



**POLICY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD ROOM  
CENTRAL OFFICE  
223 W BROADWAY ST  
WOODLAND, MI 48897  
April 20, 2026  
5:15 PM**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. District's Mission & Vision**
- 5. Additions or Changes to the Agenda**
- 6. Guest or Citizen Introduction Agenda/Non-Agenda Items**
- 7. Guest/Citizen Comment - Agenda Items**
- 8. Presentations, Discussions & Information**
  - a. 2026 Spring NEOLA Update
- 9. Guest/Citizen Comment - Non-Agenda Items**
- 10. Adjournment**

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### **Bylaw 0100 - Definitions (Revised)**

This bylaw has been revised to reflect the provisions of H.B.4141 (Public Act 2 - 2026) which prohibit students from using a wireless communications device on school grounds during instructional time. The definition of "wireless communications device (WCD)" was added to this bylaw and the definition of "personal communications device (PCD)" was modified to include WCDs.

Revisions to this bylaw should be adopted to maintain current and statutorily compliant policies.

### **Policy 1410 - Staff Ethics (New)**

This new policy is provided at the request of clients in order to establish the overall expectation of ethical behavior of all district staff.

Specifically, the intent of Policy 1410 - Staff Ethics is to ensure an effective educational program by establishing high standards of integrity, ideals, and professional conduct for all administrators. The policy outlines key ethical responsibilities across five (5) areas: the profession itself, professional competence, relationships with students, engagement with the school community, and the responsible use of technology. Ultimately, this framework is designed to promote the well-being of students and the district community while upholding the highest levels of professional and ethical practice, including an explicit prohibition on inappropriate staff-student relationships.

This policy is consistent with Policy 3210 - Staff Ethics and Policy 4210 - Staff Ethics. This adoption should be considered in order to maintain consistent expectations for all employees.

### **Policy 2370.01 - Online/Blended Learning Program (Revised)**

The policy establishes an Online/Blended Learning Program to offer eligible students the option of participating in courses that use online or distance education technology. Its primary purpose is to make instruction available to students in both traditional and nontraditional classroom settings, including courses where the student and teacher may be separated by time or location. Furthermore, the District is responsible for ensuring all eligible students and their parents or guardians are made aware of this program.

This policy has been revised to reflect the latest provisions in the School Aid Act regarding Online/Blended Learning Programs (Section 21f). The Act eliminated the provision for a district to provide online instruction for not more than fifteen (15) days per school year.

This revision should be adopted in order to reflect current provisions of state law.

**Policy 2417 - Comprehensive School Health Education (Revised)**

Policy 2417 provides a comprehensive health education program to help students become "health literate" and develop the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices and avoid damaging behaviors. The Board must comply with state law by adopting and implementing a research- and evidence-based, medically accurate, and developmentally appropriate curriculum. This program is extensive, covering Pre-K through grade twelve with a goal of at least fifty (50) hours of instruction per grade, focusing on critical health behaviors, social-emotional skills, and utilizing a collaborative approach with families.

This policy has been revised to expand the program's scope by explicitly addressing self-efficacy, a broader range of social-emotional skills, and the use of valid and reliable health information, and also introduces mandates for safe, trauma-responsive, inclusive, and culturally responsive learning environments. Key additions include a new focus on incorporating personal safety skills and the prevention of child sexual abuse, alongside more detailed guidance for implementation, such as specific teacher endorsements and the provision for parental opt-out from sex education.

This revision should be adopted in order to reflect best practice and current provisions of state law.

**Policy 2418 - Sex Education (Revised)**

Policy 2418 is in accordance with Michigan statute which authorizes Boards of Education to provide elective instruction in sex education, covering topics such as human sexuality, consent, and the prevention of STIs. The policy requires the instruction to be medically accurate, developmentally appropriate, and stress abstinence as the only 100% effective prevention method. Furthermore, it mandates advance parental notification and the right for a student to be excused from the course without penalty or loss of academic credit.

The revised policy broadens the scope of instruction to include topics such as gender identity, sexual orientation, and consent education, while also structuring the curriculum into detailed content areas appropriate for specific grade spans (3-5, 6-8, 9-12). Additionally, the policy strengthens its position on abstinence, stating it is the only 100% effective protection, and includes new requirements for secondary-level teacher endorsements, aligning with the Michigan Health Education Standard Guidelines and the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

This revision should be adopted in order to reflect best practice and current provisions of state law.

**Policy 3120.09/4120.09 - Volunteers (Renumbered/Rescind)**

**Policy 8120.09 - Volunteers (Renumbered/Revised for Policies 3120.09/4120.09)**

The purpose of the volunteer policies is to enhance District programs and activities by strategically utilizing community volunteers who possess helpful knowledge or skills, with the Superintendent responsible for their appropriate recruitment and placement. A critical component of the policy is ensuring student and staff safety by mandating criminal history and registry checks for all volunteers, especially those who work with or have access to students. Additionally, the policy requires the Superintendent to inform volunteers of their obligation to follow District policies and the understanding that the District provides liability coverage but no health insurance for injuries sustained during their service.

Policies 3120.09 and 4120.09 have both been deleted and replaced by one policy that has been placed in the 8000 series. Much of the content remains the same. The change to a different series recognizes that volunteers are not considered employees of the district, but rather function more to support general district operations. School districts should keep in mind that this policy governs unpaid volunteers. Teaching and nonteaching employees who receive supplemental contracts/stipends to supervise extracurricular activities are covered by other policies.

In the future, any revisions to the volunteer policy will be made in Policy 8120.09 only. As a result, the revisions to these policies are highly recommended.

**Policy 4210 - Staff Ethics (NEW)**

As described above in Policy 1410 - Staff Ethics, this new parallel policy is provided at the request of clients in order to establish the overall expectation of ethical behavior of all district staff. This policy is consistent with Policy 1410 - Staff Ethics and Policy 3210 - Staff Ethics.

This adoption should be considered in order to maintain consistent expectations for all employees.

**Policy 5136 - Wireless Communications Devices (WCDs) (Replacement)**

This replacement policy reflects the provisions of S.B. 495 (Public Act 1 - 2026) and H.B. 4141 (Public Act 2 - 2026) which were signed by Governor Whitmer on February 10, 2026. This legislation prohibits students from using a wireless communications device on school grounds

during instructional time, allows for specific exemptions, and requires a protocol for when and how pupils are permitted to use wireless communications devices during an emergency be included in the District's emergency operations plan.

This replacement policy should be adopted in order to reflect current provisions of state law.

### **Policy 6320 - Purchasing (Revised)**

The primary intent of Policy 6320 is to ensure all procurement of supplies, materials, equipment, and services using District funds complies with federal and state laws, encourages full and open competition, and is conducted with sound business judgment. It establishes a structured system for purchasing by setting various levels for procurement—from seeking informal price quotations to requiring formal competitive bids—and defining the specific financial thresholds at which Board involvement and approval are required.

This policy has been revised to include language specific to bidding requirements and processes. Additionally, the drafting note reflects current bidding thresholds issued each year by the Michigan Department of Education, as required by law.

This revised policy should be adopted to maintain accurate policies.

### **Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)**

The primary intent of Policy 6325 is to ensure that all procurement of supplies, materials, equipment, and services paid for with Federal funds or District matching funds complies with all applicable Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations, as well as the terms of the Federal grant. It mandates that procurement transactions must be conducted with full and open competition, sound business judgment, and includes requirements for a contract administration system that incorporates affirmative steps for various small and minority business enterprises.

This policy is revised to reflect revised threshold amounts for micro-purchases (not to exceed \$15,000), small purchases (not to exceed \$350,000), and price analysis requirement threshold (\$350,000 effective October 1, 2025). Revisions to this policy should be adopted in order to be consistent with Federal regulations.

This revised policy should be adopted to maintain accurate policies.

### **Policy 7540.09 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Replacement)**

Replacement Policy 7540.09 acknowledges the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and operations, emphasizing a balanced, people-centered approach that supports its responsible and innovative use to enhance, but not replace, human interaction and instruction. It establishes a framework for ethical use, transparency, and content responsibility, mandating that all AI-driven decisions require human review and that the District only approves the use of carefully vetted, Closed AI tools.

This replacement policy should be adopted as it provides all staff with clear direction on AI use, as well as provides the district with clear and current legal guidance. around AI use.

### **Policy 8655 - Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs (NEW)**

The intent of this new policy is to ensure that students with an Individualized Education Program ("IEP") receive specialized transportation as a related service when it is necessary for them to access a Free Appropriate Public Education ("FAPE") in the Least Restrictive Environment ("LRE"). The IEP Team is responsible for determining the need for specialized transportation based on the student's individual needs, considering all options to keep the student with their peers, and without cost being a factor in the determination.

This new policy is recommended but not required for adoption.

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## 0100 - **DEFINITIONS**

Whenever the following items are used in these bylaws and policies, they shall have the meaning set forth below:

### **Administrative Guideline**

A statement, based on policy, usually written, which outlines and/or describes the means by which a policy should be implemented and which provides for the management cycle of planning, action, and assessment or evaluation.

### **Agreement**

A collectively negotiated contract with a recognized bargaining unit.

### **Apps and Services**

Apps and services are software (i.e., computer programs) that support the interaction of personal communication devices (as defined in Bylaw 0100) over a network, or client-server applications in which the user interface runs in a web browser. Apps and services are used to communicate/transfer information/data that allow students to perform actions/tasks that assist them in attaining educational achievement goals/objectives, enable staff to monitor and assess their students' progress, and allow staff to perform other tasks related to their employment. Apps and services also are used to facilitate communication to, from and among and between, staff, students, and parents, Board members and/or other stakeholders and members of the community.

### **Board**

The Board of Education.

### **Bylaw**

Rule of the Board for its own governance.

### **Classified or Support Employee**

An employee who provides support to the District's program and whose position does not require a professional certificate.

### **District**

The School District.

### **Due Process**

Procedural due process requires prior knowledge (a posted discipline code), notice of offense (accusation), and the opportunity to respond.

Procedural due process may require consideration of statutorily mandated factors, right to counsel and/or confrontation or cross-examination of witnesses, depending upon the situation.

### **Family Member**

"Family member" means a person's spouse or spouse's sibling or child; a person's sibling or sibling's spouse or child; a person's child or child's spouse; or a person's parent or parent's spouse, and includes these relationships as created by adoption or marriage. (See Bylaw 0144.3)

### **Full Board**

Authorized number of voting members entitled to govern the District.

### **May**

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is permitted but not required.

### **Meeting**

Any gathering which is attended by or open to all of the members of the Board held with the intent on the part of the members of the body present to discuss or act as a unit upon the specific public business of that body.

### **Parent**

The natural or adoptive parents, or individuals with a valid power of attorney for the care and custody of the student for purposes other than educational placement. Parent also refers to any individual appointed by the State or court as a legal guardian or custodian for the student. Both parents will have equal access to records and rights regarding the student's education absent a court order restricting such rights.

### **Personal Communication Devices**

Personal communication devices ("PCDs") may include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, wireless communication devices ("WCDs"), cellular/mobile phones, smartphones, (x ) telephone paging devices (e.g., beepers or pagers), (x ) and/or other web-enabled devices of any type [END OF OPTIONS].

### **Policy**

A general, written statement by the Governing Board which defines its expectations or position on a particular matter and authorizes appropriate action that must or may be taken to establish and/or maintain those expectations.

### **President**

The chief executive officer of the Board of Education. (See Bylaw 0170)

### **Principal**

The educational leader and head administrator of one (1) or more District schools or programs, as designated by the Board of Education. The Principal must hold an appropriate school administrator certificate or permit. The Principal is responsible for the supervision of the school or program consistent with Board policy and directives of the Superintendent and may delegate responsibility to subordinates as appropriate.

### **Professional Staff Member**

An employee who implements or supervises one (1) or more aspects of the District's program and whose position requires a professional credential from the State.

### **Relative**

The mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, parent of spouse, child, grandparents, grandchild, or dependent in the immediate household as defined in the negotiated, collectively-bargained agreement.

### **Secretary**

The chief clerk of the Board of Education. (See Bylaw 0170)

### **Shall**

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is required. (The word "will" or "must" also signifies a required action.)

### **Social Media**

Social media are online platforms where users engage one another and/or share information and ideas through text, video, or pictures. Social media consists of any form of online publication or presence that allows interactive communication, including, but not limited to, text messaging, instant messaging, websites, weblogs ("blogs"), wikis, online forums (e.g., chat rooms), virtual worlds, and social networks. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Google Hangouts, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr, Instagram, Pinterest, Skype, and Facetime. Social media does not include sending or receiving e-mail through the use of District-issued e-mail accounts. Apps and web services shall not be considered social media unless they are listed on the District's website as District-approved social media platforms/sites.

### **Student**

A person who is officially enrolled in a school or program of the District.

### **Superintendent**

The chief executive officer of the School District is responsible to supervise all programs and staff of the District and to implement Board policy and follow Board directives. The Superintendent must hold an appropriate school administrator certificate or permit. Consistent with Board policies and directives, the Superintendent may delegate responsibility to subordinates as appropriate.

### **Technology Resources**

The Board defines Technology Resources to include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile telephones, smartphones, web-enabled devices, video and/or audio recording equipment, projectors, software and operating systems that work on any device, copy machines, printers and scanners, information storage devices (including mobile/portable storage devices such as external hard drives, CDs/DVDs, USB thumb drives and memory chips), the computer network, Internet connection, and online educational services and apps.

### **Treasurer**

The chief financial officer of the District. (See Bylaw 0170)

### **Vice-President**

The Vice-President of the Board of Education. (See Bylaw 0170)

### **Voting**

A vote at a meeting of the Board of Education. Except to accommodate the absence of any member of the Board due to military duty or for any other purpose permitted by law, board members must be physically present to have their vote officially recorded in the Board minutes.

Citations to Michigan Compiled Laws (M.C.L.) are shown as M.C.L. followed by the Section Number (e.g., M.C.L. 380.1438). Citations to the Michigan Administrative Code are prefaced A.C. Rule (e.g., A.C. Rule R380.221). Citations to the Federal Register are noted as FR, to the Code of Federal Regulations as C.F.R., and to the United States Code as U.S.C.

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### **New Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **1410 - STAFF ETHICS**

An effective educational program requires the services of men and women of integrity, high ideals, and human understanding. To maintain and promote these essentials, the Board of Education expects all administrators to maintain high standards in their working relationships, and in the performance of their professional duties, to:

##### **A. Responsibility to the Profession**

1. demonstrate responsibility for oneself as an ethical professional;
2. acknowledge, address, and attempt to resolve ethical issues in an appropriate manner;
3. promote and advance the profession within and beyond the school community;

##### **B. Responsibility to Professional Competence**

1. demonstrate commitment to high standards of practice;
2. demonstrate responsible use of data, materials, research, and assessment;
3. act in the best interest of all students;

##### **C. Responsibility to Students**

1. respect the rights and dignity of students;
2. demonstrate an ethic of care for students;
3. maintain student trust and confidentiality in a developmentally appropriate manner and within appropriate limits;

##### **D. Responsibility to the School Community**

1. promote effective and appropriate relationships with parents/guardians;
2. promote effective and appropriate relationships with colleagues;
3. promote effective and appropriate relationships with the community and other stakeholders;
4. promote effective and appropriate relationships with employers;
5. understand the problematic nature of dual or multiple relationships;

##### **E. Responsible and Ethical Use of Technology**

1. use technology in a responsible manner;

2. ensure student safety and well-being when using technology;
3. maintain confidentiality in the use of technology;
4. promote the appropriate use of technology in educational settings

In keeping with the ethical responsibilities of administrators, the Board prohibits staff from engaging in a romantic or sexual relationship of any kind with students of this District, regardless of the student's age. District staff should not provide alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, or any other contraband to a student.

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Michigan Code of Educational Ethics

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### 2370.01 - **ON-LINE/BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM**

The District shall provide eligible students the option of participating in on-line or blended learning courses. The purpose of the program is to make instruction available to eligible students using on-line and distance education technology in both traditional and nontraditional classroom settings. The District must make all eligible students and their parents or guardians aware of this program.

#### A. **Definitions**

1. **On-Line Learning** - Means a course of study that is capable of generating a credit or a grade, that is provided in an interactive internet-connected learning environment, in which students and their teachers are separated by time or location, or both, and in which the teacher is responsible for determining appropriate instructional methods for each student, diagnosing learning needs, assessing student learning, prescribing intervention strategies, reporting outcomes, and evaluating the effects of instruction and support strategies.
2. **Blended Learning** - A hybrid instructional delivery model where students are provided content, instruction, and assessment in part at the classroom, with a teacher, and in part through internet-connected learning environments with some degree of student control over time, location, and pace of instruction.

#### B. **Program Eligibility**

The District shall offer a program for students in Grades 6-12.

The District may offer a full time or part time program for grade 9-12 students enrolled in dropout prevention, academic intervention, core courses to meet graduation requirements, or dual enrollment programs.

#### C. **Course Availability and Access**

1. The District shall provide access to enroll and participate in the available courses and shall award credit, as may be appropriate, for successful completion. Access shall be available to eligible students during or after the school day and during summer school enrollment. The District will provide at least one of the following:
  - a. On-line Learning, pursuant to the requirements set forth in Pupil Accounting Manual 5-O-D.
  - b. Virtual Learning, pursuant to the requirements set forth in Pupil Accounting Manual 5-O-A.
  - c. Independent Study, pursuant to the requirements set forth in Pupil Accounting Manual 5-O-A.
2. The District shall enroll an eligible student in up to two (2) on-line courses as requested by the student during an academic term, semester, or trimester. Consent from the student's parent or legal guardian must be obtained for students under the age of eighteen (18), except that permission shall not be required if the course is being provided as permitted by M.C.L. 388.1621f(14), ~~which allows a district to provide online instruction for not more than fifteen (15) days per school year under specific circumstances.~~
3. A student may enroll in more than two (2) virtual courses in a specific academic term, semester, or trimester<sup>12</sup> if both of the following conditions are met:

- a. The District has determined that it is in the best interest of the student.
  - b. The student agrees with the recommendation of the District.
4. The District will provide two (2) or fewer courses per semester in Grades K-5 and one (1) or more courses per semester in Grades 6-12. If students are taking more than two (2) courses per semester, the guidance found in the Pupil Accounting Manual 5-0- B shall be followed and seat time waivers obtained.
  5. An eligible student may enroll in an on-line course published in the District on-line course syllabus, as described in section 8 below, or the statewide catalog of on-line courses maintained by the Michigan Virtual University.
  6. The District may deny a student enrollment in an on-line course if any of the following apply, as determined by the District:
    - a. The student is enrolled in any of the grades K to five (5).
    - b. The student has previously gained the credits provided from the completion of the on-line course.
    - c. The on-line course is not capable of generating academic credit.
    - d. The on-line course is inconsistent with the remaining graduation requirements or career interests of the student.
    - e. The student has not completed the prerequisite coursework for the requested virtual course or has not demonstrated proficiency in the prerequisite course content.
    - f. The on-line course is of insufficient quality or rigor. If the District denies a student enrollment for this reason, the District shall make a reasonable effort to assist the student in finding an alternative course in the same or a similar subject that is of acceptable rigor and quality.
    - g. The cost of the virtual course causes the District to exceed the target foundation allowance percentage.
    - h. The request for a virtual course enrollment was not made in the academic term, semester, trimester, or summer preceding the enrollment. This subsection does not apply to a request made by a student who is newly enrolled in the District.
    - i. If a student is denied enrollment in an on-line course by the District, the student may appeal the denial by submitting a letter to the Superintendent. The appeal must include the reason provided by the District for not enrolling the student and the reason why the student is claiming that the enrollment should be approved.
 

The Superintendent shall respond to the appeal within five (5) days after it is received. If the Superintendent determines that the denial of enrollment does not meet one (1) or more of the reasons specified in this subsection, the District shall allow the student to enroll in the on-line course.
  7. An on-line learning student shall have the same rights and access to technology in his/her District's school facilities as all other students enrolled in that District.
  8. If a student successfully completes an on-line course, as determined by the District, the District shall grant appropriate academic credit for completion of the course and shall count that credit toward completion of graduation and subject area requirements. A student's school record and transcript shall identify the on-line course title as it appears in the on-line course syllabus.
  9. The enrollment of a student in one (1) or more on-line courses shall not result in a student being counted as more than 1.0 full-time equivalent student under this act.

#### **D. Applicants**

1. If the number of nonresident applicants eligible for acceptance in an on-line course does not exceed the capacity of the District to provide the on-line course, the District shall accept for enrollment all of the nonresident applicants eligible for acceptance.

2. If the number of nonresident applicants exceeds the District's capacity to provide the on-line course, the District shall use a random draw system.
3. The District shall determine whether or not it has the capacity to accept applications for enrollment from nonresident applicants in online courses and may use that limit as the reason for refusal to enroll an applicant.

#### **E. Requirements Specific to On-Line Learning Courses**

To offer an on-line course, the District must:

1. Provide the Michigan Virtual University with the course syllabus in a form and method prescribed by the Michigan Virtual University for inclusion in a statewide on-line course catalog.
2. Provide on its publicly accessible website a link to the course syllabi for all of the on-line courses offered by the District and a link to the statewide catalog of on-line courses maintained by the Michigan Virtual University.
3. Assign to each student a teacher of record.
4. Offer the on-line course on an open entry and exit method, or aligned to a semester, trimester, or accelerated academic term format.

#### **F. On-line Course Syllabus**

The District must publish an on-line course syllabus for each on-line course offered. The on-line course syllabus must include:

1. An alignment document showing how the course meets applicable State academic standards.
2. On-line course content outline.
3. On-line course required assessments.
4. On-line course prerequisites.
5. Expectations for actual teacher contact time with the on-line learning student and other student-to-teacher communications.
6. Academic support available to the on-line learning student.
7. On-line course learning outcomes and objectives.
8. Name of the institution or organization providing the online content.
9. Name of the institution or organization providing the teacher of record.
10. The course titles assigned by the provider and the course titles and course codes from the National Center for Education Statistics school codes for the exchange of data.
11. Number of eligible nonresident students that will be accepted by the District in the on-line course. This may include limiting enrollment to students enrolled in the District.
12. Results of the on-line course quality review using the guidelines and model review process published by the Michigan Virtual University.

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M.C.L. 388.1621f

Michigan Department of Education Guidance on Best Practices as Defined in M.C.L.  
388.1622f

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### **Revised Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **2417 - COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION**

~~[NOTE: This policy is provided to address Best Practice Incentive for Fiscal Year 2012-13.]~~

The Board shall provide a comprehensive health education program that addresses the essential knowledge and skills that help students to become "health literate," ~~develop self-efficacy in health-related skills and knowledge, make~~ making the healthiest choices available, and ~~avoid~~ avoiding those behaviors that can cause damage to their health and well-being.

The Board shall comply with current state law in implementing comprehensive health education programs. In doing so, the Board shall adopt, implement, and evaluate a ~~research and evidence based comprehensive health education program that is effective, medically accurate, and developmentally appropriate~~ research-based, theory-driven comprehensive education program.

The District's comprehensive health education program shall strive to:

- A. provide ~~quality~~ at least fifty (50) hours of health education instruction at every grade level, from Pre-kindergarten through grade twelve (12), ~~facilitated by qualified, properly endorsed educators in partnership with families~~ to give all students sufficient time to learn health skills and habits for a lifetime;
- B. ~~align instruction with~~ help students master the Michigan Health Education ~~Standards Guidelines Content Standards and Benchmarks~~;
- C. focus on helping young people develop and practice personal, ~~social, and emotional competencies and social skills, such as communication and decision making, in order~~ to deal effectively with health-risk situations;
- D. use active, participatory instructional strategies ~~within safe and supportive learning environments consistent with State guidelines~~ to engage all students;
- E. address social and media influences on student behaviors and help students identify healthy alternatives to specific high-risk behaviors;
- F. emphasize critical knowledge and skills that students need in order to obtain, understand, and use ~~valid and reliable health information, products, services, and resources~~ basic health information and services in ways that enhance healthy living, ~~including skills for research, reasoning, critical thinking, and problem solving~~;
- G. focus on behaviors that have the greatest effect on health, especially those related to nutrition; physical activity; violence and injury; alcohol and other drug use; tobacco use; ~~mental and emotional health; healthy relationships; and sexual behaviors that may increase the risk of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and sexual behaviors that lead to HIV, sexually transmitted disease,~~ or unintended pregnancy, emphasizing ~~both their~~ short-term and long-term consequences ~~and strategies for prevention, including abstinence~~;
- H. build functional knowledge and skills, from year to year, that are developmentally appropriate, ~~trauma-responsive, inclusive, and culturally responsive;~~ and

- I. include **medically** accurate and up-to-date information, and be appropriate to students' developmental levels, personal behaviors, and cultural backgrounds; ~~and~~
- J. **incorporate personal safety skills, maintaining personal boundaries.**

### Assessment

Student work in health education courses **may be regularly assessed and the District may determine how course grades factor into** ~~shall be regularly assessed and graded using performance-based items that are aligned with the health education content standards. Course grades shall be determined in the same manner as other subject areas and shall be included in calculations of~~ grade point average, class rank, and academic recognition programs.

### Collaborative Approach

Collaborative and integrative approaches shall be used in the teaching of health education. The health education program is one component of a coordinated school health program and shall be coordinated with other school health initiatives. **If the District includes sex education as part of its comprehensive health education program, a sex education advisory board shall be established in accordance with M.C.L. 380.1507. In fostering a collaborative approach with the school, parents shall have the right to opt their child out of sex education instruction without penalty or loss of academic credit.**

Health topics shall be integrated into the instruction of other subjects, with the assistance of school health education professionals, in order to complement the health education program.

The District will collaborate with community organizations to provide student learning opportunities in both the classroom and the community. Participation in community opportunities for service learning related to health and utilization of community resources as a part of classroom instruction shall be in accordance with policies of the Board and relevant to course objectives.

The District shall partner with parents/guardians and families, who are recognized as the first and primary health educators of their children, in order to provide consistent messages regarding health behavior. Health education programs shall be consistent with school and community standards that support positive parent/child communications and guidance.

### Implementation

The Board shall employ **highly** qualified teachers of health education **with the appropriate endorsements and credentials.** Such teachers shall possess the necessary qualifications, skills, and training **as specified by Michigan law and the Michigan Department of Education. Such qualifications for teachers to provide instruction in health education include the appropriate endorsement as specified by the Michigan Department of Education. To provide instruction in sex education, teachers must meet the qualification requirements of M.C.L. 380.1507(5)** ~~essential to perform their duties well, and shall serve as positive role models by demonstrating healthy behaviors.~~

Teachers shall have received quality professional development in health education through their pre-service preparation or through in-service training.

~~In order to teach health in secondary health courses, a teacher must have an endorsement in health or family and consumer sciences on their secondary level teaching certificate.~~

The Board supports ongoing professional development activities specifically related to health education, including practice using strategies designed to positively influence students' health behaviors and attitudes.

The Board shall evaluate its policies and implementation of District efforts that promote health literacy and healthy behaviors among all students. The District shall utilize available funds effectively in providing health education services and shall work with local partners in pursuit of additional resources to provide comprehensive school health education programming, professional development, and classroom materials.

**M.C.L. 380.1502, 380.1169, 380.1170, 380.1507**

Michigan State Board of Education Policy on Comprehensive School Health Education  
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### **Revised Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **2418 - SEX EDUCATION**

In accordance with Michigan statute **and the Michigan Health Education Standard Guidelines**, the Board of Education authorizes instruction in sex education. Such instruction may include family planning, human sexuality, and the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic, and social aspects of family life. Instruction may also include the subjects of reproductive health, **consent education**, and the recognition, prevention, and treatment of sexually transmitted **infections ("STIs")**, including HIV/AIDS ~~diseases~~.

The instruction described in this policy shall ~~emphasize~~ **stress** that abstinence from sex is **the only protection that is 100% effective against unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and HIV**. Instruction shall also articulate the benefits of abstinence, postponing sexual activity, and setting personal limits based on individual beliefs and values ~~a responsible and effective method of preventing unplanned or out-of-wedlock pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and is a positive lifestyle for unmarried young people~~.

Such instruction shall be elective and not a requirement for graduation.

A student shall not be enrolled in a class in which the subjects of family planning or reproductive health are discussed unless the student's parent or guardian is notified in advance of the course and the content of the course, is given a prior opportunity to review the materials to be used in the course and is notified in advance of the parent's/guardian's right to have the student excused from the class. The Michigan Board of Education shall determine the form and content of the notice required in this policy.

Upon the written request of a student or the student's parent or legal guardian, the student shall be excused, without penalty or loss of academic credit, from attending a class described in this policy. If a parent or guardian submits a continuing written notice, the student will not be enrolled in a class described in this policy unless the parent or guardian submits a written authorization for that enrollment.

The District shall provide the instruction by teachers qualified to teach health education. Material and instruction in a sex education curriculum shall be **developmentally appropriate, age-appropriate, medically accurate** ~~age appropriate, not medically inaccurate~~, and shall comply with the statutory requirements of M.C.L. 380.1507b **and align with the Michigan Health Education Standard Guidelines**.

**Instruction shall be organized around grade spans (3-5, 6-8, 9-12) and shall address content areas appropriate to each span as detailed in AG 2418 and aligned with the Michigan Health Education Standard Guidelines.**

**If a district chooses to include sex education as part of its comprehensive health education program, the district shall** ~~The Board~~ shall establish a sex education advisory board and shall determine terms of service for the sex education advisory board, the number of members to serve on the advisory board, and a membership selection process that reasonably reflects the District's population. The Board shall appoint two (2) co-chairs for the advisory board, at least one (1) of whom is a parent of a child attending a District school. At least one-half (1/2) of the members of the sex education advisory board shall be parents who have a child attending a District school, and a majority of these parent members shall be individuals who are not employed by the District. The sex education advisory board shall include students of the District, educators, local clergy, and community health professionals. Written or electronic notice of a sex education advisory board meeting shall be sent to each member at least two (2) weeks before the date of the meeting. 19

The sex education advisory board shall:

- A. Establish program goals and objectives for student knowledge and skills that are likely to reduce the rates of **sexual activity**, sex, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted **infections** diseases. ~~Additional program goals and objectives may be established by the sex education advisory board that are not contrary to Michigan law.~~
- B. Review the materials and methods of instruction used and make recommendations to the Board for implementation. The advisory board shall take into consideration the District's needs, demographics, and trends including, but not limited to, teenage pregnancy rates, **STI** ~~sexually transmitted disease~~ rates, and incidents of student sexual violence and harassment.
- C. At least once every two (2) years, evaluate, measure, and report the attainment of program goals and objectives established by the advisory board. The Board shall make the resulting report available to parents in the District.

Before adopting any revisions in the materials or methods used in instruction under this policy including, but not limited to, revisions to provide for the teaching of abstinence from sex as a method of preventing unplanned or out-of-wedlock pregnancy and **STI** ~~sexually transmitted disease~~, the Board shall hold at least two (2) public hearings on the proposed revisions. The hearings shall be held at least one (1) week apart and public notice of the hearings shall be given in the manner required for Board meetings. A public hearing held pursuant to this section may be held in conjunction with a public hearing held pursuant to M.C.L. 380.1169.

**Teachers providing instruction at the secondary level (Grades 6-12) must hold appropriate endorsements as specified by Michigan statute and the Michigan Department of Education. Instruction in health and sex education shall comply with the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and all applicable laws, including parent opt-out provisions.** ~~Each person who provides instruction to K to twelve (12) students in accordance with this policy shall receive training based on District approved standards and in accordance with training requirements of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).~~

No person shall dispense or otherwise distribute, in a District school or on District school property, a family planning drug or device.

For purposes of this policy, "family planning" means the use of a range of methods of fertility regulation to help individuals or couples avoid unplanned pregnancies; bring about wanted births; regulate the intervals between pregnancies; and plan the time at which births occur in relation to the age of parents. It may include the study of fetology. It may include marital and genetic information. Clinical abortion shall not be considered a method of family planning, nor shall abortion be taught as a method of reproductive health.

M.C.L. 380.1169, **380.1170, 380.1310b, 380.1507, 380.1507a, 380.1507b**  
**Act 453 of 1976, as amended by Public Act 6 of 2023 (Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act)**

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### **Renumber/Rescind Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **~~3120.09~~ VOLUNTEERS**

~~The Board of Education recognizes that certain programs and activities can be enhanced through the use of volunteers who have particular knowledge or skills that will be helpful to members of the professional staff responsible for the conduct of those programs and activities.~~

~~The Superintendent shall be responsible for recruiting community volunteers, reviewing their capabilities, and making appropriate placements. S/He shall not be obligated to make use of volunteers whose abilities are not in accord with District needs.~~

~~[ ] Any individual who volunteers to work in the schools or on any school sponsored activity shall submit to a criminal history records check, prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.~~

~~[ ] Any volunteer who works with or has access to students shall submit to a criminal history records check, prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.~~

~~[ ] Any person who volunteers to work with the District shall be screened through the Internet sites for the Sex Offenders Registry (SOR) list, the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT) criminal history records check, and the Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS) prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.~~

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~~The Superintendent is to inform each volunteer that s/he:~~

- ~~A. shall agree to abide by all Board policies and District guidelines while on duty as a volunteer including signing, if appropriate, the District's Network and Internet Access Agreement Forms;~~
- ~~B. will be covered under the District's liability policy but the District cannot provide any type of health insurance to cover illness or accident incurred while serving as a volunteer, nor is the person eligible for workers compensation;~~
- ~~C. will be asked to sign a form releasing the District of any obligation should the volunteer become ill or receive an injury as a result of his/her volunteer services.~~

~~The Superintendent shall also ensure that each volunteer is properly informed of the District's appreciation for his/her time and efforts in assisting the operation of the schools.~~

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### **Rescind Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **~~4120.09~~ VOLUNTEERS**

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### **New Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **4210 - STAFF ETHICS**

An effective educational program requires the services of men and women of integrity, high ideals, and human understanding. To maintain and promote these essentials, the Board of Education expects all support staff members to maintain high standards in their working relationships, and in the performance of their professional duties, to:

##### **A. Responsibility to the Profession**

1. demonstrate responsibility for oneself as an ethical professional;
2. acknowledge, address, and attempt to resolve ethical issues in an appropriate manner;
3. promote and advance the profession within and beyond the school community;

##### **B. Responsibility to Professional Competence**

1. demonstrate commitment to high standards of practice;
2. demonstrate responsible use of data, materials, research, and assessment;
3. act in the best interest of all students;

##### **C. Responsibility to Students**

1. respect the rights and dignity of students;
2. demonstrate an ethic of care for students;
3. maintain student trust and confidentiality in a developmentally appropriate manner and within appropriate limits;

##### **D. Responsibility to the School Community**

1. promote effective and appropriate relationships with parents/guardians;
2. promote effective and appropriate relationships with colleagues;
3. promote effective and appropriate relationships with the community and other stakeholders;
4. promote effective and appropriate relationships with employers;
5. understand the problematic nature of dual or multiple relationships;

##### **E. Responsible and Ethical Use of Technology**

1. use technology in a responsible manner;

2. ensure student safety and well-being when using technology;
3. maintain confidentiality in the use of technology;
4. promote the appropriate use of technology in educational settings

In keeping with the ethical responsibilities of the support staff, the Board prohibits staff from engaging in a romantic or sexual relationship of any kind with students of this District, regardless of the student's age. District staff should not provide alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, or any other contraband to a student.

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### **Replacement Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **5136 - WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES (WCDs)**

Students are prohibited from using a wireless communications device ("WCD") on school grounds during instructional time. A WCD is an electronic device capable of, but not limited to, text messaging, voice communication, entertainment, navigation, accessing the internet, sending and receiving photos and videos, or producing email. A WCD does not include a basic telephone, which is a device primarily used for voice calling that cannot support third-party applications, except those preinstalled, and does not support access to internet platforms via applications or web browsers.

For purposes of this policy, school grounds means a building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children or used for functions and events sponsored by a school. School grounds does not include a building used primarily for adult education or college extension courses.

**Students may use personal communication devices (WCDs) before and after school, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), or at school-related functions. Use of WCDs, except those listed below, at any other time is prohibited and they must be powered completely off (i.e., not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored in locker.**

The prohibition on WCD use does not apply to the following:

- A. Medically necessary devices.
- B. District-owned devices including, but not limited to, school-issued tablets and laptops.
- C. Devices designated by the District to be used for instructional purposes.
- D. Devices used for special education programming or devices provided as an accommodation to students as required under Section 504 of Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, or as part of an individualized education plan under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12131 to 12165.
- E. Lesson-specific academic assignments, at the limited and direct discretion of a classroom teacher.
- F. Emergency situations. Use of a WCD under this exemption must not interfere with school emergency protocols or the actions of first responders, and must not endanger students or faculty. A protocol for when and how pupils are permitted to use wireless communications devices during an emergency is included in the District's Emergency Operations Plan (Policy 8402).

**[SELECT OPTION A, OPTION B, OR OPTION C - (DRAFTING NOTE: M.C.L. 380.1303a (Public Act 2 of 2026) requires the policy to include enforcement language, but does not specify what that language must say. The following is optional language for the district to consider.)]**

#### **[OPTION A]**

Students who violate this policy by using a WCD on school grounds during instructional time will be subject to discipline in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

**~~END OF OPTION A]~~**

~~[ ] [OPTION B]~~

~~Students who violate this policy by using a WCD on school grounds during instructional time will be subject to the following progressive disciplinary measures:~~

- ~~A. First Offense: Verbal warning and confiscation of the device until the end of the school day.~~
- ~~B. Second Offense: Confiscation of the device with parent/guardian notification and required parent/guardian pickup.~~
- ~~C. Third Offense: Confiscation of the device, parent/guardian conference, and additional disciplinary action as determined by school administration.~~

~~These enforcement mechanisms are designed to achieve the goals of this policy.~~

~~[END OF OPTION B]~~

~~[ ] [OPTION C]~~

~~Enforcement mechanism language as drafted by the District.~~

~~[END OF OPTION C]~~

~~[DRAFTING NOTE: CHOOSE OPTION #1, OPTION #2, OR OPTION #3]~~

~~[ ] [OPTION #1]~~

~~The use of WCDs that contain built in cameras (i.e., devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) is prohibited in ( ) classrooms, ( ) gymnasiums, [END OF OPTIONS] locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms ( ) and/or swimming pool [END OF OPTION].~~

~~[END OF OPTION #1]~~

~~[ ] [OPTION #2]~~

~~The use of WCDs in ( ) classrooms, ( ) gymnasiums, [END OF OPTIONS] locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms ( ) and/or swimming pool [END OF OPTION] is prohibited.~~

~~[END OF OPTION #2]~~

[OPTION #3]

WCDs, including, but not limited to, those with cameras, may not be activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include, but are not limited to, ( ) classrooms, ( ) gymnasiums, [END OF OPTIONS] locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms, and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes. The Superintendent and building principals are authorized to determine other specific locations and situations where use of a WCD is absolutely prohibited.

**[END OF OPTION #3]**

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of WCDs on school premises/property.

Students may not use a WCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, or intimidated. See Policy 5517.01 – Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior. In particular, students are prohibited from using WCDs to: (1) transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon their race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, ancestry, or political beliefs; and (2) engage in "sexting" - i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails or other materials of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form. Violation of these prohibitions shall result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, such actions will be reported to local law enforcement and child services as required by law.

Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture, record, and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using WCDs to receive such information.

A copy of the District's Wireless Communications Devices policy shall be posted on the District's website.

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### 6320 - PURCHASING

Procurement of all supplies, materials, equipment, and services paid for from District funds shall be made in accordance with all applicable Federal and State statutes, Board policies, and administrative procedures. Standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts are established in Policy 1130, Policy 3110, and Policy 4110 – Conflict of Interest.

All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that encourages full and open competition and in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgement.

Each year the State of Michigan informs the School of the legal amount for purchases which require a formal bidding process of a single item.

It is the policy of the Board that the Superintendent adhere to the following:

- A. Seek informal price quotations on purchases that are under fifty percent (50%) of the amount allowed by State statute for a single item, except in cases of emergency or when the materials purchased are of such a nature that price negotiations would not result in a savings to the School.
- B. When the purchase of, and contract for, single items of supplies, materials, or equipment is in excess of fifty percent (50%) but less than the amount allowed by State statute the Superintendent shall whenever possible, require three (3) competitive price quotations.

Purchases in a single transaction that are in excess of the dollar amount permitted by State statute shall require competitive bids and, whenever possible, have at least three (3) such bids for substantiation of purchase and shall require approval of the Board prior to purchase.

### Competitive Bids

Michigan's Revised School Code (M.C.L. 380.623a, 380.1267, and 380.1274) establishes a base above which competitive bids must be obtained for school construction projects (including renovation, repair, or remodeling) and procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment. This requirement does not apply to buildings, renovations, or repairs costing less than the amount specified in Michigan's Revised School Code. **[DRAFTING NOTE: The maximum amount specified in this subsection shall be adjusted each year by multiplying the amount for the immediately preceding year by the percentage by which the average consumer price index for all items for the twelve (12) months ending August 31 of the year in which the adjustment is made differs from that index's average for the twelve (12) months ending on August 31 of the immediately preceding year and adding that product to the maximum amount that applied in the immediately preceding year, rounding to the nearest whole dollar. The state laws also provide for an increase in the base amount corresponding to increases in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). For fiscal year 2026, which began on Wednesday, October 1, the base amount for Section 1267 (pertaining to construction, renovation, repair, or remodeling) and the new base for Sections 623a and 1274 (pertaining to procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment) are each \$31,321.]**

**[x ]** In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions shall be present:

- A. a complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;

- B. two (2) or more responsible bidders have been identified as willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and
- C. the procurement lends itself to a firm, fixed-price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally based on price.

When sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

- A. Bids shall be solicited in accordance with the provisions of State law and this policy. Bids shall be solicited from (x) an adequate number of [END OF OPTION] qualified suppliers, providing sufficient response time prior to the date set for the opening of bids. The invitation to bid shall be publicly advertised.
- B. The invitation for bids must define the items or services with specific information, including any required specifications, for the bidder to properly respond.
- C. All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids; bids will be opened publicly.
- D. A firm, fixed-price contract is awarded in writing to the lowest responsive bid and responsible bidder. When specified in the invitation for bids, factors such as discounts, transportation costs, and life cycle costs shall be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts must only be used to determine the low bid when the District determines they are a valid factor based on prior experience.
- E. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, but must document and provide a justification for all bids it rejects for sound documented reason.

Competitive bids are not required for items purchased through the cooperative bulk purchasing program operated by the Michigan Department of Management and Budget pursuant to M.C.L. 18.1263.

Competitive bids are not required for food purchases, unless food purchased in a single transaction costs \$100,000 or more.

Bids shall be sealed and shall be opened by the Superintendent in the presence of at least one (1) witness. All orders or contracts should be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; however, consideration can be given to:

- A. the quality of the item(s) to be supplied;
- B. its conformity with specifications;
- C. suitability to the requirements of the school;
- D. delivery terms;
- E. past performance of vendor.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Contracts may be awarded by the Superintendent without Board approval for any single item or group of identical items costing less than allowed by State statute. All other contracts require Board approval prior to purchase.

### **Bid Protest**

A bidder who wishes to file a bid protest must file such notice and follow procedures prescribed by the Request For Proposals (RFP) or the individual bid specifications package, for resolution. Bid protests must be filed in writing with the Office of the Superintendent within seventy-two (72) hours of the opening of the bids in protest.

Within five (5) days of receipt of a protest, the Superintendent shall review the protest as submitted and render a decision regarding the merits of the protest and any impact on the acceptance and rejection of bids submitted. Notice of the filing of a bid protest shall be communicated to the Board and shall be so noted in any subsequent recommendation for the acceptance of bids and awarding of contracts.

Failure to file a notice of intent to protest, or failure to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings.

### **General Provisions**

The Superintendent is authorized to purchase all items within budget allocations.

The Superintendent is authorized to make emergency purchases, without prior approval, of those goods and/or services needed to keep the school in operation. Such purchases shall be brought to the Board’s attention at the next regular meeting.

In order to promote efficiency and economy in the operation of the school, the Board requires that the Superintendent periodically estimate requirements for standard items or classes of items and make quantity purchases on a bid basis to procure the lowest cost consistent with good quality.

Whenever storage facilities or other conditions make it impractical to receive total delivery at any one time, the total quantity to be shipped but with staggered delivery dates, shall be made a part of the bid specifications.

Before placing a purchase order, the Superintendent shall check as to whether the proposed purchase is subject to bid, whether sufficient funds exist in the budget, and whether the material might be available elsewhere in the school. All purchase orders shall be numbered consecutively.

The Superintendent shall determine the amount of purchase which shall be allowed without a properly signed purchase order. Employees may be held personally responsible for anything purchased without a properly signed purchase order or authorization.

The Board may acquire office equipment as defined in law by lease, by installment payments, by entering into lease-purchase agreements, or by lease with an option to purchase, provided the contract sets forth the terms of such a purchase.

**Procurement – Federal Grants**

The Superintendent shall maintain a procurement and contract administration system in accordance with the USDOE requirements (34 CFR 80.36) for the administration and management of Federal grants and federally-funded programs. The District shall maintain a compliance system that requires contractors to perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders. Except as otherwise noted, procurement transactions shall conform to the provisions of this policy and administrative guidelines (AG 6320).

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Cross References [po6350 - PREVAILING WAGE](#)

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### 6325 - PROCUREMENT – FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS

Procurement of all supplies, materials, equipment, and services paid for from Federal funds or District matching funds shall be made in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local statutes and/or regulations, the terms and conditions of the Federal grant, Board of Education policies, and administrative procedures.

The Superintendent shall have and use a procurement and contract administration system in accordance with the USDOE requirements (2200.317-.326), including affirmative steps for small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises, for the administration and management of Federal grants and Federally-funded programs. The District shall maintain oversight that requires contractors to perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders. Except as otherwise noted, procurement transactions shall conform to the provisions of the District's documented general purchasing Policy 6320 and AG 6320A.

When required by Federal program legislation, all Federally-funded contracts in excess of \$2,000 related to construction, alteration, repairs, painting, decorating, etc. must comply with Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements.

All District employees, officers, and agents who have purchasing authority shall abide by the standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees, officers, and agents engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts as established in Policy 1130, Policy 3110 and Policy 4110 – Conflict of Interest.

The District will avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Additionally, consideration shall be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase, and, where appropriate, an analysis shall be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach. These considerations are given as part of the process to determine the allowability of each purchase made with Federal funds.

To foster greater economy and efficiency, the District may enter into State and local intergovernmental agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

### Competition

All procurement transactions for the acquisition of property or services required under a Federal award paid for from Federal funds or District matching funds shall be conducted in a manner that encourages full and open competition and that is in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment. In order to promote objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, the District shall exclude any contractor that has developed or drafted specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals from competition for such procurements.

Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;
- B. unnecessary experience and excessive bonding requirements;
- C. noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;

- D. noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
- E. organizational conflicts of interest;
- F. specification of only a 'brand name' product instead of allowing for an 'or equal' product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- G. any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

Further, the District does not use statutorily or administratively imposed State, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, unless (1) an applicable Federal statute expressly mandates or encourages a geographic preference; or (2) the District is contracting for architectural and engineering services, in which case geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

To the extent that the District uses a pre-qualified list of persons, firms, or products to acquire goods and services that are subject to this policy, the pre-qualified list includes enough qualified sources as to ensure maximum open and free competition. The District allows vendors to apply for consideration to be placed on the list open continuously.

The District shall require that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to provide maximum open and free competition. The District shall not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

### **Solicitation Language (Purchasing Procedures)**

The District shall have written procurement procedures that require that all solicitations made pursuant to this policy incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description shall not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, shall set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it shall conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible.

When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a 'brand name or equivalent' description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which shall be met by offers shall be clearly stated; and identify all requirements which the offerors shall fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

The Board will not approve any expenditure for an unauthorized purchase or contract.

### **Procurement Methods**

The District shall have and use documented procedures, consistent with the standards described above for the following methods of procurement:

#### **A. Informal Procurement Methods**

When the value of the procurement for property or services under a Federal award does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, or a lower threshold established by the State, formal procurement methods are not required. The District may use informal procurement methods to expedite the completion of its transactions and minimize the associated administrative burden and cost. The informal methods used for procurement of property or services at or below the simplified acquisition threshold include:

##### **1. Micro-purchases**

Procurement by micropurchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed ~~\$15,000~~ ~~\$10,000~~. To the maximum extent practicable, the District should distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be made without soliciting competitive quotations if Superintendent considers the price to be reasonable based on research, experience, purchase history, or other relevant information, and documents are filed accordingly. The District shall maintain evidence of this reasonableness in the records of all purchases made by this method.

##### **2. Small Purchases**

Small purchases include the acquisition of property or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which is

higher than the micro-purchase threshold but does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold as established by the state annually. Small purchase procedures require that price or rate quotations shall be obtained from two (2) qualified sources.

Districts are responsible for determining an appropriate simplified acquisition threshold based on internal controls, an evaluation of risk, and its documented procurement procedures which must not exceed the threshold established in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). When applicable, a lower simplified acquisition threshold used by the non-Federal entity must be authorized or not prohibited under State, local, or tribal laws or regulations.

## **B. Formal Procurement Methods**

When the value of the procurement for property or services under a Federal award exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, or a lower threshold established by the State, formal procurement methods are required. Formal procurement methods require following documented procedures. Formal procurement methods also require public advertising unless a non-competitive procurement method can be used in accordance with the standards on competition in C.F.R. 200.319 or non-competitive procurement. The formal methods of procurement are:

### **1. Sealed Bids**

Sealed, competitive bids shall be obtained when the purchase of, and contract for, single items of supplies, materials, or equipment which amounts to more than the amount allowed by Michigan statute and when the Board determines to build, repair, enlarge, improve, or demolish a school building/facility the cost of which will exceed the amount allowed by Michigan statute.

In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions shall be present:

- a. a complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;
- b. two (2) or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and
- c. the procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.

When sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

- a. Bids shall be solicited in accordance with the provisions of State law and Policy 6320. Bids shall be solicited from an adequate number of qualified suppliers, providing sufficient response time prior to the date set for the opening of bids. The invitation to bid shall be publicly advertised.
- b. The invitation for bids will include product/contract specifications and pertinent attachments and shall define the items and/or services required in order for the bidder to properly respond.
- c. All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids; bids will be opened publicly.
- d. A firm, fixed-price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsible bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs shall be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts may only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken.
- e. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids for sound documented reason.

### **2. Proposals**

Procurement by proposals is a method in which either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. Proposals are generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids or in the case of a recognized exception to the sealed bid method. Like sealed bids, Federal law does not require a competitive proposal unless the procurement is for over \$250,000. The State/District may set a lower threshold for sealed bids and competitive proposals. Michigan law stipulates a threshold for which sealed bids are required.

If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

- a. Requests for proposals shall be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to the publicized requests for proposals shall be considered to the maximum extent practical.
- b. Proposals shall be solicited from an adequate number of sources.
- c. The District shall use its written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients.
- d. Contracts shall be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered.

The District may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in the procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

### 3. Noncompetitive Procurement

Procurement by noncompetitive proposals allows for solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

- a. micro-purchases
- b. the item is available only from a single source
- c. the public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from publicizing a competitive solicitation
- d. the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the District
- e. after solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined to be inadequate

#### Domestic Preference for Procurement

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the District shall, to the extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. Such requirements shall be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under the Federal award.

#### Contract/Price Analysis

The District shall perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of ~~\$350,000~~ \$250,000, including contract modifications. A cost analysis generally means evaluating the separate cost elements that make up the total price, while a price analysis means evaluating the total price, without looking at the individual cost elements.

The method and degree of analysis are dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation; however, the District shall come to an independent estimate prior to receiving bids or proposals.

When performing a cost analysis, the District shall negotiate profit as a separate element of the price. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration is given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

#### Time and Materials Contracts

The District uses a time-and-materials type contract only (1) after a determination that no other contract is suitable, and (2) if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. A time-and-materials type contract means a contract whose cost to the District is the sum of the actual costs of materials, and direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit. 34

Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, the District sets a ceiling price for each contract that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the District shall assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

### **Suspension and Debarment**

The District will award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed procurement. All purchasing decisions shall be made in the best interests of the District and shall seek to obtain the maximum value for each dollar expended. When making a purchasing decision, the District shall consider such factors as (1) contractor integrity; (2) compliance with public policy; (3) record of past performance; and (4) financial and technical resources.

The Superintendent shall have the authority to suspend or debar a person/corporation, for cause, from consideration or award of further contracts. The District is subject to and shall abide by the nonprocurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, 2 C.F.R. Part 180.

Suspension is an action taken by the District that immediately prohibits a person from participating in covered transactions and transactions covered under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 C.F.R. chapter 1) for a temporary period, pending completion of an agency investigation and any judicial or administrative proceedings that may ensue. A person so excluded is suspended. (2 C.F.R. Part 180 Subpart G)

Debarment is an action taken by the Superintendent to exclude a person from participating in covered transactions and transactions covered under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 C.F.R. chapter 1). A person so excluded is debarred. (2 C.F.R. Part 180 Subpart H)

The District shall not subcontract with or award subgrants to any person or company who is debarred or suspended. For contracts over \$25,000, the District shall confirm that the vendor is not debarred or suspended by either checking the Federal government's System for Award Management, which maintains a list of such debarred or suspended vendors at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov); collecting a certification from the vendor; or adding a clause or condition to the covered transaction with that vendor. (2 C.F.R. Part 180 Subpart C)

### **Bid Protest**

The District maintains the following protest procedures to handle and resolve disputes relating to procurements and, in all instances, discloses information regarding the protest to the awarding agency.

A bidder who wishes to file a bid protest shall file such notice and follow procedures prescribed by the Request For Proposals (RFPs) or the individual bid specifications package, for resolution. Bid protests shall be filed in writing with the Superintendent within seventy-two (72) hours of the opening of the bids in protest.

Within five (5) days of receipt of a protest, the Superintendent shall review the protest as submitted and render a decision regarding the merits of the protest and any impact on the acceptance and rejection of bids submitted. Notice of the filing of a bid protest shall be communicated to the Board and shall be so noted in any subsequent recommendation for the acceptance of bids and awarding of contracts.

Failure to file a notice of intent to protest, or failure to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings.

### **Maintenance of Procurement Records**

The District shall maintain records sufficient to detail the history of all procurements. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price (including a cost or price analysis).

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### **Replacement Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **7540.09 - ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)**

The Board acknowledges the positive impact and transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") in education and operations, emphasizing a balanced, people-centered approach. It supports the responsible and innovative use of AI in classrooms and professional settings, with the understanding that AI should enhance human interaction and instruction, not replace it, and all AI-driven decisions require human review. The Superintendent is authorized to support the use of artificial intelligence technology when its use is consistent with the District's mission, goals, and operational integrity. The ~~Superintendent~~  ~~Superintendent~~  Technology Director [END OF OPTIONS] is responsible for overseeing and ensuring compliance of this policy.

#### **Definitions**

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

#### **Artificial Intelligence ("AI")**

AI refers to systems or tools capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence including, but not limited to, decision-making, problem-solving, and language understanding. AI is computer code that can resemble human intelligence to complete a given task (e.g., problem-solving, planning, etc.). It involves developing algorithms and systems that can perceive, reason, learn, and make decisions based on data made available to the AI tool.

#### **Generative AI**

A subset of AI that uses large language models ("LLMs") and other advanced algorithms to create content, such as text, images, audio, or video, in response to user input.

Generative AI works by analyzing large datasets to learn patterns and features, which it then uses to generate new, original content. It uses complex algorithms, often based on neural networks, to make predictions based on the input data it has processed; thereby enabling it to create a wide range of outputs, from text and images to music and code, that mimic the style or characteristics of the data on which it was trained.

At its core, generative AI predicts the flows of language. Trained on massive amounts of text taken from publicly available internet sources to recognize the relationships that most commonly exist between individual units of meaning (including full or partial words, phrases, and sentences), LLMs can, with great frequency, generate replies to users' prompts that are contextually appropriate, linguistically facile, and factually correct.

#### **Natural Language Processing ("NLP")**

A field of artificial intelligence that focuses on enabling computers to understand, interpret, and respond to human language in a meaningful way. Examples of NLP include, but are not limited to, Grammarly, GPT-Based APIs, Google Cloud Natural Language AI, Microsoft Azure Text Analytics, IBM Watson NLP, Amazon Comprehend, etc.

#### **Large Language Model ("LLM")**

A sophisticated AI system trained on extensive text data to process and produce language; recognize patterns, grammar, and nuances. It can perform tasks like text generation, question answering, and language translation.

#### **Algorithm**

A set of rules or instructions guiding AI operations and decision-making.

## Personally Identifiable Data/Personal Data

Refers to any information that can directly or indirectly identify an individual including, but not limited to, names, addresses, student records, and health information.

## Proprietary Information/Data

Refers to a broad category of non-public, sensitive, or confidential data belonging to the District, its staff, or its operations. This information is considered the District's. This information is generally protected from unauthorized disclosure or use.

## Open AI ("Open-Source AI")

Definition: AI models where the developers openly share the model's architecture, underlying code, and often the "weights" (the learned parameters of the model), and sometimes the training data. Open AI models accessed publicly present a high risk of data release, as data input is often used for AI tool training and can be publicly available. Open AI models may require the District to implement and manage its own wrapper or filtering layer. As a result, it is not recommended that OpenAI tools/applications are used in districts due to the high potential of violating Federal and State laws. Open-Source AI also produces less reliable content, because it is accessing a pool of data that is not universally verified as accurate.

## Closed AI ("Closed-Source/Proprietary AI")

Definition: AI models where the developers obscure or protect the model's architecture, underlying code, training data, and weights. Users interact with the model via a restricted service. Closed AI may offer better, contractually-guaranteed data security (e.g., "enterprise" versions), but its "black box" nature still requires a formal audit and contract. Closed AI developers typically manage these filters internally. Closed-Source or Proprietary AI produces more reliable results because it is accessing data sources that are controlled and can be verified as accurate.

Any use of artificial intelligence technology in the District's educational program or operations must be in accordance with State and Federal law as well as Board policies. ~~( ) including, but not limited to, the following: Policy 5500 — Student Code of Classroom Conduct; Policy 5517 — Student Anti Harassment; Policy 5517.01 — Bullying; Policy 2266 — Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities; Policy 9330 — Student Records; Policy 2240 — Controversial Issues in the Classroom; Policy 7540.03 — Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; and Policy 7540.04 — Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety. [END OF OPTION]. [DRAFTING NOTE: Confirm and Select as Needed]~~

## General Principles

### A. Transparency

Users of AI tools must disclose when and how these tools have been employed in the creation of academic or professional work.

### B. Ethical Use

District employees who use AI technologies must do so in ways consistent with institutional values, privacy standards, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), copyright laws, and ethical principles, honesty, trustworthiness, and personal dignity of both employees and students.

### C. Content Responsibility

District employees who use AI technologies are responsible for the content created by that AI tool.

## Evaluation and Approval

Before adopting any AI tool or system, the District will conduct a comprehensive risk assessment — evaluating data sources (including use of student Personally Identifiable Information), decision-making impacts on students, potential bias or disparate impact, and vendor compliance with privacy, security, and data retention laws — and ensure all contracts include clear legal, ethical, and technical safeguards aligned with FERPA, IDEA, COPPA, PPR, Michigan statutes, and District policies. AI systems must be reviewed to ensure they are nondiscriminatory, fully accessible, and do not compromise the rights or individualized support of students, particularly those protected under federal and state civil rights laws.

## AI Tool Selection

The District approves the use of Closed AI tools only, that have been carefully reviewed, evaluated, and approved by  Technology Director  [e.g., IT Director, Curriculum Director, or a AI Committee] for student and staff use.

### Transparency

The District is committed to transparency and accountability in AI use by informing teachers, students, and parents when AI influences decisions, clearly explaining how it works and what data it uses, assigning oversight to  Technology Director  [e.g., IT Director, Curriculum Director, or a AI Committee], and conducting regular audits to evaluate accuracy, fairness, and impact on equity and student rights. The District will maintain a public AI Tool Inventory that lists every approved AI tool and includes a summary of its data-handling and privacy features.  The AI Tool Inventory will be posted on the District website. **[END OPTION]**

### Vendor Vetting & Contracts

All AI tools used by the District must undergo a formal risk assessment by the IT/Legal department to review their Terms of Service and data handling practices to ensure compliance with all Federal and State privacy laws. The District prohibits the input by any user of any student information, staff information, or confidential district data into any AI tool that does not have a formal, vetted contract guaranteeing data privacy and non-use for training.

### Employee Use of AI

Employees may integrate AI tools into their instruction at their discretion and should clearly define the parameters for AI usage in the classroom by students using District-approved AI applications/tools.

When using AI to create instructional materials, assessments, or feedback, employees shall maintain transparency by disclosing the role of AI in these processes. Employees must review and verify the accuracy and appropriateness of any AI-generated content.

Employees shall not input sensitive, confidential, personally identifiable, or proprietary information about students, colleagues, or institutional operations into AI systems that lack safeguards and policies to protect such data from being used in their training models, and if such information will be entered into an AI system, employees shall seek the approval of their  supervisor  Principal **[END OF OPTION]** before doing so.

Using AI detection software to enforce academic integrity should be done in accordance with the knowledge that this software is not foolproof and that the disruptive nature of AI technologies in education can lead to considerable confusion regarding expectations for AI use. Employees should use AI-detection ethically and as the starting point of an inquiry into a possible violation of academic integrity rather than as a definitive indication of student dishonesty. Employees must also disclose the use of AI software in course curricula.

Employees may use AI tools to enhance workflows, such as drafting communications, analyzing data, or developing reports, provided the outputs are verified for accuracy and compliance with State and Board policies. The use of AI tools for such purposes should be disclosed when disseminating AI output.

### Student Use of AI

Students shall receive age-appropriate instruction about responsible AI use, digital citizenship, privacy, and the risks/limitations of AI prior to using AI.

Students are expected to develop their own knowledge, skills, and understanding of course material rather than relying solely on AI tools, and they should ask their teacher(s) when they have questions and/or need assistance.

Students may use AI tools for academic purposes when specifically and clearly permitted by their teacher(s). The use of AI must be properly disclosed and cited in accordance with the established guidelines and not be employed to undermine authentic learning or learning objectives for the course or assignment.

If a student has any questions about whether they are permitted to use AI tools for a specific class assignment, they should ask their teacher(s).

Unauthorized use of AI tools will be considered a form of plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, or misrepresentation of AI-generated content as original work and any student found using these tools without permission or in a prohibited manner will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Handbook or Policy 5500 – Student Code of Conduct. **[DRAFTING NOTE: Confirm the Board has adopted this policy if included in this policy]**

### Academic Accessibility

AI tools can be utilized to assist students with disabilities in accessing and understanding written materials. For example, text-to-speech software can help students with specific learning disabilities, visual impairments, or other disabilities in reading texts, and AI-powered translation tools can help students with hearing impairments understand spoken language (e.g., create transcripts or provide closed-captioning for spoken material). Specific use of AI technologies beyond universal application for students with disabilities is best addressed in each student's Individual Education Plan ("IEP").

**Employee Training**

Employees will receive training ( ) annually ( ) periodically **[END OF OPTION]** to ensure adherence to this and other related policies, data privacy, student records, and allowable/approved AI tools in the District.

**Non-Academic Use of AI**

Students and staff are prohibited in the use of AI from generating false or knowingly misleading representations of other students, staff, volunteers, or Board members that are reasonably interpreted as derogatory, threatening, or otherwise objectionable to a reasonable person, including by way of AI generated or manipulated visual or verbal depictions of any such individual, or the distribution of such depictions through any means, for example via social media, regardless of whether the distributor created the depictions themselves.

**Enforcement**

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary consequences. Students may be disciplined for violations, up to and including suspension or expulsion. Staff may be disciplined for violations, up to and including suspension or termination of employment. The Superintendent will refer any illegal acts to law enforcement.

**Questions or Concerns**

Staff, parents, or members of the public who have questions or concerns regarding this policy or the use of AI in the District should contact the ( ) Superintendent ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **[END OF OPTION]**.

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- Cross References      po5500 - STUDENT CONDUCT
- po7540.03 - STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY
- po7540.04 - STAFF TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY

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### **Renumbered/Revised Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **8120.09~~3120.09~~ - VOLUNTEERS**

The Board of Education recognizes that certain programs and activities can be enhanced through the use of volunteers who have particular knowledge or skills that will be helpful to members of the professional staff responsible for the conduct of those programs and activities.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for recruiting community volunteers, reviewing their capabilities, and making appropriate placements. ~~The District/He~~ shall not be obligated to make use of volunteers whose abilities are not in accord with District needs.

#### **Volunteers for Athletic Activities**

Volunteers who direct, supervise, or coach a student activity program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity, or activities with health and safety considerations may be required to complete a sudden cardiac arrest training course. The qualifications may also include completion of a student mental health training course. The mental health training course may be combined with or part of another training course.

These volunteers will submit to a background check and take courses as may be required by the Michigan Department of Education ("MDE") and/or the Michigan High School Athletic Association ("MHSAA").

#### **General Requirements**

Any individual who volunteers to work in the schools or on any school-sponsored activity shall submit to a criminal history records check prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.

Any volunteer who works with or has access to students shall submit to a criminal history records check prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.

~~Any person who volunteers to work with the District shall be screened through the Internet sites for the Sex Offenders Registry ("SOR") list, the Internet Criminal History Access Tool ("ICHAT") criminal history records check, and the Offender Tracking Information System ("OTIS") prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.~~

~~Any volunteer who works with or has access to students shall be screened through the Internet sites for the Sex Offenders Registry ("SOR") list, the Internet Criminal History Access Tool ("ICHAT") criminal history records check, and the Offender Tracking Information System ("OTIS") prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.~~

The Superintendent is to inform each volunteer that ~~they/s/he~~:

- ~~are required to agree~~ to abide by all Board policies and District guidelines while on duty as a volunteer (including, but not limited to, the volunteer's obligation to keep confidential and not release or permit access to any and all student personally identifiable information to which they are exposed except as authorized by law) including signing, if appropriate, the District's Network and Internet Access Agreement Forms;
- will be covered under the District's liability policy but the District cannot provide any type of health insurance to cover illness or accident incurred while serving as a volunteer, nor is the person eligible for workers' compensation;

- C. will be asked to sign a form releasing the District of any obligation should the volunteer become ill or receive an injury as a result of ~~their~~his/her volunteer services;
- D. ~~(-) may not accept compensation from any third party or source including, but not limited to, booster, parent, or other District support organizations for the performance of their official duties as a volunteer on behalf of the Board.~~  
**[END OF OPTION]**

Furthermore, the Superintendent shall inform all volunteers who work or apply to work unsupervised with children on a regular basis of the need to display appropriate behavior at all times, and that ~~The Superintendent shall also ensure that each volunteer is properly informed of the District's appreciation for his/her time and efforts in assisting the operation of the schools.~~

**[CHOOSE OPTION #1 OR #2]**

**x ] [OPTION #1]**

they may be required to provide a set of fingerprints at any time so that a criminal records check can be conducted. If a criminal records check is then conducted, it will be done as a condition of continued service as a volunteer and will be at ~~(-) the Board's~~ **[OR]** **(x)** the volunteer's **[END OF OPTION]** expense.

**[ ] [OPTION #2]**

~~they will have to provide a set of fingerprints so that a criminal records check can be conducted (-) at the Board's expense (-) and that they will have to pay the costs associated with the criminal records check [END OF OPTION] either before they can begin their duties or as a condition of continued service as a volunteer at the discretion of the Board.~~

**[END OF OPTIONS]**

If a criminal records check indicates that a volunteer has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense that would preclude an individual from employment pursuant to M.C.L. 28.722, the volunteer will be informed either that the Board is no longer interested in maintaining their volunteer service or that the volunteer will be reassigned to duties in which they will not work unsupervised with children. Under no circumstances shall a volunteer with a disqualifying conviction under M.C.L. 28.722 be permitted to work unsupervised with children.

A volunteer with a disqualifying conviction under M.C.L. 28.722 may, at the Superintendent's discretion, be permitted to engage in limited volunteer activities — such as a family member reading aloud to a classroom — provided that: (i) a certificated District employee is present and directly supervising at all times; and (ii) the volunteer has no unsupervised contact with students at any point. The Superintendent may revoke this permission at any time.

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### **New Policy - Vol. 40, No. 2**

#### **8655 - SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH IEPs**

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide specialized transportation as a related service when it is necessary for a student with an individualized education program ("IEP") to receive a free appropriate public education ("FAPE"), consistent with the least restrictive environment ("LRE") requirements. Specialized transportation is defined under 34 C.F.R. 300.34(c) (16) and includes travel to and from school and between schools; travel in and around school buildings; and specialized equipment such as special or adapted buses, lifts, and ramps, if required to provide transportation for a student with an IEP.

The IEP Team shall determine whether specialized transportation is required based on the individual needs of the student and the student's access to education in the LRE, including nonacademic settings, in accordance with 34 C.F.R. 300.114 and 300.117. Transporting a student with an IEP separately from their peers shall be used only when necessary to meet the student's needs and after consideration of supplementary aids and services that could support the student on general education transportation. The IEP Team will consider whether the student can safely walk or use general education transportation to get to and from school and activities, and if not, whether disability-related medical, health, developmental, or behavioral needs necessitate specialized transportation. The IEP Team will also consider potential harmful effects on the student or the quality of services, consistent with 34 C.F.R. 300.116(d). Cost shall not be a factor in determining a student's need for specialized transportation as a related service. Any required specialized equipment or supports will be documented in the student's IEP.

Transportation options shall be selected in accordance with LRE principles and the student's documented needs and may include: general education vehicles without supplementary aids and services; general education vehicles with supplementary aids and services for specialized equipment; or specialized transportation vehicles when necessary for the student to receive FAPE. The IEP Team's determination shall address transportation to and from school and, as appropriate, nonacademic and extracurricular activities that are part of the student's IEP.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines to implement this policy and to ensure that transportation personnel receive the information necessary to carry out IEP-required transportation supports and services in compliance with Federal and State requirements.

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