

NOTICE OF MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

To be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at
3:30 PM

Administration Building – Boardroom

A G E N D A

ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING 2025-2026

Board President: Call to Order

“There being a quorum of the Board of Education present, I hereby call to order this Annual Re-organization Meeting of the Roslyn Union Free School District Board of Education on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.”

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

*****ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ACTIONS*****

District Clerk:

1. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members

Name: Alison Gilbert
Name: Robert Koonin

Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

“Please raise your right hand and repeat after me . .

2. Nomination for the Office of President of the Board for 2025-2026

“Nominations are now in order for the Office of President.”

Election of President:	Name(s)	
Motion	Second	Vote

3. Nomination for the Office of Vice President of the Board for 2025-2026

“Nominations are now in order for the Office of Vice President.”

Election of Vice President:	Name(s)	
Motion	Second	Vote

4. Administration of Oath of Office to President and Vice President

"Please raise your right hand and repeat after me"

STATEMENT FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD PRESIDENT

STATEMENT FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Board President

5. Administration of Oath of Office to Superintendent of Schools

"Please raise your right hand and repeat after me"

6. Appointment of District Clerk

Recommendation that Nancy Carney Jones be appointed as District Clerk for the 2025-2026 school year at an annual rate of compensation subject to BOE approval.

7. Administration of Oath of Office to the District Clerk

"Please raise your right hand and repeat after me"

8. Appointment of District Treasurer

Recommendation that Winsome Ware be appointed as District Treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year at an annual rate of compensation subject to BOE approval.

9. Administration of Oath of Office to the District Treasurer

"Please raise your right hand and repeat after me"

10. Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

Recommendation that Edward Joyce be appointed as Deputy Treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year.

11. Administration of Oath of Office to the Deputy Treasurer

"Please raise your right hand and repeat after me"

12. **Appointment of General Counsel to the Board of Education**

Recommendation that the firm of Ingerman Smith, LLP be engaged as legal counsel to the Board of Education during the 2025-2026 school year at an annual retainer fee of \$185,725 and to authorize the Board President to execute the letter of agreement dated July 1, 2025. [The annual retainer fee also includes the first three hundred (300) hours of legal services in connection with "Non-Retainer Services". All excess hours will be billed at the rate of \$260 per hour. \$260 per hour will be charged for litigation, real estate, construction and other non-retainer matters].

13. **Appointment of Bond Counsel**

Recommendation that the firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood be engaged as bond counsel for the 2025-2026 school year subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be approved by District Counsel. The Board of Education hereby

authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

14. Appointment of Bond Agent for Building Bond Issues

Recommendation that Depository Trust be designated as paying agent, registration agent, and cremation agent for the Bond Account during the 2025-2026 school year. [No costs to the district].

15. Appointment of Claims Auditor

Recommendation that Cerini & Associates LLP be appointed as Claims Auditor for the 2025-2026 school year at a fee of \$24,000, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be approved by District Counsel. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

16. Appointment of Internal Auditors

Recommendation that the firm of Nawrocki Smith LLP be engaged as Internal Auditors for the 2025-2026 school year at a fee not to exceed \$50,500 as well as assistance with an ongoing multi-year cybersecurity audit at a fee not to exceed \$25,000 subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be approved by District Counsel. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

17. Appointment of External Auditor

Recommendation that the firm of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP be engaged as external auditors for the 2025-2026 school year at a fee of \$42,000 plus \$3,000 for the annual preparation of an MD&A as needed in accordance with the agreement and to authorize the Board President to execute the agreement as approved by District Counsel and the engagement letter for the 2025-2026 audit as approved by District Counsel.

18. Appointment of District Insurance Brokers

Recommendation that Brown & Brown of Garden City, Inc. and Choice Plans, Inc. be appointed as District insurance brokers for the 2025-2026 school year. [No charge to District.]

19. Appointment of District Construction Management Firm

Recommendation that Park East Construction continue as Construction Manager for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of 3% of construction costs.

20. Appointment of Financial Advisors

Recommendation that the firm of Capital Markets Advisors, LLC be engaged as financial advisors to assist the district with bus lease financing, and bond and tax anticipation notes for the 2025-2026 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be approved by District Counsel. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

21. Appointment of Cooperative Bidding Agent

Recommendation that Educational Data Services, Inc. be appointed as sole administrative agent for the Educational Cooperative Pricing System with respect to the district's Cooperative Supply Bids and Skilled Trade Bids for the 2025-2026 school year at an estimated fee of \$13,400 pursuant to acceptance of a letter of agreement and to authorize the Board President to execute the same.

22. Appointment of Engineers/Architects

Recommendation that BBS Architects & Engineer, P.C. be appointed as District Architect at a rate of 5% of construction costs for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the District and BBS Architects & Engineer, P.C. dated December 14, 2017.

23. Appointment of Educational Institution Assets Seller

Recommendation that the firms of Auctions International and Bidnet Direct be engaged to assist in the selling of the District's surplus goods. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration to execute an agreement on behalf of the District.

24. Central Treasurer: High School Extra-Classroom Activity Account

Recommendation that for the 2025-2026 school year, William Marvin be appointed as Central Treasurer for the Extra-Classroom Activity Account in the High School as per RTA contract. Dave Lazarus is authorized as co-signer of checks which are subject to review by the claims auditor.

25. Central Treasurer: Middle School Extra-Classroom Activity Account

Recommendation that for the 2025-2026 school year, Tami Cutler be appointed as Central Treasurer for the Extra-Classroom Activity Account in the Middle School as per RTA contract. Justin Gabrus is authorized as co-signer of checks which are subject to review by the claims auditor.

26. Check-Signing Procedure

Recommendation that the signatures of both the District Treasurer and the District Clerk be authorized and required to be affixed to all checks issued by the District and that such checks may be signed with the facsimile signatures of these District agents (as per policy #6410) and to further authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration to serve as the alternate signatory for the District Treasurer and the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and/or Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education to serve as the alternate signatories for the District Clerk.

27. Payment of Utilities in advance of Claims Audit

WHEREAS, the School District receives invoices for payment from various companies for utilities supplied to each of the buildings during the course of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to provide for the timely and effective payment and audit of said invoices;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Law Section 1724(3), the Board of Education of

the Roslyn Union Free School District may authorize the payment of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges in advance of the audit of such claims;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment in advance of audit of claims for all public utility services, postage, freight and express charges, in accordance with law and the policies of the Board of Education.

28. Designation of Purchasing Agent

Recommendation that Edward Joyce, Assistant Administrator for Business will be designated as Purchasing Agent and that in his/her absence the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration be responsible for the purchasing functions and authorized to sign purchase orders of the school district from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

29. Designation of Bid Officials for the School Year 2025-2026

Recommendation that the District Clerk and/or the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, shall serve as the district bid officials for the 2025-2026 school year.

30. School Lunch Officials

Recommendation that School Lunch Manager be appointed as the official who will sign school lunch agreements, reports, and claims for the school lunch program for the 2025-2026 school year.

31. Certification of Payrolls

Recommendation that the Superintendent of Schools be appointed as the person authorized to certify bi-weekly payrolls of the District for the 2025-2026 school year.

32. Insuring the Faithful Performance of Employees

Recommendation that faithful performance coverage (Crime Insurance) be procured to cover all employees of the district as per General Municipal Law §11 and per the New York State Comptroller's five-point plan of June 2005. [For the 2025-2026 school year, Traveler's has issued a commercial crime policy to the Roslyn UFSD which provides Employee Dishonesty coverage for all district employees, School Board members, Audit Committee members, the Internal Auditor and the Claims Auditor, irrespective of names, positions or job titles. The limit is \$5,000,000 per loss (the highest limits available for any client)].

33. Designation of Official Newspapers

Recommendation that The Roslyn News Times, Long Island Business News, and/or Newsday be designated as newspapers in which all advertisements required by law may be published during the 2025-2026 school year as may be determined by the District Clerk.

34. Appointment of School District Asbestos Designee

Recommendation that for the 2025-2026 school year, the Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Special Projects be appointed as the person

designated by the District to ensure all actions required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) are implemented.

35. Appointment of Asbestos Consultant / Environmental Consultant

Recommendation that the firm of J.C. Broderick & Associates, Inc. be appointed as Asbestos Consultant / Environmental Consultant for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with the fee schedule. [No change in fee; as needed basis].

36. Appointment of Chemical Hygiene Officers

Recommendation that the Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Special Projects and/or the Science Department Chairperson be appointed as the Chemical Hygiene Officers for the 2025-2026 school year.

37. Petty Cash

Recommendation that the amount of \$100.00 be advanced as petty cash to the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Special Projects, Assistant to the Superintendent for Technology & Security Infrastructure (Information Technology Specialist III), and each school building principal for the 2025-2026 school year.

38. Appointment of Advertising Agency

Recommendation that the firm of Miller Advertising Agency, Inc. be appointed as advertising agency for the 2025-2026 school year to be responsible for the placing of recruitment advertisements in various newspapers and/or on recruiting websites.

39. Designation of Depository for District Funds

Recommendation that Roslyn Union Free School District funds be deposited/ invested for the 2025-2026 school year in banks designated below with the understanding that all participating banks will not charge for checks or services:

Banks: NYCLASS
Webster Bank, N.A.

[The Board of Education may receive a recommendation during the fiscal year to add additional depositories to this list.]

40. Appointment of District Records Management Officer

Recommendation that the Assistant to the Superintendent for Technology and Security Infrastructure be appointed the District Records Management Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.

41. Appointment of District Records Access Officers

- a) Recommendation that the School District Clerk be appointed District Records Access Officer for Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests for the 2025-2026 school year.
- b) Recommendation that the School District Clerk be appointed District Records Access Officer for matters related to employee records for the 2025-2026 school year.

- c) Recommendation that the Director of Guidance be appointed District Records Access Officer for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requests for the 2025-2026 school year for matters related to student records.
- 42. **Appointment of Chief Privacy Officer**
Recommendation that the Assistant to the Superintendent for Technology and Security Infrastructure or (His/Her) designee be appointed as the Chief Privacy Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 43. **Appointment of Chief Emergency Officer**
Recommendation that the Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Special Projects be appointed as the Chief Emergency Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 44. **Appointment of Designated Educational Official (DEO)**
Recommendation that pursuant to the SAVE (Safe Schools Against Violence in Education) legislation, Chapter 181 of the Laws of 2000, the Superintendent of Schools be appointed as the District's Designated Educational Official (DEO) for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 45. **Appointment of Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Officer (EEO)**
Recommendation that the Assistant Administrator for Business be appointed the District Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 46. **Appointment of Title IX Coordinator**
Recommendation that the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration be appointed the District Title IX Coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 47. **Appointment of Title IX Compliance Officers (Title IX and Gender Equity)**
Recommendation that the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and/or the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education be appointed the District Title IX Compliance Officers for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 48. **Appointment of Section 504 Compliance Officer (Special Education)**
Recommendation that the Director of Pupil Personnel Services be appointed District Section 504 Compliance Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 49. **Appointment of DASA (Dignity for All Students) Coordinators**
Recommendation to appoint each building principal, each building assistant principal and the high school's dean of students as DASA Coordinators for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 50. **Appointment of Policy 9645 Compliance Officer**
Recommendation that the District Clerk be appointed Compliance Officer for Policy 9645 Disclosure of Wrongful or Unlawful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy) for the for the 2025-2026 school year.

51. Appointment of School District Physicians/Medical Director

Recommendation that Mount Sinai South Nassau be appointed for the school year 2025-2026, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be approved by District Counsel. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

52. Appointment of Committee on Pre-K Special Education for 2025-2026

Recommendation that the following individuals be appointed to the Committee on Pre K Special Education for the 2025-2026 school year:

Chairpersons:	Director of Pupil Personnel Services Assistant Director(s) of Pupil Personnel Services
Co-Chairpersons:	School Psychologists
Parent Members:	Adler, Deborah Director, Lauren Hershkowitz, Kelly Wasserman, Jocelyn

53. Appointment of Committee on Special Education for 2025-2026

Recommendation that the following individuals be appointed to the Committee on Special Education for the 2025-2026 school year:

Chairpersons:	Director of Pupil Personnel Services Assistant Director(s) of Pupil Personnel Services
Physician:	Dr. Ronald Marino
Parent Members:	Adler, Deborah Wasserman, Jocelyn Hershkowitz, Kelly Director, Lauren

54. Appointment of Sub-Committee on Special Education for 2025-2026

Recommendation that the following individuals be appointed to the Sub-Committee on Special education for the 2025-2026 school year:

Chairpersons:	Director of Pupil Personnel Services Assistant Director(s) of Pupil Personnel Services School Psychologists
Physician:	Dr. Ronald Marino

55. Appointment of Parent Surrogates for 2025-2026

Recommendation that the following individual be appointed as a parent surrogate for the 2025-2026 school year:

Wasserman, Jocelyn

56. Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers 2025-2026

Recommendation that pursuant to the amendments to Section 2002 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, effective July 31, 1998, relating to the establishment and rotation of the list of impartial hearing officers, the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby appoints the following list of individuals who are certified and eligible to serve as impartial hearing officers in Nassau County for students with disabilities:

IHO ROTATIONAL LIST 2025-2026
IHO ROTATIONAL LIST

Abberbock, Ellen Agoston, Linda Ajello, Daniel M. Albert, Peter G. Alexander, Allana Almeleh, Lynn Botwinik Austin Rodney Bains, Guljit Kaur Barbour, Susan M. Brandow, Regina E. Brescia, Jean Marie Cappellino, Anjelica Carbone, Marisa Carter, Suzanne Cervoni, Roberto Charrington, Karen Hillary Cohen, Diane Cutler-Igoe, Ellen Daniel, Audrey Day, Wanda Sanchez Deleon, Edgar Denis, Marcel P. Dewan, Debra Siedman Dispenza, Maria R. Ebenstein, Barbara J. Farago, John Feinberg, Rona Finkelstein, Sharyn Flame, Lana S. Forbes, Steven P. Gawthrop, Jan Gerwartz, Harriet	Glasser, Randy Goldsmith, Craig Gronbach, David Gronbach, Vanessa M. Guerra, Jeffrey Heidelberger, Jonathan Hobson-Williams, Tanya Hoffman, Peter D. Ivers, Paul Kandilakis, George Kass, Richard Keefe, Jeanne Kehoe, Martin J. III Kestenbaum, Elise Kramer, Judith T. Lassinger, Dora Lazan, Michael Lederman, Nancy Lee, Laurie B. Libby, Douglas E. Litvin, Lisa Eggert Lowenkron, Ruth Lucasey, Jean M. Lushing, Susan Lynch, Kenneth B. Magnotta, Deborah L. Marquez, Ann Marsico, Richard Mazzei, Jennifer	McKeever, James Millman, Tina Moore, Christine Moscariello, Margaret Murphy, Leah L. Murrell, Patricia L. Naun, John Nuccio, Teresa Olinger, Bruce Passman, Julie Peters, Gary D. Peyser, Helene Rahman, Hashim Regenbogen, Mitchell Reichel, Heidi Rodriguez, Robert G. Schad, Jerome D. Esq. Schiro, Jeffrey Schneider, Judith Seto Stephanie Silverson, Jeffrey Thompson Joy Vira, Anna Wahrman, Israel S. Walsh, James P. Walsh, Marion Washington, Denise Weiss, Sebastian A. Wolman, Mindy G.
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57. Appointment of Board Representatives authorized to appoint Impartial Hearing Officers

WHEREAS, a board of education is required by Section 200.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to initiate the process for selecting an impartial hearing

officer by no later than two (2) business days after receipt by the school district of a written request for hearing by a parent or guardian of a disabled student; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's Regulations specifically authorize a board of education to designate one or more of its members to appoint an impartial hearing officer in lieu of action by the full board in order to meet the timelines of the amended Regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education, or on the occasion of his or her absence or inability, the Vice President of the Board of Education, is hereby authorized and directed to appoint an impartial hearing officer from the District's alphabetical rotational list previously adopted by the Board of Education.

58. Medicaid Compliance Officer

Recommendation that the Director of Pupil Personnel Services be appointed District Medicaid Compliance Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.

59. Homeless Liaison

Recommendation that the Director of Guidance be appointed as the Homeless Liaison for the summer of 2025 and District Social Worker be appointed as the Homeless Liaison from September 2025 to June 2026.

60. 2025-2026 Free and Reduced Price Meal/Special Milk Program

Recommendation that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District, the governing body of this School Food Authority, hereby accepts the 2025-2026 Free and Reduced Price Meal/Special Milk Program Policy Statement, including the Family Income Eligibility Criteria and all attachments, as prescribed by the State Education Department, and authorizes the President of the Board to execute the prescribed Certificate of Acceptance on behalf of the District.

- a) Recommendation that the School Lunch Manager be appointed as the Hearing Official in connection with the Free and Reduced Price Meal/Special Milk Program.
- b) Recommendation that District Social Worker be appointed as the Reviewing Official and Verification Official in connection with the Free and Reduced Price Meal/Special Milk Program.

61. Annual School District Policy Review

a) Financial Policies

Recommendation that pursuant to the provisions of General Municipal Law the financial policies of the Roslyn UFSD continue to be subject to an annual review by the Board of Education and its designated representatives including members of the professional staff and members of the Citizen Audit Advisory Committee. [Policies to be reviewed on an annual basis are Purchasing #6700 Investment #6240 and Budget Transfers #6140 (**Attachment R61a**)

b) District Owned Cell Phone Policy

Recommendation that the District Owned Cell Phone Policy #8332 of the Roslyn UFSD continue to be subject to an annual review by the Board of Education and its

designated representatives. **(Attachment R61b)**

c) **Use of Facilities**

Recommendation that the Use of Facilities Policy #1500 be reviewed annually by the Board of Education **(Attachment R61c)**

d) **Advertising in the Schools**

Recommendation that the Advertising in the Schools Policy #1511 be reviewed annually by the Board of Education. **(Attachment R61d)**

e) **Dignity for All Students Act**

Recommendation that the DASA Policy #0115 be reviewed annually by the Board of Education **(Attachment R61e)**

f) **Code of Conduct**

Recommendation that the Code of Conduct Policy #5300 be reviewed annually by the Board of Education **(Attachment R61f)**

62. **Budget Transfers**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to approve budget transfers in accordance with Section 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education for the 2025-2026 school year and that; the Board of Education must approve budget transfers in excess of \$10,000.00.

63. **Memberships**

Recommendation that the following professional organizations be approved for possible membership for the 2025-2026 school year:

a) **Board Memberships**

- National School Boards Association
- New York State School Boards Association
- Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association

b) **Memberships**

- New York State Council of School Superintendents
- Nassau County Council of School Superintendents
- Nassau County Council of School Superintendents (Northwest Quadrant)
- American Association of School Administrators
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Nassau Association of District Curriculum Officials
- LI Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- NYS Association of School Personnel Administrators
- Long Island Association of School Personnel Administrators
- Nassau Association of School Business Officials
- NYS Association of School Business Officials
- Long Island School Public Relations Association
- National Notary Association
- North American Association of Educational Negotiators

- Long Island School Nutrition Directors' Association
- American Education Research Association
- Nassau County Chapter New York State School Facilities Association
- New York School Public Relations Association
- National School Public Relations Association

c) Other memberships as authorized by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee

64. Annual Reaffirmation of School Employees and Officers Indemnification

Recommendation that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby reaffirms its adoption of Public Officer's Law §18 as adopted on August 7, 1986.

65. Workers' Compensation Cooperative

WHEREAS, the Roslyn Union Free School District wishes to manage its exposure to workers' compensation liability;

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation (the "Plan") was formed for the purposes of providing efficient and economical evaluation, processing, administration, defense and payment of claims against Plan members for workers' compensation and employers' liability payments through self-insurance and otherwise;

WHEREAS, the Plan is aimed at effecting costs savings insofar as may be possible in Plan members' expenses for such claims and services and to provide risk management to reduce future liability for workers' compensation and employers' liability;

WHEREAS, the Roslyn Union Free School District is committed to maximizing efficiencies whenever possible and in the best interest of the School District;

WHEREAS, by resolution at a duly convened Board meeting on February 27, 2014, the Board of Education of the Roslyn UFSD entered into membership in the Plan pursuant to Section 119-o of the General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the School District is desirous of continuing its participation in the Plan for the reasons set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that membership in this cooperative is the most economical and efficient manner in which to administer and manage the District's workers compensation liability;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education shall evaluate its participation in a cooperative each year; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District elects to continue its membership in the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation for the 2025-

2026 school year pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation Agreement dated February 27, 2014; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration, or his/her designee, as representative of Roslyn UFSD to the Board of Trustees of the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers Compensation.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PURCHASING

POLICY 6700

The Board of Education views purchasing as serving the educational program by providing necessary supplies, equipment and related services.

The Board of Education designates Edward Joyce as the Purchasing Agent for the School District. The Purchasing Agent will be responsible for administering all purchasing activities and ensuring the quality and quantity of purchases made by the district. All purchases shall be made through the Purchasing Agent.

The Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue purchase orders without prior approval of the Board when formal bidding procedures are not required by law and budget appropriations are adequate to cover such obligations.

The Purchasing Agent shall be responsible for preparing all bid specifications and a statement of general bidding conditions to be included in every notice or invitation to bid. The District Clerk will be responsible for the documentation of all bids and proposals. If there are questions concerning specifications, the Purchasing Agent will consult with the requisitioner to clarify the matter so as to ensure that the appropriate goods or services are obtained.

It is the goal of the Board of purchase competitively, without prejudice or favoritism, and to seek the maximum educational value for every dollar expended. Competitive bids or quotations shall be solicited in connection with purchases pursuant to law. "The General Municipal Law requires that purchase contracts for materials, equipment and supplies involving an estimated annual expenditure exceeding \$20,000 and public work contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$35,000 will be awarded only after responsible bids have been received in response to a public advertisement soliciting formal bids. *The district has elected to maintain limits of \$10,000 for purchase contracts and \$20,000 for public work contracts beyond which bids will be solicited.*"

In accordance with law, the district shall give a preference in the purchase of instructional materials to vendors who agree to provide materials in alternative formats. The term "alternative format" shall mean any medium or format for the presentation of instructional materials, other than a traditional print textbook, that is needed as an accommodation for a disabled student enrolled in the district (or program of a BOCES), including but not limited to Braille, large print, open and closed captioned, audio, or an electronic file in a format compatible with alternative format conversion software that is appropriate to meet the needs of the individual student.

Purchases involving the expenditure of federal funds, federal grants and/or federal awards

For all purchase contracts involving the expenditure of federal funds, federal grants and/or federal awards, the district shall comply with the Uniform Guidance procurement rules issued by the United States Office of Management and Budget.

Goods and services which are not required by law to be procured by the district through competitive bidding will be procured in a manner so as to ensure the prudent and economical use of public

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monies, in the best interests of the taxpayers, to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and to guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption.

Best Value

When it is in the best interests of the School District, contracts for purchases of materials, supplies or equipment (except printed material), may be awarded to a responsive and responsible bidder on the basis of "best value" in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103 and State Finance Law, section 163. When the School District determines to award a purchase contract on the basis of "best value," the bid specifications shall identify the criteria and rating system to be utilized in making a "best value" determination. The purchasing agent shall maintain documentation reflecting said criteria and rating system, as well as the evaluation of each bidder's bid in connection with same.

Procurement of goods and services pursuant to a contract let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other county or political subdivision therein

The School District, may, when permitted by law and applicable contract terms, utilize contracts let by the United States of America, any agency thereof, any state or any other county or political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let in a manner consistent with New York State law and made available for use by the School District.

Alternative proposals or quotations will be secured by requests for proposals, written quotations or any other appropriate method of procurement, except for procurements:

1. under a county contract;
2. under a state contract;
3. of articles manufactured in state correctional institutions; or
4. from agencies for the blind and severely disabled.

The district's purchasing activity will strive to meet the following objectives:

1. to effectively supply all administrative units in the school system with needed materials, supplies, and contracted services;
2. to obtain materials, supplies and contracted services at the lowest prices possible consistent with the quality and standards needed as determined by the Purchasing Agent in cooperation with the requisitioning authority. The educational welfare of the students is the foremost consideration in making any purchase;
3. to ensure that all purchases fall within the framework of budgetary limitations and that they are consistent with the educational goals and programs of the district;
4. to maintain an appropriate and comprehensive accounting and reporting system to record and document all purchasing transactions; and
5. to ensure, through the use of proper internal controls, that loss and /or diversion of district

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property is prevented.

Opportunities shall be provided to all responsible suppliers to do business with the school district. Purchases will be made through available state contracts of the Office of General Services, county contracts, or agreements entered into by school districts for joint purchasing whenever such purchases are in the best interests of the district. In addition, the district will make purchases from correctional institutions and severely disabled persons through charitable or non-profit-making agencies, as provided by law.

The district will provide justification and documentation of any contract awarded to an offer or other than the lowest responsible dollar offer or, setting forth the reasons why such award is in the best interests of the district and otherwise furthers the purposes of section 104-b of the General Municipal Law.

The Purchasing Agent will not be required to secure alternative proposals or quotations for:

1. emergencies where time is a crucial factor;
2. procurements for which there is no possibility of competition (sole source items); or
3. very small procurements (\$1,000.00 or less) when solicitations of competition would not be cost-effective.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, with the assistance of the Purchasing Agent, the Treasurers and the Internal Auditors to establish and maintain an internal control structure to ensure, to the best of their ability, that the district's assets will be safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use of disposition, that transactions will be executed in accordance with the law and district policies and regulations, and recorded properly in the financial records of the district.

The Purchasing Agent, Treasurers and Internal Auditors shall be responsible for the establishment and implementation of the procedures and standard forms for use in all purchasing and related activities in the district. Such procedures shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the state and the Commissioner of Education.

No Board member, officer or employee of the school district shall have an interest in any contract entered into by the Board or the district, as provided in Article 18 of the General Municipal Law.

The Purchasing Agent shall meet with the Board annually to review the district's procurement procedures including this purchasing policy and regulation.

The unintentional failure to fully comply with the provisions of section 104-b of the General Municipal Law or the district's policies regarding procurement will not be grounds to void action taken nor give rise to a cause of action against the district or any officer or employee of the district.

Adopted: 12/1989

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PURCHASING

POLICY 6700

Revised: 12/1994
7/2005
7/2013
11/21/2019
10/12/2023
02/15/2024

Ref.: Education Law §§305(14); 1604(29-a); 1709(4-a)(9)(14)(22); 2503(7-a); 2554(7-a)
General Municipal Law §§102l 103; 104-b; 109-a; 800 et seq.; State Finance Law §163

Cross Ref.:

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POLICY 6700-R

The following sets forth the procedures for the procurement of goods and services by the district:

Definitions

Purchase Contract: a contract involving the acquisition of commodities, materials, supplies or equipment

Public Work Contract: a contract involving services, labor or construction

General Municipal Law

"The General Municipal Law requires that purchase contracts for materials, equipment and supplies involving an estimated annual expenditure exceeding \$20,000 and public work contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$35,000 will be awarded only after responsible bids have been received in response to a public advertisement soliciting formal bids. *The district has elected to maintain limits of \$10,000 for purchase contracts and \$20,000 for public work contracts beyond which bids will be solicited.*"

Competitive Bidding Required

- A. Method of Determining Whether Procurement is Subject to Competitive Bidding
 - 1. The district will first determine if the proposed procurement is a purchase contract or a contract for public work.
 - 2. If the procurement is either a purchase contract or a contract for public work, the district will then determine whether the amount of the procurement is above the applicable monetary threshold as set forth above.
 - 3. The district will also determine whether any exceptions to the competitive bidding requirements (as set forth below) exist.
- B. Contract Combining Professional Services and Purchase

In the event that a contract combines the provision of professional services and a purchase, the district, in determining the appropriate monetary threshold criteria to apply to the contract, will determine whether professional service or the purchase is the predominant part of the transaction.

- C. Opening and Recording Bids: Awarding Contracts

The District Clerk will be authorized to open and record bids and to forward them to the Purchasing Agent. Contracts will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications (as recommended by the Purchasing Agent), who has furnished the required security where applicable, after responding to an advertisement for sealed bids.

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D. Documentation of Competitive Bids

The Purchasing Agent will maintain proper written documentation which will set forth the method in which it determined whether the procurement is a purchase or a public work contract.

A quote which exceeds the bid limit will be awarded only when such award is in the best interests of the district and otherwise furthers the purposes of section 104-b of the General Municipal Law. The district will provide justification and documentation of any such contract awarded.

E. Purchase of Instructional Materials

In accordance with Education Law, the district shall give a preference in the purchase of instructional materials to vendors who agree to provide materials in alternative formats (i.e., any medium or format for the presentation of instructional materials, other than a traditional print textbook, that is needed as an accommodation for a disabled student enrolled in the district, including but not limited to Braille, large print, open and closed captioned, audio or an electronic file in an approved format.

The district will establish and follow a plan to ensure that every student with a disability who needs his or her instructional materials in an alternative format will receive those materials at the same time that they are available to non-disabled students.

F. Leases of Personal Property

In addition to the above-mentioned competitive bidding requirements, section 1725 of the Education Law requires that the district be subject to competitive bidding requirements for purchase contracts when it enters into a lease of personal property.

Documentation:

The district will maintain written documentation such as quotes, cost-benefit analysis of leasing versus purchasing, etc.

Any legal issues regarding the applicability of competitive bidding requirements will be presented to the school attorney for review.

Exceptions to Competitive Bidding Requirements

The district will not be subject to competitive bidding requirements when the Board, in its discretion, determines that one of the following situations exists:

1. Emergency situations where:
 - a. the situation arises out of an accident or unforeseen occurrence or

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- condition;
- b. a district building, property, or the life, health, or safety of an individual on district property is affected; or
- c. the situation requires immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding.

However, when the Board passes a resolution that an emergency situation exists, the district will make purchases at the lowest possible cost, seeking competition by informal solicitation of quotes or otherwise, to the extent practicable under the circumstances.

Documentation:

The Purchasing Agent will maintain records of verbal (or written) quotes.

2. When the district purchases surplus or second-hand supplies, materials or equipment from the Federal or State government or from any other political subdivision or public benefit corporation within the State.

Documentation:

The Purchasing Agent will maintain market price comparisons (verbal or written quotes) and the name of the government entity.

3. When the district separately purchases eggs, livestock, fish and dairy products (other than milk), juice, grains and species of fresh fruits and vegetables directly from producers or growers. The amount expended in any fiscal year by the district may not exceed an amount equal to fifteen cents multiplied by the number of days in the school year multiplied by the total enrollment of the district.

Documentation:

The Purchasing Agent will maintain documentation consistent with sections 114.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education;

4. When the district separately purchases milk directly from licensed milk processors employing less than forty (40) people. The amount expended in any fiscal year by the district may not exceed an amount equal to twenty-five cents multiplied by the number of days in the school year multiplied by the total enrollment of the district or exceed the current market price.

Documentation:

The district will maintain documentation consistent with sections 114.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education; or

5. When there is only one possible source from which to procure goods or services required in the public interest.

Documentation:

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The district will maintain written documentation of the unique benefits of the item or service purchased as compared to other items or services available in the marketplace; that no other item or service provides substantially equivalent or similar benefits; and that, considering the benefits received the cost of the item or service is reasonable, when compared to conventional methods. In addition, the documentation will provide that there is no possibility of competition for the procurement of the goods.

Standardization

Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Board stating that, for reasons of efficiency or economy, there is a need for standardization, purchase contracts for a particular type or kind of equipment, material or supplies of more than \$10,000 may be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder furnishing the required security after advertisement for sealed bids. The resolution must contain a full explanation of the reasons for its adoption.

Quotes When Competitive Bidding Not Required

Goods and services which are not required by law to be procured by the district through competitive bidding will be procured in a manner so as to ensure the prudent and economical use of public monies in the best interests of the taxpayers. When deemed necessary by the district, alternative proposals or quotations will be secured by request for proposals, written or verbal quotations or any other appropriate method of procurement, as set forth below.

A. Method of Documentation

1. Verbal Quotations: the telephone log or other record will set forth, at a minimum, the date, item or service desired, price quoted, name of vendor, name of vendor's representative;
2. Written Quotations: vendors will provide, at a minimum, the date, description of the item or details of service to be provided, price quoted, name of contact. The district will maintain documentation that will include advertisements, specifications and the awarding resolution. Alternatively, written or verbal quotation forms will serve as documentation if formal bidding is not required.
3. Requests for Proposals: the district will contact a number of professionals (e.g., architects, engineers, accountants, lawyers, underwriters, fiscal consultants, etc.) and request that they submit written proposals. The RFPs may include negotiations on a fair and equal basis. The RFPs and evaluation of such proposals will consider price plus other factors such as:
 - a. the special knowledge or expertise of the professional or consultant;
 - b. the quality of the service to be provided;
 - c. the staffing of the service; and
 - d. the suitability for the district's needs.

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The district will first locate prospective qualified firms by:

- a. advertising in trade journals;
- b. checking listing of professionals; or
- c. making inquiries of other districts or other appropriate sources.

The district will then prepare a well-planned RFP which will contain critical details of the engagement, including the methods which it will use in selecting the service.

- B. Purchases/Public Work: Methods of Competition to be Used for Non-Bid Procurement: Documentation to be Maintained

The district will require the following methods of competition be used and sources of documentation maintained when soliciting non-bid procurement in the most cost-effective manner possible:

1. Purchase Contracts up to \$10,000
 - a. Contracts up to \$1,000: No quotations required
 - b. Contracts in excess of \$1,000 to \$5,000: Verbal Quotes
 - c. Contracts in excess of \$5,000 up to \$10,000: Written Quotes
2. Public Work Contracts up to \$20,000
 - a. Contracts up to \$1,000: No quotations required
 - b. Contracts in excess of \$1,000 to \$5,000: Verbal quotes
 - c. Contracts in excess of \$5,000 up to \$20,000: Written Quotes
3. Emergencies: Verbal quotes
Documentation will include notations of verbal quotes
4. Insurance: Written quotes
Documentation will include bid advertisements, specifications and the awarding resolution. Alternatively, written or verbal quotation forms will serve as documentation if formal bidding is not required. "Requests for Proposals" (RFPs), documented in the same manner as described herein, may also be used.
5. Professional Services: RFPs must be solicited at least once every five years for every professional service which would result in an expenditure in excess of \$10,000 in any given year.
6. Second Hand Equipment from Other Governments: Written quotes-
Documentation will include market price comparisons (verbal or written quotes) and the name of the government.

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7. Certain Food and Milk Purchases: Written quotes
Documentation will be consistent with sections 114.3 and 114.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.
 8. Sole Source: Written or verbal quotes
Documentation will include, among other things, the unique benefits of the patented item as compared to other items available in the marketplace; that no other item provides substantially equivalent or similar benefits; and that considering the benefits received, the cost of the item is reasonable, when compared to conventional methods. Notations of verbal quotes will be maintained by the district. In addition, the district will document that there is no possibility of competition for the procurement of the goods.

Quotes Not Required When Competitive Bidding Not Required

The district will not be required to secure alternative proposals or quotation for those procurements:

1. under any county or BOCES contract;
2. under a state contract;
3. of articles manufactured in State correctional institutions; or
4. from agencies for the blind and severely disabled.

In addition, the district will not be required to secure such alternative proposals or quotations for:

1. emergencies where time is a crucial factor;
2. procurements for which there is no possibility of competition (sole source items);
3. procurement of professional services which, because of the confidential nature of the services, do not lend themselves to procurement through solicitation; or
4. very small procurements when solicitations of competition would not be cost-effective.

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7/2005

9/2007

7/2013

Ref.: Education Law §§305(14);1709(9)(14)(22)
General Municipal Law §§102;103;104-b;109-a;800 et seq.
8NYCRR §§114.3; 114.4; 170.2

NOTE: This Regulation is reviewed annually by the Board of Education at the July Re-Organization Meeting.

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INVESTMENTS

POLICY 6240

The Board of Education authorizes an investment program for the School District. Investments are viewed as a critical ingredient of sound fiscal management, the purpose of which is to secure a maximum yield of interest revenues to supplement other School District revenues for the support of the education program of the school system.

The objectives of the School District's investment program are to safeguard School District funds and to minimize risk, to ensure that investments mature when cash is required to finance operations, and to ensure a competitive rate of return.

The School District authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business, in cooperation with the District Treasurer, to manage all activities associated with the investment program in such manner as to accomplish all the objectives and intents of this policy. These responsibilities will also include annual review and assessment of the School District's investment program, and filing a report with his/her recommendations annually with the Board of Education. Such report shall address any relevant recommendations of the independent auditor. The District Treasurer is further authorized to execute in the name of the Board of Education any and all documents relating to the investment program in a timely manner as well as to utilize reputable consultants regarding investment decisions when necessary. A monthly progress report of investments will be given to the Board of Education. Concentration of investments in a single financial institution should be avoided. Diversification of investments and deposits is encouraged.

The School District's investment program will be administered in such a way as to assure:

1. That all participants exercise good judgment and care in the management of the School District's investments; act responsibly as custodians of the public trust; and refuse to participate in any transaction that might impair the public's confidence in the School District;
2. The continual process of temporary investing of all fund balances and moneys available to the School District for investment purposes;
3. The maintenance of a yearly cash flow chart, revised following each transaction, that will provide data to assist proper planning and decision making regarding amount, duration, and type of investments for the School District;
4. The School District may use any of the following investment instruments when investing School District funds as listed in section 11 of the General Municipal Law:
 - Special time deposit accounts or certificates of deposit;
 - Obligations of the United States of America (e.g., U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes);
 - Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;
 - Obligations of the State of New York;

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- Obligations of other municipalities issued pursuant to Local Finance Law sections 24.00 (Tax Anticipation Notes) or 25.00 (Revenue Anticipation Notes), with the approval of the State Comptroller;
 - Obligations of the School District, but only with any moneys in reserve funds established pursuant to General Municipal Law sections 6-d, 6-j, 6-l, 6-m, 6-n, 6-p, and 6-r; and
 - By participation in cooperative investment programs with other authorized governmental entities pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, where such a program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46;
5. The utilization of an open competition system of bids and/or quotes to obtain maximum yield possible on all investments from both in-district and out-of-district financial institutions; such institutions and depository banks are designated annually by the Board of Education at the annual reorganization meeting;
 6. All financial institutions where School District funds are deposited provide a statement to the School District of their collateral in the form of a list of the securities pledged at market value, letters of credit and/or deposit placement program; periodically the Treasurer shall physically inspect the collateral; and
 7. That all School District investments are in compliance with the law.

The Superintendent of Schools, his/her designee, shall develop administrative procedures to ensure the appropriate management of School District investments in accordance with this policy.

This policy will be annually reviewed by the Board of Education and may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of section 39 of the General Municipal Law.

Cross-ref:

Ref: Education Law §1723-a; 3651; 3652
 Local Finance Law §§24.00, 25.00, 165.00
 General Municipal Law §§6-d; 6-j; 6-l; 6-m; 6-n; 6-p; 6-r; 10; 11; 39; Article 5-G

Adoption date: 6/28/2016

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

POLICY 6140

The transfer of funds between and within functional unit appropriations of the budget is commonly required during the school year and is permitted by the regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The Superintendent of Schools, upon the adoption of a resolution by the Board of Education and in accordance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, is authorized to make budget transfers between and within functional unit appropriations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, transfers to contingent line item codes for non-personnel line item expenditures may not be made without the prior approval of the Board of Education. The Superintendent of Schools will report any transfers to the Board of Education as an information item at its next meeting.

Transfers between function codes may not be made without the prior approval of the Board of Education.

Cross Ref:

Ref: Education Law §1718
8 NYCRR §170.2(l)

Adoption date: October 6, 2016

ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT OWNED CELLULAR TELEPHONES

Policy 8332

The Board of Education recognizes that certain School District employees will be required to carry School District-owned cellular telephones in order to meet their job responsibilities. Job titles requiring district-owned cellular telephones shall be listed in Regulation #8332R. The District shall establish the level of service contract for each specific employee. Said contract shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Education. All cellular telephone contracts shall be secured through the appropriate purchasing process (e.g., competitive bid, RFP process).

Employees shall make every attempt to use their cellular phones for School District-related purposes only. In the event an employee uses a School District-owned cellular telephone for other than School District-related purposes, he/she shall reimburse the School District for such non-business usage, if any, that result in costs to the School District above usage allocated by the cellular telephone contract. Payment for such usage shall be made within thirty (30) days of the date that notice is sent of the charges. Use shall be restricted for those employees who have not made payment within this time frame. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in revocation of the phone and discipline of the employee. In addition, since employees are issued School District-owned cellular phones in connection with their work responsibilities, employees shall not have an expectation of privacy with respect to information contained on the device (e.g., text messages, records of phone calls).

All School District-owned cellular phones are to remain the property of the School District. School District-owned cellular telephones shall be returned immediately upon the employee's termination of employment or upon request. Employees who fail to return a School District-owned cellular telephone upon termination of employment or at the School District's request will be billed for the actual cost of the cellular telephone and for all charges made after termination of employment or the School District's request.

As with any School District-owned equipment, employees must take proper care of cell phones and take all reasonable precautions against damage, loss, or theft. Since employees are responsible for the safe return of School District-owned cell phones, employees who use School District-owned cellular phones may be liable for damages or losses which occur during the period of its use. Any damage, loss, or theft must be reported immediately to the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration.

At least once each year the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration shall evaluate the School District's cellular plan and shall recommend any appropriate modifications thereto.

Cross-ref:

Ref: Fourth Amendment, U.S. Constitution
Fourteenth Amendment, U.S. Constitution

Adoption date: July 18, 2019

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DISTRICT OWNED CELLULAR TELEPHONES

Policy 8332 -R

Effective July 12, 2012, the following positions are authorized for district-owned cellular telephones:

- Samples of positions that may require a cellular telephone
 - Superintendent
 - Deputy Superintendent
 - Assistant Superintendents
 - Assistant to the Superintendent
 - Athletic Director
 - Transportation Director
 - Supervisors of Instructional Technology
 - Maintenance Supervisor
 - Grounds Supervisor
 - Security Supervisor
 - Bus Drivers
 - Computer Assistant
 - Computer Support Technicians
 - Custodial Supervisors

Adopted: 7/2005

Revised: 7/2015

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PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1500

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee, to permit the use of school facilities by school groups or organizations which meet established criteria.

The Superintendent shall submit applications for facilities use from other responsible groups to the Board for authorization to place them on the approved list as facilities users.

The Board's guidelines for approval of such organizations shall be consistent with §414 of the Education Law and with such other criteria as set forth in this policy.

At the end of each school year, the Superintendent shall provide the Board of Education with a list of all facility users for that year.

The District Administration is further authorized to establish rates for the use of school facilities as set forth in this policy.

The Board of Education further authorizes that the rules governing this policy and the fees associated with the use of facilities shall be waived during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). First preference will be given to permit holders; however, the fields will be open to all.

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Adopted: 12/1989

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CLASSIFICATION OF GROUPS

Class I

- a. Organizations with direct school connections, such as parent-teacher organizations, classes, clubs, employee associations, committees of the Board of Education, etc.
- b. Organizations of a semi-educational nature, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League, Booster Basketball, etc.

Class II

Organizations with a social, civic, recreational or entertainment purpose, such as service and charitable organizations, civic associations and adult sports groups.

Class III

- a. Nassau County Board of Elections
- b. Governmental entities or officials, such as federal, state, town or village governments or officials, for the purpose of holding political and non-political meetings, forums or hearings.

FEE SCHEDULE

The Superintendent of Schools shall implement a fee schedule based upon an organization's classification:

1. Classification Fee

1A	None
1B	No room fee on school days; field use fee, if applicable
II	Room fee or field use fee, if applicable
IIIA	County-determined fee
IIIB	No room fee on school days

2. Room Fees

Room fees shall be charged to Class IB, Class II and Class IIIB organizations on weekends, holidays and any other days when school is not in regular session.

3. Custodial and Security Costs

Facilities users shall be charged at prevailing rates for any custodial or security services that are in addition to any such services provided by the school district as part of its regular course of business. Custodial costs for Class IIIA (Nassau County Board of Elections) shall be county-determined.

4. Cafeteria Costs

Any use of a cafeteria that also includes use of the kitchen requires, by law, the presence of cafeteria staff, whose services will be billed at prevailing rates.

REGULATIONS FOR FACILITIES USE

1. Priority for all facility space shall be determined as follows:
 - a. Regular school activities, including classes, clubs, teams, etc.
 - b. Adult Continuing Education Program activities
 - c. Approved non-school groups, assigned in the order in which their applications are received, with preference given to organizations whose participants are predominantly Roslyn School District residents.

NOTE: Permits are not issued to for-profit entities.

2. Time of occupancy shall terminate at 10:45 p.m. unless the user's permit indicates that prior arrangements have been made for payment of added custodial overtime costs.
3. Applications for use of school facilities must be submitted at least 10 days before the anticipated use. Fees set according to the schedule enumerated in this policy must be paid at the time the application is approved, or, for multiple uses on a single permit, within one week of the first use. Failure to pay fees on time will result in revocation of permit and or withholding of approval of future permits.
4. Notification to cancel activity for which space has been reserved must be made by the applicant at least 3 business days in advance. Any actual costs incurred by the district due to cancellation with 3 business day' notice will be billed to the organization. Late cancellation or schedule changes will not result in reduced fees. In the event of cancellation by the district, notice will be given as far in advance as possible. The Board reserves the right to make such cancellation at any time without liability therefore.
5. Any activity carried on in school facilities shall be according to New York State Law and in conformity with village and Town Ordinances and

school district policies and regulations. No meeting shall be held in a school building:

- a. for the purpose of advancing any doctrines or theory subversive to the State of New York or the United States of America.
 - b. For the purpose of advocating social or political violence or which is of a nature likely to incite such violence.
6. The Board of Education, because of its responsibility for protecting the school district's buildings and property, may restrict use of space within buildings and grounds to certain times and areas. It may also revoke a permit at any time and must have free access to all rooms at all times. When schools are closed due to inclement weather, scheduled community use shall be automatically cancelled.
 7. Smoking is not permitted in school buildings or on school grounds. Alcoholic beverages may not be brought to or consumed in school building or on school grounds. Commercial products or promotional materials may be exhibited or displayed with the prior consent of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, but only for the period of time covered by the permit application.
 8. No food or drink (other than water in bottles or other closed containers) is permitted in gymnasiums at any time. Chairs and tables may not be placed on gym floors or other playing surfaces. No pets are permitted anywhere on school grounds or in school buildings.
 9. Organizations receiving permission to use school facilities are responsible for the conduct of both participants and spectators and for making provision to handle anticipated crowds. Underage participants must be properly supervised at all times. Improper conduct, vandalism or other misuse of school property may result in the revocation of the permit. The cost of repairing damage caused by such misuse will be charged to the applicant.
 10. Admission charges for activities held in school facilities shall be made only for educational and/or charitable purposes. Activities must be open to the public. Non-school groups sponsoring or presenting programs for which admission is charged are required to file a copy of the Statement to the Collector of Internal Revenue with the Superintendent. The Board of Education will not be liable for the payment of any taxes due on admission charges.
 11. Arrangements for audio/visual or any other equipment is solely the responsibility of the applicant. The school district does not loan the use of equipment for non-school related activities.

PERMIT PROCEDURES

1. All permits for the use of school facilities shall be restricted to responsible organizations or adult individuals under the provisions outlined in this policy. Applicants must satisfy the issuing officer that they represent responsible local organizations, that they will guarantee orderly behavior and that they will underwrite any damage due to their use of the premise. The school district reserves the right to request rosters of participants in the activities of applicants to verify that they are organizations whose

participants are predominately Roslyn School District residents and thereby eligible for preferential consideration over other organizations.

2. Each applicant must provide the district with the following insurance:

Minimum Required Insurance:

- a. Commercial General Liability Insurance \$1,000,000 per Occurrence/ \$2,000,000 Aggregate, with no exclusions for Athletic Participants \$2,000,000 Products and Completed Operations \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury \$100,000 Fire Damage \$10,000 Medical Expense

- b. Automobile Liability (When an organization's vehicle is brought onsite) \$1,000,000 combined single limit for owned, hired, borrowed and non-owned motor vehicles.

- c. Workers' Compensation and NYS Disability Insurance (For Organizations with Employees) Statutory Workers' Compensation (C-105.2 or U-26.3); and NYS Disability Insurance (DB-120.1) for all employees. Proof of coverage must be on the approved specific form, as required by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board. ACORD certificates are not acceptable. A person seeking an exemption must file a CE-200 Form with the state. The form can be completed and submitted directly to the WC Board online.

- d. Umbrella/Excess Insurance

- ☐ General Use: \$1 million each Occurrence and Aggregate. Umbrella/Excess coverage shall be on a follow-form basis or provide broader coverage over the required General Liability coverages.

- ☐ Organized Athletic Leagues: \$3 million each Occurrence and Aggregate. Umbrella/Excess coverage shall be on a follow-form basis or provide broader coverage over the required General Liability coverages.

- ☐ Athletic/Recreational Camps: \$5 million each Occurrence and Aggregate. Umbrella/Excess coverage shall be on a follow-form basis or provide broader coverage over the required General Liability coverages.

- ☐ Carnivals and Firework Displays, etc.: \$10 million each Occurrence and Aggregate. Umbrella/Excess coverage shall be on a follow-form basis or provide broader coverage over the required General Liability coverages.

3. The district administration shall make available applications for use of school facilities. An applicant who signs a permit application thereby agrees to abide by these regulations and procedures and all other applicable laws and district policies.

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06/2025

ROOMS - \$ per hour

Cafeterias.....	\$ 54
Auditoriums	
High School, Middle School.....	\$138
East Hills.....	\$ 90
Libraries, Multi-Purpose Rooms/ Common Areas and Conference Rooms...	\$ 54
Classrooms.....	\$ 36
Gymnasiums	
HS, MS, EH & HH.....	\$ 90
Heights.....	\$ 66

CUSTODIAL AND SECURITY CHARGES

\$90 per staff member per hour for any custodial or security services that are in addition to any such services provided by the school district as part of its regular course of business. Minimum charge is 3 hours, including 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after use.

FIELDS

League (youth):

All schools..... \$180

A single per diem field use fee of \$180 is charged for use of multiple fields by one organization at one location, up to eight hours for each weekend day or holiday

League (adult):

All schools..... \$180

A field use fee of \$180 is charged for each day of play, up to eight hours

Non-League (adult):

A \$90 permit fee will be assessed for each permit application

All Synthetic Turf Fields

\$102/ hour regular use \$180/hour for tournaments.

*Revised 6/24/2025
11/4/2010*

**USERS OF SCHOOL FACILITIES BY CLASSIFICATION
(Effective March 2025)**

CLASS IA - NO CHARGE

Organizations with direct school connections:

Bulldog Boosters
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committee
Foundation for Roslyn's Educational Advancement and Development (R.E.A.D.)
Friends of Royal Crown Players
Friends of Spotlight
Parent Associations (CCPA, RHS, RMS, EH, HH, HTS, SEPTA, KPA)
Marching Band Fans
Nassau BOCES
Roslyn Employee Associations
 Roslyn Administrators & Supervisors Association
 Roslyn Custodial, Bus Drivers and Maintenance Association
 Roslyn Educational Secretaries Association
 Roslyn Food Service Association
 Roslyn Paraprofessional Association
 Roslyn Teachers Association (RTA)
 Retired RTA
Roslyn High School Scholarship Fund Committee
Senior Party Parents

**CLASS IB - NO ROOM FEE; FIELDS USE FEE; CUSTODIAL CHARGE, IF
APPLICABLE**

Organizations of a semi-educational nature:

Albertson Soccer
Advantage All Foundation
Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church & School
Concerned Citizens for Roslyn Youth
Roslyn Booster Basketball Club
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
Long Island Bridge for Youth
Long Island Chess Nuts
Long Island Flag Football Inc.
Roslyn Little League
Sid Jacobson JCC
Roslyn Flag Football League
Roslyn Lacrosse Club
Roslyn FC Soccer
Team Siege Baseball

CLASS II – APPLICATION FEE, ROOM FEE, FIELD USE FEE AND/OR CUSTODIAL CHARGE, AS APPLICABLE

Organizations with a social, civic, recreational or entertainment purpose, such as service and charitable organizations, civic associations, summer programs and adult sports groups:

Canterbury Woods Civic Association
Chabad of Roslyn Summer Program
East Hills Men's Softball
E Joy Community Resource Center
Friends of the Bryant Library
Greenvale Civic Association
Nassau Zone New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation
and Dance (NYSAPERD)
Roslyn Bulldogs/Stan Musial League
Roslyn Chamber of Commerce
Roslyn Graduates Bulldogs Softball
Roslyn Heights Civic Association
Roslyn Men's Softball
Roslyn Soccer Opponents
Roslyn Women's Softball
Supportersize Foundation
Temple Beth Shalom Day Camp
Temple Sinai
Unified Civic Association

CLASS IIIA - COUNTY-DETERMINED FEE

Nassau County Board of Elections

CLASS IIIB – NO CHARGE

Governmental entities or officials, such as federal, state, town or village governments or officials, for the purpose of holding political and non-political meetings, forums or hearings:

Bryant Library
Roslyn Highlands Fire Dept.
Roslyn Rescue Fire Dept.
Nassau County
New York State
Town of North Hempstead
Roslyn Water District
Village of East Hills
Village of Flower Hill
Village of Roslyn
Village of Roslyn Estates
Village of Roslyn Harbor

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Literature containing information about meetings or functions may be distributed to pupils within the schools only when said meetings or functions are conducted directly by the Board of Education, a school or schools, a parent organization or The Bryant Library.

Posters, placards, displays or other such advertising media shall not be placed in any school building or on other school property without the specific approval of the Superintendent of Schools. Such approval is limited to the list of organizations specified by the Board of Education.

Requests other than those specified by the provisions of the previous paragraph must be submitted to the Board of Education.

The following shall be permitted to make two distributions of any informative announcement per school year, form and content to be subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Schools. No distribution shall contain any tear-off sheet or other provision for return of any material through the school.

Albertson Soccer Club
 Beth Shalom Day Camp
 Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Long Island
 Boy Scouts
 Brownies
 Concerned Citizens for Roslyn Youth
 Cub Scouts
 Destination Science
 E Joy Community Resource Center
 Foundation for Roslyn's Educational Advancement and Development (READ)
 Friends of Nassau County Recreation
 Friends of Sands Point Preserve
 Girl Scouts
 Great Knights Chess Club (Chessmates)
 Korean Parents Association of Long Island
 Long Island Bridge for Youth
 Long Island Chess Nuts
 Mineola – Roslyn PAL
 Nassau Athletics and Arts Program
 North Shore Boys & Girls Club
 North Shore Child & Family Guidance Association
 PAL North Shore Roller Hockey League
 Police Athletic League
 Roslyn Booster Basketball Club
 Roslyn Chamber of Commerce
 Roslyn Day Care Center
 Roslyn Fire Companies
 Roslyn Flag Football League
 Roslyn Lacrosse Club

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Roslyn Landmark Society
 Roslyn Little League
 Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center
 Temple Sinai Early Childhood Center
 The Art Guild
 The WaterFront Center
 Town of North Hempstead
 Town of Oyster Bay
 YMCA at Glen Cove

School facilities and personnel may not be used for the distribution of advertising for private gain, nor may charitable contributions be solicited from students by any organization, except those permitted by the Board of Regents.

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The School District is committed to providing a positive, safe and supportive learning environment where students are free from bullying, harassment and discrimination.

“Harassment” and “Bullying” are the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by threats, intimidation or abuse, including cyberbullying, that (a) has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or (b) reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety; or (c) reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause physical injury or emotional harm to a student; or (d) occurs off school property and creates or would foreseeably create a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment, where it is foreseeable that the conduct, threats, intimidation or abuse might reach school property. Acts of harassment and bullying shall include, but not be limited to, those acts based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex. For the purposes of this definition the term “threats, intimidation or abuse” shall include verbal and non-verbal actions.

“Cyberbullying” shall mean harassment or bullying as defined above, where such harassment or bullying occurs through any form of electronic communication.

The School District aims to foster an educational setting wherein all students are treated with respect and dignity.

The School District acknowledges that bullying and other forms of harassment or discrimination are disruptive and harmful to our students. Because bullying and other forms of harassment or discrimination are detrimental to our learning environment, our sense of community, and an individual's well-being, the School District does not and will not condone bullying, harassment or discrimination of any kind. The School District strictly prohibits all forms of bullying, harassment and discrimination of students by district employees or students on school property or at school functions, regardless of whether they are conducted on the premises of the School District. The School District also prohibits all forms of off-campus bullying, harassment or discrimination including, but not limited to, “cyber-bullying,” which may include the use of instant messaging, e-mail, websites, chat rooms and text messaging or other form of electronic communication, or other acts in violation of this policy when such acts occurs off school property and create or would foreseeably create a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment, where it is foreseeable that the conduct, threats, intimidation or abuse might reach school property.

The Principal of the school where the incident occurred is the school employee charged with receiving reports of harassment, bullying and discrimination.

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Any student who believes that he or she is being bullied, harassed or discriminated against, or who has knowledge of bullying, harassing or discriminating behavior should report it. Students may make oral or written reports of bullying, harassment or discrimination to any staff member.

All School District personnel are responsible for taking action if they become aware of any bullying, harassment or discrimination against a student. Staff members must make an oral report promptly of all complaints of bullying, harassment, and discrimination that they receive from students or others, whether oral or written, as well as any instances of bullying, harassment or discrimination that they are aware of, to the Principal of the school where the incident occurred not later than one school day after receipt of a report or witnessing an incident and must file a written report with the Principal of the school where the incident occurred not later than two school days after making the oral report.

Bullying, harassment or discrimination of a sexual nature, as defined by the School District's sexual harassment policy, must be reported to the School District's Title IX officer. Bullying, harassment or discrimination which involves criminal activity, or where there is reasonable belief that criminal activity may occur, must be immediately reported to the Principal of the school where the incident occurred. If the Principal of the school where the incident occurred believes that any harassment, bullying or discrimination constitutes criminal conduct, he/she shall promptly notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency. To the extent possible, allegations of bullying, harassment or discrimination will be kept confidential; however, the School District reserves the right to disclose the identity of the parties and witnesses in appropriate circumstances to individuals with a need to know.

The Principal of the school where the incident occurred will lead the investigation of all reports of harassment, bullying and discrimination and will ensure each investigation is completed promptly after receipt of any written report. All reports of bullying, harassment or discrimination will be thoroughly investigated and prompt action will be taken by the school where the incident occurred to address the verified allegations, including the imposition of appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with applicable law and the School District's Code of Conduct. Actions will be reasonably calculated to end the harassment, bullying or discrimination, eliminate any hostile environment, create a more positive school culture and climate, prevent recurrence of behavior, and ensure the safety of the student(s) against whom the bullying, harassment or discrimination was directed. Actions shall be consistent with the guidelines created by the School District, in accordance with law and this policy, for measured, balanced and age-appropriate responses to instances of harassment, bullying and discrimination.

All Principals shall make regular reports to the Superintendent on data and trends related to harassment, bullying and discrimination in their schools.

The School District expressly prohibits any retaliation against complainants, victims, witnesses and/or any individuals, who initiate, testify, participate or assist in the investigation of any

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allegation or report of bullying, harassment or discrimination. The School District's administrators will monitor participants in investigations and victims of bullying, harassment or discrimination to ensure that the behavior has ceased, no retaliation has occurred and support or counseling has been afforded to the involved individuals, as needed.

The School District will create guidelines for training and will provide training to staff, in accordance with the requirements of state law and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, which will include, but not be limited to: raising awareness and sensitivity to potential bullying, harassment or discrimination and the effects of bullying, harassment or discrimination, including cyberbullying, on students; enabling staff to prevent and respond to incidents of bullying, harassment or discrimination; addressing social patterns of harassment, bullying and/or discrimination, the identification and mitigation of such acts, and strategies for effectively addressing problems of exclusion, bias and aggression in educational settings; ensuring effective implementation of school policy on conduct and discipline; and including safe and supportive school climate concepts in curriculum and classroom management.

The School District shall ensure that the course of instruction in grades kindergarten through twelve includes a component on civility, citizenship and character education. Such component shall instruct students on the principles of honesty, tolerance, personal responsibility, respect for others, with an emphasis on discouraging acts of harassment, bullying and discrimination, observance of laws and rules, courtesy, dignity and other traits which will enhance the quality of their experiences in, and contributions to, the community. The component shall support the development of a school environment free of harassment, bullying and discrimination and shall also include instruction on the safe, responsible use of the internet and electronic communications. For purposes of this policy, "tolerance," "respect for others" and "dignity" shall include awareness and sensitivity to bullying, discrimination or harassment and civility in the relations of people of different races, colors, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, genders and sexes.

In accordance with state law, the Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that at least one staff member at every school be designated as a Dignity Act Coordinator who is approved by the Board and who will be instructed in the provisions of the Dignity for All Students Act; thoroughly trained to handle human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender and sex; and provided training: (1) which addresses the social patterns of harassment, bullying and discrimination, including but not limited to those acts based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and sex; (2) in the identification and mitigation of harassment, bullying and discrimination; and (3) in strategies for effectively addressing problems of exclusion, bias, and aggression in educational settings. Each Coordinator shall be employed by the District and be licensed and/or certified by the Commissioner as a classroom teacher, school counselor, school psychologist, school nurse, school social worker, school administrator or supervisor, or

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Superintendent of Schools. The name and contact information of the Dignity Act Coordinator shall be disseminated in accordance with state law and the Commissioner's Regulations.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall develop and implement a school strategy to prevent harassment, bullying and discrimination as well as procedures and guidelines, as needed, to fulfill the purpose of this policy in the School District, including intervention and non-discriminatory instructional and counseling methods and guidelines relating to the development of measured, balanced and age-appropriate responses to instances of harassment, bullying or discrimination by students, with remedies and procedures following a progressive model that make appropriate use of intervention, discipline and education, vary in method according to the nature of the behavior, the developmental age of the student and the student's history of problem behaviors, and are consistent with the School District's Code of Conduct.

The School District will maintain current versions of this policy on its website and require that at least once during each school year, each school provide its employees, students and parents with a written or electronic copy of this policy, or a plain-language summary thereof, including the notification process by which students, parents and school employees may report harassment, bullying and discrimination.

The School District shall report material incidents of discrimination and harassment of students to the Department of Education as mandated by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, but in no case less than on an annual basis.

Ref: Education Law, Article 2
Education Law § 801-a
8 NYCRR §§ 100.2(c), (jj), (kk)

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5300.05 INTRODUCTION

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe supportive and orderly school environment where students may receive and district personnel may deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

This Code of Conduct focuses on the mutual responsibilities of all groups within the school community. There is a universal set of ethical standards which can be enforced in the school district and which students are expected to follow.

The first goal in teaching ethics is to give students a sense of how important these issues are and to encourage them to give greater thought to the ramifications of their actions on a regular basis. The second is to develop an atmosphere that encourages the development of character. The third is to allow students to develop a core of shared ethical values. The final goal is to encourage students to carry these values forward and apply them broadly in their lives.

In drawing the Code, the district has been guided by a desire to be fair, to be even-handed, and to manifest the mutual respect that each member of the public school community feels for every other member.

Unless otherwise indicated, this Code applies to all students, school personnel, parents/persons in parental relation and other visitors when on school property or attending a school function.

5300.10 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Code, the following definitions apply.

“Bullying” or “Harassment” Bullying” means the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by threats, intimidation or abuse, including cyberbullying, that (a) has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student’s educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or (b) reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety; or (c) reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause physical injury or emotional harm to a student; or (d) occurs off school property and creates or would foreseeably create a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment, where it is foreseeable that the conduct, threats, intimidation or abuse might reach school property. For purposes of this definition, the term “threats, intimidation or abuse” shall include verbal and non-verbal actions. Acts of bullying and harassment that are prohibited include but are not limited to those acts based on a person’s actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex.

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“Cyberbullying” means harassment or bullying as defined above, where such harassment or bullying occurs through any form of electronic communication.

“Disability” means (a) a physical, mental or medical impairment resulting from anatomical, physiological, genetic or neurological conditions which prevents the exercise of a normal bodily function or is demonstrable by medically accepted clinical or laboratory diagnostic techniques or (b) a record of such an impairment or (c) a condition regarded by others as such an impairment, provided, however, that in all provisions of this article dealing with employment, the term must be limited to disabilities which, upon the provision of reasonable accommodations, do not prevent the complainant from performing in a reasonable manner the activities involved in the job or occupation sought or held.

“Discrimination” means discrimination against any student by a student or students and/or employee or employees on school property or at a school function including but not limited to, discrimination based on a person’s actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.

“Disruptive student” means an elementary or secondary student under the age of 21 who is substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially interferes with the teacher’s authority over the classroom. “Electronic communication” means a communication transmitted by means of an electronic device, including but not limited to, a telephone, cellular phone, computer, laptop, pager, or other hand-held device, communication transmitted through email, text message, instant message, voicemail, social networking sites, webpage, video, chat rooms, blogs, instagram, and twitter.

“Emotional Harm” in the context of “harassment or bullying” means harm to a student’s emotional well-being through the creation of a hostile school environment that is so severe or pervasive as to unreasonably and substantially interfere with a student’s education.

“Employee” means any person receiving compensation from a school district or employee of a contracted service provider or worker placed within the school under a public assistance employment program, pursuant to title 9-B of article 5 of the Social Services Law, and consistent with the provisions of such title for the provision of services to such district, its students or employees, directly or through contract, whereby such services performed by such person involve direct student contact.

“Gender” means actual or perceived sex and shall include a person’s gender identity or expression.

“Gender Expression” means the manner in which a person represents or expresses gender to others, often through behavior, clothing, hairstyle, activities, voice or mannerisms.

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“Gender Identity” means one’s self-concept as being male or female, as distinguished from actual biological sex or sex assigned at birth.

“Parent” means parent, guardian or person in parental relation to a student.

“School Bus” means every motor vehicle owned by a public or governmental agency or private school and operated for the transportation of pupils, children of pupils, teachers and other persons acting in a supervisory capacity, to or from school or school activities, or, privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of pupils, children of pupils, teachers and other persons acting in a supervisory capacity to or from school or school activities.

“School property” means in or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land contained within the real property boundary line of a public elementary or secondary school, or in or on a school bus, as defined in Vehicle and Traffic Law § 142.

“School function” means any school-sponsored extra-curricular event or activity regardless of where such event or activity takes place, including those that take place in another state.

“Sexual orientation” means actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality.

“Violent student” means a student under the age of 21 who:

1. Commits an act of violence upon a school employee, or attempts to do so.
2. Commits, while on school property or at a school function, an act of violence upon another student or any other person lawfully on school property or at the school function, or attempts to do so.
3. Possesses, while on school property or at a school function, a weapon.
4. Displays, while on school property or at a school function, what appears to be a weapon.
5. Threatens, while on school property or at a school function, to use a weapon.
6. Knowingly and intentionally damages or destroys the personal property of any school employee or any person lawfully on school property or at a school function.
7. Knowingly and intentionally damages or destroys school district property.

“Weapon” means a firearm as defined in 18 USC § 921 for purposes of the Gun-Free Schools Act. It also means any other gun, BB gun, pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, machine gun, disguised gun, dagger, dirk, razor, stiletto, switchblade knife, gravity knife, brass knuckles, sling shot, metal knuckle knife, box cutters, cane sword, electronic dart gun, Kung Fu star, electronic stun gun, pepper spray or other noxious spray, explosive or incendiary bomb, or other device, instrument, material or substance that can cause physical injury or death when used to cause physical injury or death.

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5300.15 STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Student Rights

The district is committed to safeguarding the rights given to all students under state and federal law. In addition, to promote a safe, supportive, healthy, orderly and civil school environment, all district students have the right to:

1. Take part in all district activities on an equal basis regardless of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, gender, sex, or sexual orientation or disability.
2. To learn in an environment free from interruption, harassment, bullying, discrimination, intimidation and fear;
3. Present their version of the relevant events to school personnel authorized to impose a disciplinary penalty in connection with the imposition of the penalty.
4. Access school rules and, when necessary, receive an explanation of those rules from school personnel.

B. Student Responsibilities

All district students have the responsibility to:

1. Contribute to maintaining a safe, supportive and orderly school environment that is conducive to learning and to show respect and dignity to other persons and to property.
2. Be familiar with and abide by all district policies, rules and regulations dealing with student conduct.
3. Attend school every day unless they are legally excused and be in class, on time, and prepared to learn.
4. Work to the best of their ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward their highest level of achievement possible.
5. React to direction given by teachers, administrators and other school personnel in a respectful, positive manner.
6. Work to develop mechanisms to control their anger.
7. Maintain behavior free from all forms of harassment, bullying or discrimination.
8. Ask questions when they do not understand.
9. Seek help in solving problems that might lead to discipline.
10. Dress appropriately for school and school functions.
11. Accept responsibility for their actions.
12. Conduct themselves as representatives of the district before, after or during school hours while on school grounds, riding on school buses or when participating in or attending school-sponsored extracurricular events and hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, and sportsmanship.

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5300.20 ESSENTIAL PARTNERS

A. Parents, Guardians, Custodial Caretakers

Parents, guardians or other persons entrusted with the care and supervision of a person under the age of 18 have the overall responsibility for the behavior of their children, as determined by law, and are expected to cooperate with the school authorities and participate in conferences regarding the behavior of their children.

Parents, guardians, custodial caretakers are expected to provide the foundation of respect, dignity, and self-control so that the student's behavior will be supportive of the school's educational program.

All parents, guardians and custodial caretakers are expected to:

1. Recognize that the education of their child(ren) is a joint responsibility of the parents/guardians/custodial caretakers and the school community.
2. Send their children to school ready to participate and learn.
3. Ensure their children attend school regularly and on time.
4. Ensure absences are excused.
5. Insist their children be dressed and groomed in a manner consistent with the student dress code.
6. Help their children understand that in a democratic society appropriate rules are required to maintain a safe, supportive and orderly environment.
7. Know school rules and help their children understand them.
8. Convey to their children a supportive attitude toward education and the district.
9. Build good relationships with teachers, other parents and their children's friends through a climate of mutual respect and dignity.
10. Help their children deal effectively with peer pressure.
11. Inform school officials of changes in the home situation that may affect student conduct or performance.
12. Provide a place for study and ensure homework assignments are completed.
13. Bring any concerns of bullying, harassment or discrimination to the attention of the appropriate school official.
14. Follow school rules and regulations when on school property or attending school functions.

B. Teachers

All district teachers are expected to:

1. Maintain a climate of mutual respect and dignity for all students, regardless of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex, which will strengthen students' self-concept and promote confidence to learn.

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2. Be prepared to teach.
 3. Demonstrate interest in teaching and concern for student achievement.
 4. Know school policies and rules, and enforce them in a fair and consistent manner.
 5. Communicate to students and parents, verbally, in writing and/or electronically (where available):
 - a. Course objectives and requirements
 - b. Marking/grading procedures
 - c. Assignment deadlines
 - d. Expectations for students
 - e. Classroom discipline plan
 6. Communicate regularly with students, parents and other teachers concerning growth and achievement.
 7. Implement behavioral intervention plans, Section 504 plans, and Individual Education Programs as they relate to discipline of students with disabilities.
 8. Address issues of discrimination, bullying and harassment, or any situation that threatens the emotional or physical health or safety of any student, school employee, or any person who is lawfully on school property or at a school function or which create a hostile environment.
 9. Address personal biases that may prevent equal treatment of all students.
 10. Promptly make an oral report of incidents of bullying, discrimination and harassment that are witnessed or otherwise brought to a teacher's attention to the school official designated to receive complaints not later than one school day after witnessing the incident or the incident being brought to their attention and file a written report with the designated school official not later than two days after making the oral report.

C. Guidance Counselors

Guidance Counselors shall:

1. Maintain a climate of mutual respect and dignity for all students, regardless of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.
2. Assist students in coping with peer pressure, bullying/cyberbullying and emerging personal, social and emotional problems.
3. Initiate teacher/student/counselor conferences and parent/teacher/student/counselor conferences, as necessary, as a way to resolve problems.
4. Regularly review with students their educational progress and career plans.
5. Provide information to assist students with career planning.
6. Encourage students to benefit from the curriculum and extracurricular programs.
7. Address issues of discrimination, bullying and harassment, or any situation that threatens the emotional or physical health or safety of any student,

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school employee, or any person who is lawfully on school property or at a school function or which create a hostile environment.

8. Address personal biases that may prevent equal treatment of all students.
9. Promptly make an oral report of incidents of bullying, discrimination and harassment that are witnessed or otherwise brought to a counselor's attention to the school official designated to receive complaints not later than one school day after witnessing the incident or the incident being brought to their attention and file a written report with the designated school official not later than two days after making the oral report.

D. Other School Personnel

Other school personnel shall:

1. Maintain a climate of mutual respect and dignity for all students regardless of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.
2. Maintain confidentiality in accordance with federal and state law.
3. Be familiar with the Code of Conduct.
4. Help children understand the district's expectations for maintaining a safe, orderly and supportive environment.
5. Participate in school-wide efforts to provide adequate supervision in all school spaces.
6. Address issues of bullying, discrimination and harassment, or any situation that threatens the emotional or physical health or safety of any student, school employee, or any person who is lawfully on school property or at a school function or which create a hostile environment.
7. Address personal biases that may prevent equal treatment of all students.
8. Promptly make an oral report of incidents of bullying, discrimination and harassment that are witnessed or otherwise brought to their attention to the school official designated to receive complaints not later than one school day after witnessing the incident or the incident being brought to their attention and file a written report with the designated school official not later than two days after making the oral report.

E. Principals

Principals shall:

1. Promote a safe, supportive, orderly and stimulating school environment, supporting active teaching and learning for all students regardless of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.

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2. Ensure that students and staff have the opportunity to communicate regularly with the Principal and approach the Principal for redress of grievances.
3. Evaluate on a regular basis all instructional programs.
4. Support the development of and student participation in appropriate extracurricular activities.
5. Be responsible for enforcing the Code of Conduct and ensuring that all cases are resolved promptly and fairly.
6. Implement procedures to provide the building level procedural protections afforded to all students pursuant to federal and state law.
7. Address issues of bullying, discrimination and harassment, or any situation that threatens the emotional or physical health or safety of any student, school employee, or any person who is lawfully on school property or at a school function or which create a hostile environment.
8. Address personal biases that may prevent equal treatment of all students.
9. Promptly make an oral report of incidents of bullying, discrimination and harassment that are witnessed or otherwise brought to a principal's attention to the school official designated to receive complaints not later than one school day after witnessing the incident or the incident being brought to their attention and file a written report with the designated school official not later than two days after making the oral report.

F. The Dignity Act Coordinator(s)

The Dignity Act Coordinators shall:

1. Promote a safe, orderly and stimulating school environment, supporting active teaching and learning for all students regardless of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.
2. Oversee and coordinate the work of the district-wide and building-level bullying prevention committees.
3. Identify curricular resources that support infusing civility in classroom instruction and classroom management, and provide guidance to staff as to how to access and implement those resources.
4. Coordinate, with the Professional Development Committee, training in support of the bullying prevention committee.
5. Be responsible for monitoring and reporting on the effectiveness of the district's Dignity for All Student's Act Policy.
6. Address issues of bullying, discrimination and harassment or any situation that threatens the emotional, or physical health, or safety of any student, school employee, or any person who is lawfully on school property or at a school function or which create a hostile environment.
7. Address personal biases that may prevent equal treatment of all students.

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8. If not the school official designated to receive complaints, shall promptly make an oral report of incidents of discrimination and harassment that are witnessed or otherwise brought to a Dignity Act Coordinator's attention, to the school official designated to receive complaints not later than one school day after witnessing the incident or the incident being brought to their attention and file a written report with the designated school official not later than two days after making the oral report.

G. Superintendent

The Superintendent shall:

1. Promote a safe, supportive, orderly and stimulating school environment, supporting active teaching and learning for all students regardless of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.
2. Review with district administrators the policies of the Board of Education and state and federal laws relating to school operations and management.
3. Inform the Board about educational trends relating to student discipline.
4. Work to create instructional programs that minimize problems of misconduct and are sensitive to student and teacher needs.
5. Work with district administrators in enforcing the Code of Conduct and ensuring that all cases are resolved promptly and fairly.
6. Address issues of bullying, discrimination and harassment, or any situation that threatens the emotional or physical health or safety of any student, school employee, or any person who is lawfully on school property or at a school function or which create a hostile environment.
7. Address personal biases that may prevent equal treatment of all students.
8. If not the school official designated to receive complaints, shall promptly make an oral report of incidents of discrimination and harassment that are witnessed or otherwise brought to a superintendent's attention to the school official designated to receive complaints not later than one school day after witnessing the incident or the incident being brought to their attention and file a written report with the designated school official not later than two days after making the oral report..

H. Board of Education

The Board of Education expects all certified employees to exercise sound professional judgment in employing preventative, therapeutic and punitive measures to promote acceptable student behavior.

The Board of Education shall:

1. Promote a safe, supportive, orderly and stimulating environment, supporting active teaching and learning for all students regardless of actual

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or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.

2. Collaborate with students, teachers, administrators, and parent organizations, school safety personnel and other school personnel to develop a Code of Conduct that clearly defines expectations for the conduct of students, district personnel and visitors on school property and at school functions.
3. Adopt and review at least annually the district's Code of Conduct to evaluate the Code's effectiveness and the fairness and consistency of its implementation.
4. Lead by example by conducting Board meetings in a professional, respectful, courteous manner.
5. Address issues of bullying, discrimination and harassment, or any situation that threatens the emotional or physical health or safety of any student, school employee, or any person who is lawfully on school property or at a school function or which create a hostile environment.
6. Address personal biases that may prevent equal treatment of all students. Promptly make an oral report incidents of bullying, discrimination and harassment that are witnessed or otherwise brought to a board member's attention to the school official designated to receive complaints not later than one school day after witnessing the incident or the incident being brought to their attention and file a written report with the designated school official not later than two days after making the oral report.

5300.25 STUDENT DRESS CODE

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up, and nails, shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
2. Recognize that extremely brief garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines (front and/or back) and see-through garments are not appropriate.
3. Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.
4. Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
5. Not include the wearing of hats in the classroom except for a medical or religious purpose.

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6. Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate or discriminate against others on account of actual or perceived race, color, weight, religion, religious practice, national origin, ethnic group, gender, sex, sexual orientation or disability.
7. Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
8. Be appropriate to a specific educational purpose and not inhibit full and safe participation in the school environment.

Each Principal or his/her designee shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the school year.

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item, and if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension.

5300.30 PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT

The Board of Education expects all students to conduct themselves in an appropriate and civil manner, with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, district personnel and other members of the school community, and for the proper care of school facilities and equipment.

It is expected that all students conduct themselves in manner that supports the intent of the Dignity for All Students Act; creating a safe and supportive school environment free of discrimination, bullying/cyberbullying and harassment.

The best discipline is self-imposed, and students must learn to assume and accept responsibility for their own behavior, as well as the consequences of their misbehavior. District personnel who interact with students are expected to use disciplinary action only when necessary and to place emphasis on the students' ability to grow in self-discipline.

The Board recognizes the need to make its expectations for student conduct while on school property or engaged in a school function specific and clear. The rules of conduct listed below are intended to do that and focus on safety and respect for the rights and property of others. Students who will not accept responsibility for their own behavior and who violate these school rules will be required to accept the penalties for their conduct.

A student may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school, when the student engages in the following conduct on school property or at a school function:

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A. Engages in conduct that is disorderly. Examples of disorderly conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Fighting or threatening behavior.
2. Disturbing any lawful assembly or meeting of persons.
3. Creating a hazardous physically offensive condition by any act that serves no legitimate purpose.
4. Defacing school property.
5. Running in hallways.
6. Making unreasonable noise.
7. Using language or gestures that is profane, lewd, vulgar or abusive.
8. Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
9. Engaging in any willful act which disrupts the normal operation of the school community.
10. Trespassing. Students are not permitted in any school building, other than the one they regularly attend, without permission from the administrator in charge of the building.
11. Computer/electronic communications misuse, including any unauthorized use of personnel electronic equipment, such as, but not limited to, cell phones, iPods, iPads and computers, software, or an Internet/Intranet account; accessing inappropriate websites; or any other violation of the District's Acceptable Use Policy.
12. Using skates, skateboards, roller blades, scooters or bicycles on school grounds. This shall not prohibit students from appropriately riding their bicycles to and from school in a non-disruptive or disorderly manner and securing same in the designated area at the indicated place/time.
13. Violating cafeteria behavioral expectations. Food is to be eaten only in the cafeteria or designated areas. Students are expected to sit on chairs or benches and not to have their feet on tables. There is to be no throwing or misuse of food.
14. Violating traffic regulations on school property.

B. Engages in conduct that is insubordinate. Examples of insubordinate conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Direct and deliberate refusal to comply with the reasonable directions of teachers, school administrators or other school employees in charge of students or otherwise demonstrating disrespect.
2. Lateness for, missing or leaving school without permission.
3. Skipping detention.
4. Lying to school personnel.
5. Disrespect to students.
6. Attendance violations.

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C. Engages in conduct that is disruptive. Examples of disruptive conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Failing to comply with the reasonable directions of teachers, school administrators or other school personnel in charge of students.
2. Inappropriate public sexual contact.
3. Creating a disturbance.
4. Falsely reporting a fire, bomb or other threat (Please note: false reporting of threats may also result in criminal prosecution).
5. Use of water guns or improper use of water containers of any kind.
6. Conduct disruptive to the educational process.

D. Engages in conduct that is violent. Examples of violent conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Committing an act of violence (such as, but not limited to, hitting, kicking, punching, pushing/shoving and/or scratching) upon a teacher, another student, administrator or other school employee, or any other person lawfully on school property or at a school function, or attempting or threatening to do so.
2. Possessing, using, distributing or selling a weapon. Authorized law enforcement officials are the only persons permitted to have a weapon in their possession while on school property or at a school function.
3. Displaying what appears to be a weapon.
4. Threatening to use any weapon.
5. Intentionally damaging or destroying the personal property of a student, teacher, administrator, other district employee or any person lawfully on school property, including graffiti or arson.
6. Intentionally vandalizing, damaging or destroying school district property, including graffiti or arson.
7. Assaulting or willfully injuring another person or threatening to do so, including fighting and/or engaging in violent behavior while on school property or at a school function.

E. Engages in any conduct that endangers the safety, morals, health or welfare of others. Examples of such conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Bullying, as defined in the “Definitions” section of this Code of Conduct.
 - Bullying may involve, but is not limited to: unwanted teasing, threatening, intimidating, stalking, cyberstalking, cyberbullying, physical violence, theft, sexual, religious, or racial harassment, public humiliation, destruction of school or personal property, social

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- exclusion, including incitement and/or coercion, and rumor or spreading of falsehoods.
2. Lying or committing forgery.
 3. Subjecting other students, school personnel or any other person lawfully on school property or attending a school function to danger by recklessly engaging in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury.
 4. Stealing or attempting to steal, or participating in the theft of money, or the property of other students, school personnel or any other person lawfully on school property or attending a school function, including the knowledgeable receipt of stolen goods.
 5. Cyberbullying, as defined in the “Definitions” section of this Code of Conduct.
 6. Defamation, which includes making false or unprivileged statements or representations about an individual or identifiable group of individuals, that harm the reputation of the person or the identifiable group by demeaning them.
 7. Discrimination, as defined in the “Definitions” section of this Code of Conduct.
 8. Harassment, as defined in the “Definitions” section of this Code of Conduct.
 9. Hazing, which includes any intentional or reckless act directed against another for the purpose of initiation into, affiliating with or maintaining membership in any school sponsored activity, organization, club or team.
 10. Violation of an individual’s civil rights.
 11. Selling, using, possessing, creating or distributing obscene material.
 12. Using vulgar, harassing, discriminatory or abusive language, cursing or swearing.
 13. Smoking or possession of a cigarette, cigar, pipe, e-cigarette, personal vaporizing or other device, using chewing or smokeless tobacco and/or smoking or using other tobacco/nicotine products.
 14. Possessing, consuming, selling, distributing or exchanging alcoholic beverages or illegal substances, possession of drug paraphernalia or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances. “Illegal substances” include, but are not limited to, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, synthetic cannabinoids (Marijuana), and any substances commonly referred to as “designer drugs.”
 15. Inappropriately possessing, using, distributing, attempting to distribute, or sharing prescription and/or over-the-counter drugs, or possessing prescription drugs without prior notification to the school nurse.
 16. Gambling.
 17. Indecent exposure, that is, exposure to sight of the private parts of the body in a lewd or indecent manner.
 18. Initiating a report warning of fire, bomb or other catastrophe without valid cause, misuse of 911, or discharging a fire extinguisher.

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19. Vandalizing, willfully damaging or destroying or attempting to cause damage to school or personal property, or willfully removing or using public or private property without authorization.
 20. Selling, using, possessing or distributing fireworks or other dangerous instruments or contraband capable of inflicting physical injury, or causing damage to property.
 21. Extorting money, goods, or favors from any member of the school community.
 22. Reckless driving.
 23. Sexual harassment.
- F. Engages in misconduct while on a school bus.** It is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on district buses, to ensure their safety and that of other passengers and to avoid distracting the bus driver. Students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Excessive noise, pushing, shoving, fighting, damaging property, refusing to obey the driver, causing persistent disruption and/or other violations of the Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. Students are expected to be seated while the bus is in motion.
- G. Engages in any form of academic misconduct. Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to:**
1. Lateness for missing or leaving school or class or homeroom without permission or excuse.
 2. Plagiarism. — using ideas, data or language of another without specific or proper acknowledgment.
 3. Cheating — including, but not limited to, copying, using unauthorized help sheets and the like, illegally obtaining tests in advance, substituting for a test taker and other forms of unauthorized collusion.
 4. Fabrication — intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation.
 5. Altering records.
 6. Forging the names of parents, teachers or other students.
 7. Assisting another student in any of the above actions.
- H. Engages in off-campus misconduct that endangers the health and safety of students or staff within the school or at a school function; or that creates or would foreseeably create a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment, where it is foreseeable that the misconduct might reach school property. Examples of such misconduct include, but are not limited to:**
1. Cyberbullying as defined in the “Definitions” section of this Code of Conduct.
 2. Using message boards to convey threats, derogatory comments or post pornographic pictures of students or school personnel, unauthorized access

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to the district's computer network, threats made via the telephone, inappropriate behavior at school bus stops.

- I. Inciting or conspiring with another person to commit or attempt any of the acts enumerated above.**

5300.35 REPORTING VIOLATIONS

All students are expected to promptly report violations of the Code of Conduct to a teacher, guidance counselor, the Principal or his or her designee. Any student observing a student possessing a weapon, alcohol or illegal substance or with knowledge of a violation on school property or at a school function shall report this information immediately to a teacher, the Principal, the Principal's designee or the Superintendent of Schools.

All district staff that are authorized to impose disciplinary sanctions are expected to do so in a prompt, fair and lawful manner. District staff who are not authorized to impose disciplinary sanctions are expected to promptly report violations of the Code of Conduct to their supervisor, who shall in turn impose an appropriate disciplinary sanction, if so authorized, or refer the matter to a staff member who is authorized to impose an appropriate sanction.

Any weapon, alcohol or illegal substance found shall be confiscated immediately, if possible, followed by notification to the parent of the student involved and the appropriate disciplinary sanction, which may include permanent suspension and referral to the local law enforcement agency for prosecution.

The Principal or his/her designee must notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency of those code violations, including but not limited to incidents of harassment, bullying and/or discrimination, which may constitute a crime, and substantially affect the order or security of a school as soon as practical, but in no event later than the close of business the day the Principal or his/her designee learns of the violation. The notification may be made by telephone, followed by a letter mailed on same day as the telephone call is made. The notification must identify the student and explain the conduct that violated the Code of Conduct and constituted a crime.

Reporting Incidents of Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying

Students who believe or perceived they may have been bullied, harassed and/or discriminated against, parents whose children have been bullied, harassed and/or discriminated against, or other students who observe bullying, harassing and/or discriminating behavior are encouraged and expected to make a verbal and/or written complaint to any school personnel.

Staff members must promptly make an oral report of all complaints of bullying, harassment, and discrimination that they receive from students or others, whether oral or written, as well as any instances of bullying, harassment or discrimination that they are

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aware of, to the **Principal of the school where the incident occurred** not later than one school day after receipt of a report or witnessing an incident and shall file a written report with the **Principal of the school where the incident occurred** not later than two school days after making the oral report.

Reports of bullying, harassment and discrimination will be promptly investigated in accordance with District policies and procedures.

Retaliation by any school employee or student against any individual who, in good faith, reports or assists in the investigation of harassment, bullying and/or discrimination is prohibited under law.

Dignity Act Coordinator Contact Information

The name and contact information for each school building's Dignity Act Coordinator(s) is provided below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School Building</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
Mary Wood	Heights	801-5500
Michelle Hazen	Harbor Hill	801-5400
Justin Gabrus	Harbor Hill	801-5400
Sherry Ma	East Hills	801-5300
Jennifer Sheehan	East Hills	801-5300
Craig Johanson	Middle School	801-5200
Christopher Roth	Middle School	801-5200
Melissa Hornik	Middle School	801-5200
Scott Andrews	High School	801-5100
Carol Murphy	High School	801-5100
Dave Lazarus	High School	801-5100
Dean of Students	High School	801-5100

This information shall also be posted on the District's web site and included in the plain language summaries of the code of conduct provided to parents and students and shall be further disseminated in accordance with law and regulations.

5300.40 DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES, PROCEDURES AND REFERRALS

Discipline is most effective when it deals directly with the problem at the time and place it occurs, and in a way that students view as fair and impartial. School personnel who interact with students are expected to use disciplinary action only when necessary and to place emphasis on the students' ability to grow in self-discipline.

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Disciplinary action, when necessary, will be firm, fair and consistent so as to be the most effective in changing student behavior. In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, school personnel authorized to impose disciplinary penalties will consider the following:

1. The student's age.
2. The nature of the offense and the circumstances which led to the offense.
3. The student's prior disciplinary record.
4. The effectiveness of other forms of discipline.
5. Information from parents, teachers and/or others, as appropriate.
6. Other extenuating circumstances.

As a general rule, disciplinary action will be progressive. Thus, a student's first violation may merit a lighter penalty than subsequent violations.

If the conduct of a student is related to a disability or suspected disability, the student shall be referred to the Committee on Special Education and disciplinary action, if warranted, shall be administered consistent with the separate requirements of this Code of Conduct for disciplining students with a disability or presumed to have a disability. A student identified as having a disability shall not be disciplined for behavior related to his/her disability.

A. Penalties

Students who are found to have violated the district's code of conduct may be subject to the following penalties, either alone or in combination. The school personnel identified after each penalty are authorized to impose that penalty, consistent with the student's right to due process.

1. Oral warning — any member of the district staff.
2. Written warning — bus drivers, hall and lunch monitors, coaches, guidance counselors, teachers, Principal, Superintendent.
3. Notification to parent — bus driver, hall and lunch monitors, coaches, guidance counselors, teachers, Principal, Superintendent.
4. Reprimand.
5. Detention — teachers, Principal, Superintendent.
6. Teacher Conference.
7. Parent Conference.
8. Referral to police or legal action.
9. Suspension from transportation — Director of Transportation, Principal, Superintendent.
10. Suspension from athletic participation — coaches, Principal, Superintendent.
11. Suspension from social or extracurricular activities — activity director, Principal, Superintendent.
12. Suspension of other privileges — Principal, Superintendent.
13. In-school suspension — Principal, Superintendent.
14. Removal from classroom by teacher — teachers, Principal.

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15. Short-term (five days or less) suspension from school — Principal, Superintendent, Board.
16. Long-term (more than five days) suspension from school — Superintendent, Board
17. Permanent suspension from school — Superintendent, Board.
18. Probation.
19. Restitution.
20. Referral to department chairperson.

B. Procedures

The amount of due process a student is entitled to receive before a penalty is imposed depends on the penalty being imposed. In all cases, regardless of the penalty imposed, the school personnel authorized to impose the penalty must inform the student of the alleged misconduct and must investigate, to the extent necessary, the facts surrounding the alleged misconduct. All students will have an opportunity to present their version of the facts to the school personnel imposing the disciplinary penalty in connection with the imposition of the penalty.

Students who are to be given penalties other than an oral warning, written warning or written notification to their parents are entitled to additional rights before the penalty is imposed. These additional rights are explained below.

1. Detention

Teachers, Principals and the Superintendent may use after school detention as a penalty for student misconduct in situations where removal from the classroom or suspension would be inappropriate. When a student is assigned detention, the district should attempt to notify the parent of the student. Furthermore, the district will ensure that the student has transportation home.

2. Suspension from transportation

If a student does not conduct himself/herself properly on a bus, the bus driver is expected to bring such misconduct to the Principal's or his/her designee's attention. Students who become a serious disciplinary problem may have their riding privileges suspended by the Principal or the Superintendent or their designees.

In such cases, the student's parent will become responsible for seeing that his or her child gets to and from school safely. Should the suspension from transportation amount to a suspension from attendance, the district will make appropriate arrangements to provide for the student's education.

A student subjected to a suspension from transportation is not entitled to a full hearing pursuant to Education Law §3214. However, the student and the student's parent will be provided with a reasonable opportunity for an informal conference with the Principal or the Principal's designee to discuss the conduct and the penalty involved.

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3. Suspension from athletic participation, extra-curricular activities and other privileges

A student subjected to a suspension from athletic participation, extracurricular activities or other privileges is not entitled to a full hearing pursuant to Education Law §3214. However, the student and the student's parent will be provided with a reasonable opportunity for an informal conference with the district official imposing the suspension to discuss the conduct and the penalty involved.

4. In-school Suspension

The Board recognizes the school must balance the need of students to attend school and the need for order in the classroom to establish an environment conducive to learning. As such, the Board authorizes Principals and the Superintendent to place students who would otherwise be suspended from school as the result of a Code of Conduct violation in "in-school suspension." The in-school suspension teacher will be a certified teacher or teaching assistant.

A student subjected to an in-school suspension is not entitled to a full hearing pursuant to Education Law §3214. However, the student and the student's parent will be provided with a reasonable opportunity for an informal conference with the district official imposing the in-school suspension to discuss the conduct and the penalty involved.

5. Teacher Disciplinary Removal of Disruptive Students

A student's behavior can affect a teacher's ability to teach and can make it difficult for other students in the classroom to learn. In most instances the classroom teacher can control a student's behavior and maintain or restore control over the classroom by using good classroom management techniques. These techniques may include practices that involve the teacher directing a student to briefly leave the classroom to give the student an opportunity to regain his or her composure and self-control in an alternative setting. Such practices may include, but are not limited to: (1) short-term "time out" in an elementary classroom or in an administrator's office; (2) sending a student to the Principal's office for the remainder of the class time only; or (3) sending a student to a guidance counselor or other district staff member for counseling. Time-honored classroom management techniques such as these do not constitute disciplinary removals for purposes of this Code.

On occasion, a student's behavior may become disruptive. For purposes of this Code of Conduct, a disruptive student is a student who is substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially interferes with the teacher's authority over the classroom. A substantial disruption of the educational process or substantial interference with a teacher's authority occurs when a student demonstrates a persistent unwillingness to comply with the teacher's instructions or repeatedly violates the teacher's classroom behavior rules.

A classroom teacher may remove a disruptive student from class for the remainder of the class and for up to two additional days. The removal from class applies to the class of the removing teacher only.

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If the disruptive student does not pose a danger or ongoing threat of disruption to the academic process, the teacher must provide the student with an explanation for why he or she is being removed and an opportunity to explain his or her version of the relevant events before the student is removed. Only after the informal discussion may a teacher remove a student from class.

If the student poses a danger or ongoing threat of disruption, the teacher may order the student to be removed immediately. The teacher must, however, explain to the student why he or she was removed from the classroom and give the student a chance to present his or her version of the relevant events within 24- hours.

The teacher must complete a district-established disciplinary removal form and meet with the Principal or his or her designee as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the school day, to explain the circumstances of the removal and to present the removal form. If the Principal or designee is not available by the end of the same school day, the teacher must leave the form with the secretary and meet with the Principal or designee prior to the beginning of classes on the next school day.

Within 24 hours after the student's removal the Principal or another district administrator designated by the Principal must notify the student's parent, in writing, that the student has been removed from class and why. The notice must also inform the parent that he or she has the right, upon request, to meet informally with the Principal or the Principal's designee to discuss the reasons for the removal.

The written notice must be provided by personal delivery, express mail delivery, or some other means that is reasonably calculated to assure receipt of the notice within 24 hours of the student's removal at the last known address for the parent. Where possible, notice should also be provided by telephone if the school has been provided with a telephone number(s) for the purpose of contacting parents.

The Principal may require the teacher who ordered the removal to attend the informal conference.

If at the informal meeting the student denies the charges, the Principal or the Principal's designee must explain why the student was removed and give the student and the student's parents a chance to present the student's version of the relevant events. The informal meeting must be held within 48 hours of the student's removal. The timing of the informal meeting may be extended by mutual agreement of the parent and Principal.

The Principal or the Principal's designee may overturn the removal of the student from class if the Principal finds any one of the following:

1. The charges against the student are not supported by substantial evidence.
2. The student's removal is otherwise in violation of law, including the district's Code of Conduct.
3. The conduct warrants suspension from school pursuant to Education Law §3214 and a suspension will be imposed.

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The Principal or his/her designee may overturn a removal at any point between receiving the referral form issued by the teacher and the close of business on the day following the 48-hour period for the informal conference. No student removed from the classroom by the classroom teacher will be permitted to return to the classroom until the Principal makes a final determination, or the period of removal expires, whichever is less.

Any disruptive student removed from the classroom by the classroom teacher shall be offered continued educational programming and activities until he or she is permitted to return to the classroom.

Each teacher must keep a complete log (on a district provided form) for all cases of removal of students from his/her class. The Principal must keep a log of all removals of students from class.

Removal of a student with a disability, under certain circumstances, may constitute a change in the student's placement. Accordingly, no teacher may remove a student with a disability from his or her class until he or she has verified with the Principal or the chairperson of the Committee on Special Education that the removal will not violate the student's rights under state or federal law or regulation.

6. Suspension from School

Suspension from school is a severe penalty, which may be imposed only upon students who are insubordinate, disorderly, violent or disruptive, or whose conduct otherwise endangers the safety, morals, health or welfare of others.

The Board retains its authority to suspend students, but places primary responsibility for the suspension of students with the Superintendent and the Principals.

Any staff member may recommend to the Superintendent or the Principal that a student be suspended. All staff members must immediately report and refer a violent student to the Principal or the Superintendent. All recommendations and referrals shall be made in writing unless the conditions underlying the recommendation or referral warrant immediate attention. In such cases a written report is to be prepared as soon as possible by the staff member recommending the suspension.

The Superintendent or Principal upon receiving a recommendation or referral for suspension or when processing a case for suspension, shall gather the facts relevant to the matter and if necessary record them for subsequent presentation.

a. Short Term Suspension (Five (5) school days or less)

When the Superintendent or Principal (the "suspending authority") proposes to suspend a student charged with misconduct for five days or less pursuant to Education Law §3214(3), the suspending authority must immediately notify the student of the charge misconduct. If the student denies the misconduct, the suspending authority must provide an explanation of the basis for the proposed suspension. The suspending authority must also notify the student's parent(s) in writing that the student **may** be suspended from school. The written notice must be provided by personal delivery, express mail delivery, or some other means

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that is reasonably calculated to assure receipt of the notice within 24 hours of the decision to propose suspension at the last known address for the parents. Where possible, notice should also be provided by telephone if the school has been provided with a telephone number(s) for the purpose of contacting the parents.

The notice shall provide a description of the charges against the student and the incident for which suspension is proposed and shall inform the parent(s) of the right to request an immediate informal conference with the Principal. Both the notice and informal conference shall be in the dominant language or mode of communication used by the parent(s). At the informal conference, the parent(s) shall be permitted to ask questions of complaining witnesses under such procedures as the Principal may establish.

The notice and opportunity for an informal conference shall take place **before** the student is suspended **unless** the student's presence in school poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disruption to the academic process. If the student's presence does pose such a danger or threat of disruption, the notice and opportunity for an informal conference shall take place as soon after the suspension as is reasonably practicable.

After the informal conference, the suspending authority shall promptly advise the parent(s) in writing of his or her decision. The suspending authority shall advise the parent(s) that if they are not satisfied with the decision and wish to pursue the matter, they must file a written appeal to the Superintendent within five (5) business days, unless they can show extraordinary circumstances precluding them from doing so. The Superintendent shall issue a written decision regarding the appeal within ten (10) business days of receiving the appeal. If the parent(s) are not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, they must file a written appeal to the Board of Education with the District Clerk within ten (10) business days of the date of the Superintendent's decision, unless they can show extraordinary circumstances precluding them from doing so. Only final decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education within thirty (30) days of the decision.

b. Long Term Suspension (more than Five (5) school days)

When the Superintendent determines that a suspension for more than five days may be warranted, he or she shall give reasonable notice to the student and the student's parent(s) of their right to a fair hearing pursuant to Education Law § 3214. Notice and a hearing must be completed prior to imposition of the suspension. Such notice shall include that, at the hearing, the student shall have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to question witnesses against him or her and the right to present witnesses and other evidence on his or her behalf.

The Superintendent shall personally hear and determine the proceeding or may, in his or her discretion, designate a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer shall be authorized to administer oaths and to issue subpoenas in conjunction with the proceeding before him or her. A record of the hearing shall be maintained, but no

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stenographic transcript shall be required. A tape recording shall be deemed a satisfactory record.

In cases where the Superintendent appoints a hearing officer, the hearing officer shall make findings of fact and, recommendations as to guilt or innocence of the student and the appropriate measure of discipline, if any, to the Superintendent. The report of the hearing officer shall be advisory only, and the Superintendent may accept all or any part thereof. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Superintendent shall provide the parent(s) with his/her written decision.

An appeal of the decision of the Superintendent may be made to the Board that will make its decision based solely upon the record before it. All appeals to the Board must be in writing and submitted to the district clerk within ten (10) business days of the date of the Superintendent's decision, unless the parents can show that extraordinary circumstances precluded them from doing so. The Board may adopt in whole or in part the decision of the Superintendent. Final decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education within thirty (30) days of the decision.

c. Permanent Suspension

Permanent suspension is reserved for extraordinary circumstances such as where a student's conduct poses a life-threatening danger to the safety and well-being of other students, school personnel or any other person lawfully on school property or attending a school function.

d. Procedure after Suspension

The Board may condition a student's early return from a suspension on the student's voluntary participation in counseling or specialized classes, such as anger management or dispute resolution. The Board retains discretion in offering this opportunity. If and when the student and/or parent agree to this option, the terms and conditions shall be specified in writing.

C. Minimum Periods of Suspension

(Please refer to specific rules in section 5300.50 regarding students with known disabilities)

1. Students who bring or possess a weapon on school property.

Any student, other than a student with a disability, found guilty of bringing a weapon onto school property will be subject to suspension from school for at least one calendar year. Before being suspended, the student will have an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Education Law §3214. The Superintendent has the authority to modify the one-year suspension on a case-by-case basis. In deciding whether to modify the penalty, the Superintendent may consider the following:

1. The student's age.
2. The student's grade in school.
3. The student's prior disciplinary record.

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4. The Superintendent's belief that other forms of discipline may be more effective.
5. Input from parents, teachers and/or others.
6. Other extenuating circumstances.

A student with a disability may be suspended only in accordance with the requirements of state and federal law.

2. Students who commit violent acts other than bringing or possessing a weapon on school property

Any student, other than a student with a disability, who is found to have committed a violent act, other than bringing a weapon onto school property, maybe subject to suspension from school for at least five (5) days. If the proposed penalty is the minimum five-day suspension, the student and the student's parent will be given the same notice and opportunity for an informal conference given to all students subject to a short-term suspension. If the proposed penalty exceeds the minimum five-day suspension, the student and the student's parent will be given the same notice and opportunity for a hearing given to all students subject to a long-term suspension. The Superintendent has the authority to modify the minimum five-day suspension on a case-by-case basis. In deciding whether to modify the penalty, the Superintendent may consider the same factors considered in modifying a one-year suspension for possessing a weapon.

3. Students who are repeatedly substantially disruptive of the educational process or repeatedly substantially interferes with the teacher's authority over the classroom

Any student, other than a student with a disability, who repeatedly is substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially interferes with the teacher's authority over the classroom, may suspended from school for at least five (5) days. For purposes of this Code of Conduct, "repeatedly is substantially disruptive" means engaging in conduct that results in the student being removed from the classroom by teacher(s) pursuant to Education Law § 3214 (3-a) and this code on three (3) or more occasions during a semester,. If the proposed penalty is the minimum five (5) day suspension, the student and the student's parent will be given the same notice and opportunity for an informal conference given to all students subject to a short-term suspension. If the proposed penalty exceeds the minimum five (5) day suspension, the student and the student's parent will be given the same notice and opportunity for a hearing given to all students subject to a long-term suspension. The Superintendent has the authority to modify the minimum five (5) day suspension on a case-by-case basis. In deciding whether to modify the penalty, the Superintendent may consider the same factors considered in modifying a one-year suspension for possessing a weapon.

D. Disciplinary and Remedial Consequences for Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination

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The district supports the development of measured, balanced and age-appropriate responses to the bullying, harassment and/or discrimination of students by students on school property, including school functions, with remedies and procedures focusing prevention, intervention, education and discipline. Remedies will be measured, balanced, progressive and age-appropriate and will take into consideration the nature and severity of the offending student's behavior, the developmental age of the student, the previous disciplinary record of the student and other extenuating circumstances, and the impact the offending student's behaviors had on the individual who was physically injured or emotionally harmed. Responses will be reasonably calculated to end the harassment, bullying and/or discrimination, prevent recurrence, and eliminate the hostile environment. Successful intervention **may** involve remediation.

Remedial responses to bullying, harassment and/or discrimination include measures designed to correct the problem behavior, prevent another occurrence of the behavior and protect the target of the act. Appropriate remedial measures **may** include, but are not limited to:

- Restitution and restoration
- Peer support groups
- Corrective instruction or other relevant learning or service experience
- Changes in class schedule
- Supportive intervention
- Behavioral assessment or evaluation
- Behavioral management plans with benchmarks that are closely monitored
- Student counseling
- Parent conferences.

Beyond these individual-focused remedial responses, school-wide or environmental remediation can be an important tool to prevent bullying, harassment and/or discrimination. Environmental remediation may include, but is not limited to:

- Supervisory systems which empower school staff with prevention and intervention tools to address incidents of bullying, harassment and/or discrimination;
- School and community surveys or other strategies for determining the conditions contributing to the relevant behavior
- Modification of schedules
- Adjustment in hallway traffic and other student routes of travel
- Targeted use of monitors
- Staff professional development
- Parent education seminars/workshops
- Peer support groups

If appropriate, disciplinary action will be taken by the administration in accordance with this policy, as applicable. If the behavior rises to the level of criminal activity, law enforcement will be contacted.

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Staff is expected, when aware of bullying, to either refer the student to designated resources for assistance, or to intervene in accordance with this policy.

E. Referrals

1. Counseling

- The Guidance Office shall handle all referrals of students to counseling.

2. PINS Petitions

The district may file a PINS (person in need of supervision) petition in Family Court on any student under the age of 18 who demonstrates that he or she requires supervision and treatment by:

- a. Being habitually truant and not attending school as required by part one of Article 65 of the Education Law.
- b. Engaging in an ongoing or continual course of conduct which makes the student ungovernable or habitually disobedient and beyond the lawful control of the school.
- c. Knowingly and unlawfully possesses marijuana in violation of Penal Law § 221.05. A single violation of § 221.05 will be a sufficient basis for filing a PINS petition.

3. Juvenile Delinquents and Juvenile Offenders

The Superintendent is required to refer the following students to the County Attorney for a juvenile delinquency proceeding before the Family Court:

- a. Any student under the age of 16 who is found to have brought a weapon to school, or
- b. Any student 14 or 15 years old who qualifies for juvenile offender status under the Criminal Procedure Law § 1.20 (42).

The Superintendent is required to refer students age 16 and older or any student 14 or 15 years old who qualifies for juvenile offender status to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

5300.45 ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION

When a student of any age is removed from class by a teacher or a student of compulsory attendance age is suspended from school pursuant to Education Law §3214, the district will take immediate steps to provide alternative means of instruction for the student.

5300.50 DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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The Board of Education recognizes that it may be necessary to suspend, remove or otherwise discipline students with known disabilities who violate the district's student Code of Conduct, and/or to temporarily remove a student with disabilities from his or her current placement because maintaining the student in that placement is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or to others. The Board also recognizes that students with disabilities deemed eligible for special education services under the IDEA and Article 89 of New York's Education Law enjoy certain procedural protections that school authorities must observe when they decide to suspend or remove them. Under certain conditions those protections extend, as well, to students not currently deemed to be a student with a disability but determined to be a student presumed to have a disability for discipline purposes.

Therefore, the Board is committed to ensuring that the district follows suspension and removal procedures that are consistent with those protections. The Code of Conduct for students is intended to afford students with disabilities and students presumed to have a disability for discipline purposes the express rights they enjoy under applicable law and regulations.

Definitions

For purposes of this portion of the Code of Conduct, and consistent with applicable law and regulations, the following definitions will apply:

1. *Behavioral intervention plan* (BIP) means a plan that is based on the results of a functional behavioral assessment and that, at a minimum, includes a description of the problem behavior, global and specific hypotheses as to why the problem behavior occurs, and intervention strategies that include positive behavioral supports and services to address the behavior.
2. *Controlled substance* means a drug or other substance abuse identified under schedule I, II, III, IV, or V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC § 812(c)).
3. *Disciplinary change in placement* means a suspension or removal from a student's current educational placement that is either:
 - a. For more than 10 consecutive school days; or
 - b. For a period of 10 consecutive school days or less if the student is subjected to a series of suspensions or removals that constitute a pattern because they cumulate to more than 10 school days in a school year, because the student's behavior is substantially similar to the student's behavior in previous incidents that resulted in the series of removals, and because of such additional factors as the length of each suspension or removal, the total amount of time the student has been removed and the proximity of the suspensions or removals to one another.

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4. *Illegal drug* means a controlled substance, but does not include a controlled substance legally possessed or used under the supervision of a licensed health-care professional, or a substance that is otherwise legally possessed or used under the authority of the Controlled Substances Act or under any other provision of federal law.
5. *Interim alternative educational setting* (IAES) means a temporary educational placement, determined by the Committee on Special Education (CSE), other than the student's current placement at the time the behavior precipitating the IAES placement occurred. An IAES must allow a student to continue to receive educational services that enable him or her to continue to participate in the general curriculum and progress toward meeting the goals set out in the student's individualized education program; as well as to receive, as appropriate, a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention services and modifications designed to address the behavior violation so that it does not recur.
6. *Manifestation determination* means a review of the relationship between the student's disability and the behavior subject to disciplinary action required when the disciplinary action results in a disciplinary change of placement, and conducted in accordance with requirements set forth later in this policy.
7. *Manifestation team* means a district representative knowledgeable about the student and the interpretation of information about child behavior, the parent, and relevant members of the CSE as determined by the parent and the district.
8. *Removal* means a removal of a student with a disability for disciplinary reasons from his or her current educational placement, other than a suspension; and a change in the placement of a student with a disability to an IAES.
9. *School day* means any day, including a partial day that students are in attendance at school for instructional purposes.
10. *Serious bodily injury* means bodily injury which involves a substantial risk of death, extreme physical pain, protracted obvious disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ or mental faculty.
11. *Student presumed to have a disability for discipline purposes* means a student who, under the conditions set forth later in this policy, the district is deemed to have had knowledge was a student with a disability before the behavior that precipitated the disciplinary action.

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12. *Suspension* means a suspension pursuant to §3214 of New York's Education Law.
13. *Weapon* means the same as the term "dangerous weapon" under 18 USC § 930(g)(2) which includes a weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of causing death or serious bodily injury, except a pocket knife with a blade of less than two and one-half inches in length.

Authority of School Personnel to Suspend or Remove Students with Disabilities

The Board, Superintendent of Schools or a Principal with authority to suspend students under the Education Law may order the placement of a student with a disability into an IAES, another setting or suspension for a period not to exceed five (5) consecutive school days and the amount of time that a non-disabled student would be subject to suspension for the same behavior.

The Superintendent may, directly or upon the recommendation of a designated hearing officer, order the placement of a student with a disability into an appropriate IAES, another setting or suspension for a period not to exceed ten (10) consecutive school days, inclusive of any period in which the student has been suspended or removed for the same behavior pursuant to the above paragraph, if the Superintendent determines that the student's behavior warrants the suspension. The duration of the Superintendent's suspension may not exceed the time a non-disabled student would be subject to suspension or removal for the same behavior. The Superintendent also may order additional suspensions of not more than ten (10) consecutive school days in the same school year for separate incidents of misconduct, as long as the suspensions do not constitute a disciplinary change of placement.

In addition, the Superintendent may order the placement of a student with a disability into an IAES, another setting or suspension for a period in excess of ten (10) consecutive school days if the manifestation team determines that the student's behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability. In such an instance, the Superintendent may discipline the student in the same manner and for the same duration as a non-disabled student.

Furthermore, the Superintendent may, directly or upon the recommendation of a designated hearing officer, order the placement of a student with a disability to an IAES to be determined by the CSE for a period of up to forty-five (45) school days if the student either:

1. Carries or possesses a weapon to or at school, on school premises or to a school function under the district's jurisdiction, or
2. Knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance while at school, on school premises or at a school function under the district's jurisdiction, or
3. Has inflicted serious bodily injury upon another person while at school, on school premises or at a school function under the district's jurisdiction.

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The Superintendent may order the placement of a student with a disability to an IAES under such circumstances, whether or not the student's behavior is a manifestation of the student's disability. However, the CSE will determine the IAES.

Procedures for the Suspension or Removal of Students with Disabilities by School Personnel

1. In cases involving the suspension or removal of a student with a disability for a period of five (5) consecutive school days or less, the student's parents or persons in parental relation to the student will be notified of the suspension and given an opportunity for an informal conference in accordance with the same procedures that apply to such short term suspensions of non-disabled students.
2. The suspension of students with disabilities for a period in excess of five (5) school days will be subject to the same due process procedures applicable to non-disabled students, except that the student disciplinary hearing conducted by the Superintendent or a designated hearing officer shall be bifurcated into a guilt phase and a penalty phase. Upon a finding of guilt, the Superintendent or the designated hearing officer will await notification of the determination by the manifestation team as to whether the student's behavior was a manifestation of his or her disability. The penalty phase of the hearing may proceed after receipt of that notification. If the manifestation team determined that the behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability, the student may be disciplined in the same manner as a non-disabled student, except that he or she will continue to receive services as set forth below. However, if the behavior was deemed a manifestation of the student's disability, the hearing will be dismissed, unless the behavior involved concerned weapons, illegal drugs or controlled substances, or the infliction of serious bodily injury, in which case the student may still be placed in an IAES.

Limitation on Authority of School Personnel to Suspend or Remove Students with Disabilities

The imposition of a suspension or removal by authorized school personnel may not result in a disciplinary change of placement of a student with a disability that is based on a pattern of suspensions or removals as set forth above in the *Definitions* section of this Code of Conduct, unless:

1. The manifestation team determines that the student's behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability, or
2. The student is removed to an IAES for behavior involving weapons, illegal drugs or controlled substances, or the infliction of serious bodily injury as set forth above.

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School personnel will consider any unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis when determining whether a disciplinary change in placement is appropriate for a student with a disability who violates the district's Code of Conduct.

In addition, school personnel may not suspend or remove a student with a disability in excess of the amount of time that a non-disabled student would be suspended for the same behavior.

Parental Notification of a Disciplinary Change of Placement

The district will provide the parents of a student with a disability notice of any decision to make a removal that constitutes a disciplinary change of placement because of a violation of the student Code of Conduct. Such notice will be accompanied by a copy of the procedural safeguards notice.

Authority of an Impartial Hearing Officer to Remove a Student with a Disability

An impartial hearing officer may order the placement of a student with a disability to an IAES for up to forty-five (45) school days at a time if he or she determines that maintaining the current placement of the student is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or to others. This authority applies whether or not the student's behavior is a manifestation of the student's disability.

Manifestation Determination

A review of the relationship between a student's disability and the behavior subject to disciplinary action to determine if the conduct is a manifestation of the student's disability will be made by the manifestation team immediately, if possible, but in no case later than ten (10) school days after a decision is made by:

1. The Superintendent to change the placement of a student to an IAES;
2. An impartial hearing officer to place a student in an IAES; or
3. The Board, the Superintendent, or Principal to impose a suspension that constitutes a disciplinary change in placement.

The manifestation team must determine that the student's conduct was a manifestation of the student's disability if it concludes that the conduct in question was either:

1. Caused by or had a direct or substantial relationship to the student's disability, or
2. The direct result of the district's failure to implement the student's individualized education program.

The manifestation team must base its determination on a review of all relevant information in the student's file including the student's individualized education program, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by the parents.

If the manifestation team determines that the student's conduct is a manifestation of the student's disability, the district will:

1. Have the CSE conduct a functional behavioral assessment of the student and implement a Behavioral Intervention Plan (BIP), unless the district had already

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- done so prior to the behavior that resulted in the disciplinary change of placement. However, if the student already has a BIP, the CSE will review the plan and its implementation, and modify it as necessary to address the behavior.
2. Return the student to the placement from which he or she was removed, unless the change in placement was to an IAES for conduct involving weapons, illegal drugs or controlled substances or the infliction of serious bodily injury, or the parents and the district agree to a change in placement as part of the modification of the BIP.

If the manifestation team determines that the conduct in question was the direct result of the district's failure to implement the student's individualized education program, the district will take immediate steps to remedy those deficiencies.

Services for Students with Disabilities during Periods of Suspension or Removal

Students with disabilities who are suspended or removed from their current educational setting in accordance with the provisions of this policy and applicable law and regulation will continue to receive services as follows:

1. During suspensions or removals for periods of up to ten (10) school days in a school year that do not constitute a disciplinary change in placement, the district will provide alternative instruction to students with disabilities of compulsory attendance age on the same basis as non-disabled students. Students with disabilities who are not of compulsory attendance age will receive services during such periods of suspension or removal only to the same extent as non-disabled students of the same age would if similarly suspended.
2. During subsequent suspensions or removals for periods of up to ten (10) school days that in the aggregate total more than ten (10) school days in a school year but do not constitute a disciplinary change in placement, the district will provide students with disabilities services necessary to enable them to continue to participate in the general education curriculum and to progress toward meeting the goals set out in their respective individualized education program. School personnel, in consultation with at least one of the student's teachers, will determine the extent to which services are needed to comply with this requirement.

In addition, during such periods of suspension or removal the district will also provide students with disabilities services necessary for them to receive, as appropriate, a functional behavioral assessment, and behavioral intervention services and modifications designed to address the behavior violation so that it does not recur.

3. During suspensions or removals in excess of ten (10) school days in a school year that constitute a disciplinary change in placement, including placement in an IAES for behavior involving weapons, illegal drugs or controlled substances, or the infliction of serious bodily injury the district will provide students with disabilities services necessary to enable them to continue to participate in the general curriculum to progress toward meeting the goals set out in their respective

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individualized education program, and to receive, as appropriate, a functional behavioral assessment, and behavioral intervention services and modifications designed to address the behavior violation so it does not recur.

In such an instance, the CSE will determine the appropriate services to be provided.

Students Presumed to Have a Disability for Discipline Purposes

The parent of a student who is facing disciplinary action but who was not identified as a student with a disability at the time of misconduct has the right to invoke any of the protections set forth in this policy in accordance with applicable law and regulations, if the district is deemed to have had knowledge that the student was a student with a disability before the behavior precipitating disciplinary action occurred and the student is therefore a student presumed to have a disability for discipline purposes.

If it is claimed that the district had such knowledge, it will be the responsibility of the Superintendent, Principal or other authorized school official imposing the suspension or removal in question for determining whether the student is a student presumed to have a disability for discipline purposes. The district will be deemed to have had such knowledge if:

1. The student's parent expressed concern in writing to supervisory or administrative personnel, or to a teacher of the student that the student is in need of special education. Such expression may be oral if the parent does not know how to write or has a disability that prevents a written statement; or
2. The student's parent has requested an evaluation of the student; or
3. A teacher of the student or other school personnel has expressed specific concerns about a pattern of behavior demonstrated by the student, directly to the district's director of special education or other supervisory personnel.

Nonetheless, a student will not be considered a student presumed to have a disability for discipline purposes if notwithstanding the district's receipt of information supporting a claim that it had knowledge the student has a disability,

1. The student's parent has not allowed an evaluation of the student by the Committee on Special Education (CSE); or
2. The student's parent has refused services; or
3. The District conducted an evaluation of the student and determined that the student is not a student with a disability.

If there is no basis for knowledge that the student is a student with a disability prior to taking disciplinary measures against the student, the student may be subjected to the same disciplinary measures as any other non-disabled student who engaged in comparable behaviors. However, if the district receives a request for an individual evaluation while the student is subjected to a disciplinary removal, the district will conduct an expedited evaluation of the student in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Until the expedited evaluation is completed, the student shall remain in the educational placement determined by the district which can include suspension.

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Expedited Due Process Hearings

The district will arrange for an expedited due process hearing upon receipt of or filing of a due process complaint notice for such a hearing by:

1. The district to obtain an order of an impartial hearing officer placing a student with a disability in an IAES where school personnel maintain that it is dangerous for the student to be in his or her current educational placement;
2. The district during the pendency of due process hearings where school personnel maintain that it is dangerous for the student to be in his or her current educational placement during such proceedings;
3. The student's parent regarding a determination that the student's behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability; or
4. The student's parent relating to any decision regarding placement, including but not limited to any decision to place the student in an IAES.

The district will arrange for, and an impartial hearing officer will conduct, an expedited due process hearing in accordance with the procedures established in Commissioner's regulations. Those procedures include but are not limited to convening a resolution meeting, and initiating and completing the hearing within the timelines specified in those regulations.

When an expedited due process hearing has been requested because of a disciplinary change in placement, a manifestation determination, or because the district believes that maintaining the student in the current placement is likely to result in injury to the student or others, the student will remain in the IAES pending the decision of the impartial hearing officer or until the expiration of the period of removal, whichever occurs first unless the student's parent and the district agree otherwise.

Referral to Law Enforcement and Judicial Authorities

Consistent with its authority under applicable law and regulations, the district will report a crime committed by a student with a disability to appropriate law enforcement and judicial authorities. In such an instance, the Superintendent will ensure that copies of the special education and disciplinary records of the student are transmitted for consideration to the appropriate authorities to whom the crime is reported, to the extent that the transmission is permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

5300.55 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Corporal punishment is any act of physical force upon a student for the purpose of punishing that student. Corporal punishment of any student by any district employee is strictly forbidden.

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However, in situations where alternative procedures and methods that do not involve the use of physical force cannot reasonably be used, reasonable physical force may be used to

1. Protect oneself, another student, teacher or any person from physical injury.
2. Protect the property of the school or others.
3. Restrain or remove a student whose behavior interferes with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers and duties, if that student has refused to refrain from further disruptive acts.

In all cases, the employee is expected to use the minimum amount of force necessary.

The district will file all complaints about the use of corporal punishment with the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Commissioner's regulations.

5300.60 STUDENT SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring an atmosphere on school property and at school functions that is safe and orderly. To achieve this kind of environment, any school official authorized to impose a disciplinary penalty on a student may question a student about an alleged violation of law or the district Code of Conduct.

School officials questioning students shall advise each student why he/she is being questioned. However, parent(s) and students should be aware that school officials are under no obligation to contact a student's parent(s) prior to questioning the student nor are the students entitled to be advised of their legal rights, i.e. "Miranda"-type warning, before being questioned by school officials as such rights only apply to situations where an individual is being questioned while in the custody of police.

An authorized school official, including, but not limited to, the Superintendent of Schools, Principal, the school nurse and district security officials may conduct a search of students and/or his/her belongings if the authorized school official has reasonable suspicion to believe that the search will result in evidence that the student violated the law or the district Code of Conduct.

An authorized school official may conduct a search of a student's belongings that is minimally intrusive, such as touching the outside of a book bag, without reasonable suspicion, so long as the school official has a legitimate reason for the very limited search.

An authorized school official may search a student or the student's belongings based upon information received from a reliable informant. Individuals, other than the district employees, will be considered reliable informants if they have previously supplied information that was accurate and verified, or they make an admission against their own interest, or they provide the same information that is received independently from other sources, or they appear to be credible and the information they are communicating relates to an immediate threat to safety. District employees will be considered reliable informants unless they are known to have previously supplied information that they knew was not accurate.

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Before searching a student or the student's belongings, the authorized school official should attempt to get the student to admit that he or she possesses physical evidence that they violated the law or the district Code of Conduct, or get the student to voluntarily consent to the search. Searches will be limited to the extent necessary to locate the evidence sought.

Whenever practicable, searches will be conducted in the privacy of administrative offices and students will be present when their possessions are being searched.

A. Student Lockers, Desks and other School Storage Places

Student lockers, desks and other school storage places may be subject to search at any time by school officials, without prior notice to students and without their consent. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy with respect to these places and school officials retain complete control over them. Accordingly, the rules in this Code of Conduct regarding searches of students and their belongings do not apply to student lockers, desks and other school storage places.

B. Strip searches

A strip search is a search that requires a student to remove any or all of his/her clothing. For purposes of this provision, "clothing" does not include an outer coat or jacket. Searching a student's shoes, socks and sweatshirt, and the exposure of a student's ankles and waistband does not constitute a strip search where the student is not asked to remove his/her shirt or pants.

Strip searches are intrusive in nature and are not permissible. If school authorities believe there is an emergency situation that could threaten the health or safety of others, the student under reasonable suspicion of having engaged or engaging in unlawful or otherwise proscribed activity shall, to the extent practicable, be isolated and secured. Police and parents will be contacted immediately.

C. Documentation of Searches

The authorized school official conducting the search shall be responsible for promptly recording the following information about each search:

1. Name, age and grade of student searched.
2. Reasons for the search.
3. Name of any informant(s).
4. Purpose of search (that is, what item(s) were being sought).
5. Type and scope of search.
6. Person conducting search and his or her title and position.
7. Witnesses, if any, to the search.
8. Time and location of search.
9. Results of search (that is, what items(s) were found).
10. Disposition of items found.
11. Time, manner and results of parental notification.

The Principal or the Principal's designee shall be responsible for the custody, control and disposition of any illegal or dangerous item taken from a student. The Principal or his or

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her designee shall clearly label each item taken from the student and retain control of the item(s), until the item is turned over to the police. The Principal or his or her designee shall be responsible for personally delivering dangerous or illegal items to police authorities.

D. Police Involvement in Searches and Interrogations of Students

District officials are committed to cooperating with police officials and other law enforcement authorities to maintain a safe school environment. Police officials, however, have limited authority to interview or search students in schools or at school functions, or to use school facilities in connection with police work. Police officials may enter school property or a school function to question or search a student or to conduct a formal investigation involving students only if they have:

1. A search or an arrest warrant; or
2. Probable cause to believe a crime has been committed on school property or at a school function; or
3. Been invited by school officials.

Before police officials are permitted to question or search any student, the Principal or his or her designee shall first try to notify the student's parent to give the parent the opportunity to be present during the police questioning or search. If the student's parent cannot be contacted prior to the police questioning or search, the questioning or search shall not be conducted. The Principal or designee will also be present during any police questioning or search of a student on school property or at a school function.

Students who are questioned by police officials on school property or at a school function will be afforded the same rights they have outside the school. This means:

1. They must be informed of their legal rights.
2. They may remain silent if they so desire.
3. They may request the presence of an attorney.

E. Child Protective Services Investigations

Consistent with the district's commitment to keep students safe from harm and the obligation of school officials to report to child protective services when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a student has been abused or maltreated, the district will cooperate with local child protective services workers who wish to conduct interviews of students on school property relating to allegations of suspected child abuse, and/or neglect, or custody investigations.

All requests by child protective services to interview a student on school property shall be made directly to Principal or his or her designee. The Principal or designee shall set the time and place of the interview. The Principal or designee shall decide if it is necessary and appropriate for a school official to be present during the interview, depending on the age of the student being interviewed and the nature of the allegations. If the nature of the allegations is such that it may be necessary for the student to remove any of his or her clothing in order for the child protective services worker to verify the allegations, the

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school nurse or other district medical personnel must be present during that portion of the interview. No student may be required to remove his or her clothing in front of a child protective services worker or school district official of the opposite sex.

A child protective services worker may not remove a student from school property without a court order, unless the worker reasonably believes that the student would be subject to danger of abuse if he or she were not removed from school before a court order can reasonably be obtained. If the worker believes the student would be subject to danger of abuse, the worker may remove the student without a court order and without the parent's consent.

5300.65 VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

The Board encourages parents and other district citizens to visit the district's schools and classrooms to observe the work of students, teachers and other staff. Since schools are a place of work and learning, however, certain limits must be set for such visits. The Principal or his or her designee is responsible for all persons in the building and on the grounds. For these reasons, the following rules apply to visitors to the schools:

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the school will be considered a visitor.
2. All visitors to the school must report to the Welcome Desk. Before a visitor may enter a school they must state their name and display their driver's license toward the camera located at the front of the building. If a license cannot be produced, the visitor will not be buzzed in without the authority of an administrator. First time visitors will have their picture taken which registers them in our data base. Their license will be scanned and kept until they exit. A visitor's pass will be issued and must be displayed at all times.
3. The visitor must return the identification badge to the Welcome Desk before leaving the building.
4. Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public, such as parent-teacher organization meetings or public gatherings, are not required to register.
5. Parents or citizens who wish to observe a classroom while school is in session are required to arrange such visits in advance with the classroom teacher(s), so that class disruption is kept to a minimum.
6. Teachers are expected not to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.
7. Any unauthorized person on school property will be reported to the Principal or his or her designee. Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave. The police may be called if the situation warrants.
8. All visitors are expected to abide by the rules for public conduct on school property contained in this Code of Conduct.
9. Student visitors to school must apply for permission from appropriate official in accordance with the building Code of Conduct.

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5300.70 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The district is committed to providing an orderly, respectful environment that is conducive to learning. To create and maintain this kind of an environment, it is necessary to regulate public conduct on school property and at school functions. For purposes of this section of the code, “public” shall mean all persons when on school property or attending a school function including students, teachers and district personnel.

The restrictions on public conduct on school property and at school functions contained in this code are not intended to limit freedom of speech or peaceful assembly. The district recognizes that free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of the district. The purpose of this Code is to maintain public order and prevent abuse of the rights of others. All persons on school property or attending a school function shall conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner, are expected to be properly attired for the purpose they are on school property and must adhere to the guidelines of this Code of Conduct.

A. Prohibited Conduct

No person, either alone or with others, shall:

1. Intentionally injure any person or threaten to do so.
2. Intentionally damage or destroy school district property or the personal property of a teacher, administrator, other district employee or any person lawfully on school property, including graffiti or arson.
3. Disrupt the orderly conduct of classes, school programs or other school activities.
4. Distribute or wear materials on school grounds or at school functions that are obscene, advocate illegal action, appear libelous, obstruct the rights of others, are discriminatory or are disruptive to the school program.
5. Intimidate, harass, bully or discriminate against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, creed, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics or domestic violence victim status.
6. Engage in acts of bullying/cyberbullying, harassment and/or discrimination.
7. Enter any portion of the school premises without authorization or remain in any building or facility after it is normally closed.
8. Obstruct the free movement of any person in any place to which this code applies.
9. Violate the traffic laws, parking regulations or other restrictions on vehicles.
10. Possess, consume, sell, distribute or exchange alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or be under the influence of either on school property or at a school function.
11. Possess or use weapons in or on school property or at a school function, except in the case of law enforcement officers or except as specifically authorized by the school district.

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12. Loiter on or about school property.
13. Gamble on school property or at school functions.
14. Refuse to comply with any reasonable order of identifiable school district officials performing their duties.
15. Willfully incite others to commit any of the acts prohibited by this Code.
16. Smoke a cigarette, cigar, pipe, e-cigarette, personal vaporizing or other device, using chewing or smokeless tobacco and/or smoke or use other tobacco/nicotine products on district properties.
17. Make or cause to be made bomb threats, false alarms or false reports of school closings or cancellation of school events.
18. Violate any federal or state statute, local ordinance or Board policy while on school property or while at a school function.

B. Penalties

Persons who violate this code shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. Visitors. Their authorization, if any, to remain on school grounds or at the school function shall be withdrawn and they shall be directed to leave the premises. If they refuse to leave, they shall be subject to ejection.
2. Students. They shall be subject to disciplinary action as the facts may warrant, in accordance with this Code of Conduct, applicable law and regulations and School District policies, and the due process requirements thereof.
3. Tenured faculty members. They shall be subject to disciplinary action as the facts may warrant in accordance with Education Law § 3020-a or any other legal rights that they may have.
4. Staff members in the classified service of the civil service entitled to the protection of Civil Service Law § 75. They shall be subject to immediate ejection and to disciplinary action as the facts may warrant in accordance with Civil Service Law § 75 or any other legal rights that they may have.
5. Staff members other than those described in subdivisions 3 and 4. They shall be subject to warning, reprimand, suspension or dismissal as the facts may warrant in accordance with any legal rights they may have.

C. Enforcement

The Principal or his/her designee shall be responsible for enforcing the conduct required by this Code.

When the Principal or his or her designee sees an individual engaged in prohibited conduct, which in his or her judgment does not pose any immediate threat of injury to persons or property, the Principal or designee shall tell the individual that the conduct is prohibited and attempt to persuade the individual to stop. The Principal or designee shall also warn

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the individual of the consequences for failing to stop. If the person refuses to stop engaging in the prohibited conduct, or if the person's conduct poses an immediate threat of injury to persons or property, the Principal or designee shall have the individual removed immediately from school property or the school function. If necessary, local law enforcement authorities will be contacted to assist in removing the person.

The district shall initiate disciplinary action against any student or staff member, as appropriate, with the "Penalties" section above. In addition, the district reserves its right to pursue a civil or criminal legal action against any person violating the Code.

5300.75 DISSEMINATION AND REVIEW**A. Dissemination of Code of Conduct**

The Board will work to ensure that the community is aware of this Code of Conduct by:

1. Providing copies of a summary of the Code to all students, in an age-appropriate version, written in plain-language, at a school assembly to be held at the beginning of each school year.
2. Posting a complete copy of the Code of Conduct, including any annual updates or amendments thereto, on the District's website.
3. Mailing a summary of the Code of Conduct written in plain language to all parents of district students before the beginning of each school year and making this summary available later upon request.
4. Providing all teachers and other staff members with a complete copy of the Code and a copy of any amendments to the Code as soon as practicable after adoption.
5. Providing all new teachers with a complete copy of the current Code of Conduct when they are first hired.
6. Making complete copies of the Code available for review by students, parents or other persons in parental relation to students, other school staff and other community members.

The District, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent will implement an in-service education program for all district staff members to ensure the effective implementation of school policy on school conduct and discipline, including, but not limited to, guidelines on promoting a safe and supportive school climate while discouraging, among other things, discrimination, harassment or bullying against students by students and/or school employees; and including safe and supportive school climate concepts in the curriculum and classroom management. The Superintendent may solicit the recommendations of the district staff, particularly teachers and administrators, regarding in-service programs pertaining to the management and discipline of students. On-going professional development will be included in the district's professional development plan, as needed.

B. Review of Code of Conduct

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The Board will review this Code of Conduct every year and update it as necessary. In conducting the review, the Board will consider how effective the Code's provisions have been and whether the Code has been applied fairly and consistently.

The Board may appoint an advisory committee to assist in reviewing the Code and the district's response to Code of Conduct violations. The committee will be made up of representatives of student, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel and other school personnel.

Before adopting any revisions to the Code, the Board will hold at least one (1) public hearing at which school personnel, parents, students and any other interested party may participate.

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6/14 Updated Dignity Act Coordinators

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