40 minutes total during the semester. The entire instructional period for administrators cannot be defined in terms of an instructional period and shall be satisfied by the actual observation of an administrator's work during the semester for no less than 40 minutes.

**Actual Classroom Observation.** Actual classroom observation consists of observing the certified employee in any activities in a classroom setting. When a certified employee does not have classroom responsibility (e.g., administrators or librarians), the requirement of "actual classroom observation" will be satisfied by observing the certified employee performing activities that are typical of his or her position.

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**LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY #3040**

**School Safety and Security**

In order to fulfill its obligation to provide a safe and secure learning environment, the Board of Education has adopted this School Safety and Security Policy. Although the district will take reasonable steps to protect students and staff, no entity can provide complete safety and security at all times. This policy does not make the district a guarantor of the safety of students, staff or patrons.

**I. General Safety and Security**

**a. NDE Rubric**

The District will meet at least the minimum requirement for each school safety and security standard indicator adopted by the Nebraska Department of Education.

**b. School Hours**

- i. During a crisis situation, the administration will maintain established school hours and proceed with all co-curricular activities as scheduled whenever possible.
- ii. If, during a crisis situation, the parent(s) or guardian of a student decide that the student needs to be absent, this absence will be excused.

**c. Access to School Facilities**

- i. The school's facilities may not be used for funeral or memorial services during the school day.
- ii. This policy does not discourage the presentation of traditional American Legion memorial services which promote patriotism.

**d. Memorials**

- i. Memorials often create a visual reminder of a particular crisis that may reintroduce feelings of grief for students. Therefore, memorials are generally not allowed anywhere on school premises.

- ii. Individuals who wish to seek a waiver of the general prohibition against memorials must follow the steps outlined below:
  - a. The individual must first meet with the Superintendent or his/her designee to discuss the request for a memorial.
  - b. If the Superintendent determines that additional review is appropriate, he/she will refer the request for consideration by the crisis team.
  - c. The crisis team will consider:
    - i. The current research regarding the potential psychological harm that could be caused by a memorial;
    - ii. The potential disruption to the school's learning environment;
    - iii. The cost to the district of erecting and/or maintaining a memorial;
    - iv. Whether prior tragedies have been commemorated by a memorial;
    - v. The potential for future tragedies which could necessitate a similar memorial; and
    - vi. Any other factor which the crisis team deems relevant to its recommendation.
  - d. After consideration of the factors outlined above, the crisis team will make a recommendation as to whether the prohibition against memorials should be waived.
  - e. The Superintendent will communicate the crisis team's recommendation to the individual requesting the memorial.

- f. If the crisis team recommends waiver of the prohibition against memorials, the individual who made the initial request must inform the Superintendent if he/she wishes to ask the board to approve the memorial.
- g. Memorials may only be approved by the board and only after completion of the process outlined in this policy.
- iii. This policy is not intended to discourage the acceptance of memorial funds or specific items.

## **II. Superintendent's Duties Related to Safety and Security**

### **a. Appointment of Crisis Team**

The Superintendent shall appoint members to serve on the school district's crisis team. The superintendent may, but is not required, to include representatives from the following groups on the crisis team:

- Administrators
- Teachers
- Health/mental health
- Facilities staff
- Transportation staff
- Food service staff member
- Information technology staff
- Students
- Parents
- Staff member with expertise on the needs of students with disabilities
- Organizations that serve the disabled
- Organizations that serve the needs of minority populations (ELL, race, etc.)
- Representatives from local early responders (law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel, railroad, factories, etc.)

### **b. Compliance with Fire and Safety Codes**

The Superintendent will ensure that the school district meets all current fire and life safety codes or is in the process of coming into compliance.

**c. Annual Safety Audits**

The Superintendent will arrange for the performance of an annual safety audits using an external consultants utilizing the standardized audit protocol adopted by the Nebraska Department of Education.

**d. Mutual Aid Agreements**

The Superintendent will enter into mutual aid agreements to address the academic, physical, operational, psychological, and emotional recovery areas when possible with appropriate local entities.

**III. Building Principals' Duties Related to Safety and Security**

**a. Positive and Safe Learning Environment**

Each building principal shall implement a school-wide behavior process to create a positive and safe learning environment.

Each building principal shall conduct training on and require enforcement of the district's anti-bullying and dating violence policies.

Each building principal shall ensure that staff complete the required suicide prevention training as required by board policy.

Each building principal shall require staff to engage in active supervision of students at all times

**b. Visitor Protocol.**

Each building principal shall adopt a protocol for visitors to his/her school building to sign in upon arrival and departure and to be identified as a visitor while they are in the building during the school day. The protocol must also address visitors in specialized areas of the school such as playgrounds, gyms, cafeterias and the like.

This protocol may be written or unwritten but must be clearly communicated to and enforced by all staff.

The building principal will report individuals who repeatedly violate the visitor protocol to the superintendent for possible exclusion from school facilities pursuant to board policy.

**c. Emergency Drills**

Each building principal must ensure that the following drills are conducted in his/her building:

- i. Fire drills (evacuation): One fire drill conducted monthly with one additional drill being conducted during the first 30 days of school.
- ii. Evacuation to Location: One drill each year to the designated off-campus safe location.
- iii. Tornado drills (shelter): One drill during the first two weeks of school and the second drill during the month of March.
- iv. Lockdown drills: One drill per semester.
- v. Bus evacuation drills: Two drills during the school year involving all students and appropriate staff. Recommended that one drill occur during the first month of school.

Each building principal must also conduct any non-required drills recommended by crisis team.

Each building principal shall conduct a performance review of each of the drills conducted pursuant to this policy. This review does not have to be in writing.

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