



Avenue City Elementary
School District
Employee Handbook
2024-2025

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Preface

The purpose of this handbook is to provide an easy reference guide for employees in the Avenue City School. The information included in this handbook is not a complete policy manual but is drawn from the Board of Education Policy Manual and established administrative procedures. The statements in this handbook do not supersede policies, regulations, and established administrative procedures developed and adopted by the Board of Education relating to the subject matter herein.

This handbook was written with many different parts. The extensions of this handbook are the **Student & Parent Handbook**, (many items that would be included in this handbook are located here and were not duplicated), the **Board of Education Policy, Regulations and Procedure Manuals** and the other district handbooks. Employees of the district should become familiar with all of the above in order to have a full understanding of all concepts of the district.

The Avenue City School believes firmly in the concept of teamwork. The strength of our organization depends on ability, loyalty, dedication, enthusiasm, and cooperation of each employee, student, parent, and patron. We hope that you will find working in our school district pleasant, self-satisfying, and productive.

Mission

The Avenue City R-IX School District, in cooperation with its students, staff, parents, board of education, and community, will:

- Create a learning environment that is accepting, stimulating, challenging, and worthwhile to students.
- Produce students who have mastered the basic skills, become adept in problem solving and responsible decision making, and have the ability to adapt to meet future challenges.
- Encourage students to become healthy, caring, ethical citizens who are productive members of society.
- Help students develop self-discipline required for success.

2024-2025 Goals

Avenue City R-IX School District 2024-2025 Annual Goals:

- The district will continue to focus on student achievement and work to ensure increased performance on local, state, and national assessments.
- The district will continue to emphasize improvements in English Language Arts and Math as we strive to have each student's math and literacy skills at or above grade level.
- District facilities will provide a safe and positive learning environment.
- The district will continue to update technology, strive to integrate the use of technology to improve instruction, align to Missouri Learning Standards, and model for students the appropriate use of technology.



- The district will continue to monitor the state’s ever-changing expectation in regards to learning standards and will determine the appropriate alignment with the local curriculum and activities.

Philosophy

The Board of Education, staff, and patrons of the Avenue City School District believe that all students can learn and should be provided an education. Students have fundamental rights to education regardless of age, race, sex, religion, national origin, socio-economic status, or handicapping condition.

We intend for our program to develop self-reliant learners and workers who not only master the basics, but who have the skills to compete in today’s quickly changing and fast paced world. These include, but are not limited to, communication skills, technology skills, research skills, problem solving, critical thinking skills, and the abilities required to be flexible and adaptable. In the end, we hope to produce active, intelligent, well-adjusted, responsible citizens of good character.

We feel that in order to accomplish our goals we must cultivate a positive self-image in each student. To do this we must teach an awareness of the whole being and a need to maintain a healthy balance in the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual areas.

In order to reach these goals the district must provide an environment conducive to meeting these needs. First, we must provide employees who can meet the needs of a wide variety of students. We expect our people to be honest, caring, congenial, energetic, active, progressive, flexible, and competent people who have the needs of our students as the focus. Their skills should allow them to accommodate for individual differences as we encourage students to strive to attain their potential.

We will provide for a physical environment conducive to learning. This includes making sure the school is safe and comfortable. Our building should be inviting to students and provide adequate space and equipment to accommodate our educational program. This includes keeping our building in the best possible condition while making plans to accommodate growth in populations and programs.

The Avenue City School District believes firmly in the concept of teamwork. Our program must actively seek community participation in our district’s educational process. The strength of our organization depends on ability, loyalty, dedication, enthusiasm, and cooperation of each stakeholder. The community, parents, and staff will encourage all students to reach their potential by taking part in progressive, stimulating, and challenging programs designed to develop students into life-long learners. When students, staff, parents, and the community work together, we have the best chance for success.



Administrative Responsibilities

PROGRAM	CONTACT
Assessment Plan & Standardized Results	Principal & Guidance Counselor
At-Risk	Principal
Athletic Director	Principal
Audit	Superintendent & Board Treasurer
Board Policy	Superintendent & Board Secretary
Budget	Superintendent
Certified Staff Evaluations	Principal
Class Scheduling	Principal
CSIP Plan & Review	Superintendent & Principal
Curriculum	Principal & Staff Curriculum Committee
District Annual Goals	Superintendent, Principal, & Staff Members
Employee Absences & Substitutes	Principal
Facilities / Safety	Superintendent
Federal Programs	Superintendent
Food Service	Superintendent and Cafeteria Manager
Foster Care	Principal
Gifted	Gifted Teacher & Principal
Guidance & Counseling	Guidance Counselor
Health Services	School Nurse & Principal
Homeless & Migrant	Superintendent
Library Media	Librarian
Mentoring Program	Principal
Non-Certified Staff Evaluations	Principal
Principal Evaluations	Superintendent
Professional Development	Professional Development Chair
Public Information	Superintendent
Salary Committee	Staff Representatives
School Volunteers	Principal
Special Education	Principal
State Programs	Superintendent, Principal, & Staff Members
Student Activities & Scheduling	Principal
Student Data	Superintendent & Principal
Student Discipline	Principal
Student/Staff Handbooks	Principal
Superintendent Evaluations	Board of Education
Tax Rate Hearing	Superintendent
Teaching Supplies & Textbooks	Principal
Title IX Coordinator	Superintendent
Transportation	Superintendent & Principal
504 Coordinator	Principal



Affirmative Action

The Avenue City School is committed to a program of affirmative action. It is the policy of the school district to hire the best-qualified applicants available for all positions. As a part of this policy, the District will strive to provide equal employment opportunities to all applicants through its employment practices regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabling conditions. It is the intent of the district to comply with the provision of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972-73, Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and Title 38, United States Code, Veteran's Benefits. Employees having questions or grievances concerning the District's compliance with Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 are directed to contact the Superintendent's Office.

Communications

The district believes that education is a cooperative responsibility of the citizens of the Avenue City School District, its Board of Education, the administration, and the staff. The primary function of effective school/community relations is to enhance welfare of students.

The District believes that the channels of communication among the Board of Education, the administration, and all employees should be kept open. Policies, which govern this process, can be found in the Board of Education Secretary/Treasurer Office. Questions regarding policies or procedures and suggestions for improving the operation of the school system are strongly encouraged.

Parents and other community members are contributors and participators in the total educational process. All school personnel will respect and encourage the role of parents and other community members in the process of educating children and young people in the District.

Medical Examinations

The district reserves the right to require a physician's statement in case of a question concerning the physical fitness of a staff member or when selecting the time of reinstatement of an employee from medical leave.

Personnel Records, Transcripts, & Certificates

A personnel record shall be kept for each employee of the District. Except for confidential reference documents, an employee shall have access to items maintained in her/his personal file. A record of employment shall be maintained for all employees who have left the district. Provision shall be made to assure privacy of personnel files and to protect the files from examination for other than legitimate reasons.

The school laws of Missouri require that each teacher have on file in the office a valid certificate covering her/his teaching assignment. The responsibility for filing proper certification rests with the teacher. The certificate must be filed prior to the opening of school unless there are extenuating circumstances that prevent this from being done. If, after a reasonable period the certificate is not on file in the office, the district will withhold pay until the certificate is on file.

State accreditation standards require that each professional staff member file official transcripts showing all course work completed at colleges and universities and degrees conferred. The transcript must have an official seal. Grade cards and other unofficial transcripts cannot be accepted. New transcripts should be filed, as additional course work is complete. Grade cards and other unofficial transcripts will be accepted for additional course work completed.



Pay Scale

Certified teachers are paid according to the district's salary schedule. The initial salary schedule step of a teacher is determined on the basis of outside teaching experience and academic training. Credit shall be given for prior teaching experience outside the District, excluding substitute and apprentice teaching to five years with full credit given for the first five years of experience. Upon achieving the district's tenure status, teachers who were not awarded their full level of experience on our salary schedule would be provided those years of experience up to an additional 5 years. The administration reserves the right to review the experience of a Master's Degree teaching candidate, and may, with Board authorization, grant additional steps, if qualifications and experience of the candidate and District personnel needs justify this action.

Salary schedule placement for graduate hours accumulated will be allowed after proper credentials and/or transcripts evidence is submitted to the administrator. Additional salary payment is permitted for graduate hours only in the various intervals cited in the salary schedule. All teachers need to notify the superintendent, in writing, by April 1 of their intention to complete hours in the upcoming school year. Teachers must submit transcripts to the administrator before September 1 to obtain the additional increment for the year. All graduate credit must be obtained from accredited institutions, pertain to the teaching field or to professional improvement, and must have been taken after completion of the previous degree to be accepted for salary increase purposes. A current copy of this year's salary schedule is found in Appendix A.

Payroll

Employees who are on salary contracts are paid one-twelfth of his/her annual salary on the fourth Friday of each month. Normally, a first year teacher will receive his/her first paycheck on the fourth Friday in September.

Employees who are paid by the hour will be expected to turn in "time sheets" to the district's bookkeeper on the first day of each month. If time sheets are not turned in by the first of each month, paychecks could be withheld until the following month.

Federal income tax, state income tax, FICA / Medicare, and Public School Retirement System Contributions shall be deducted each month as required by law.

The following payroll deductions shall be made on a monthly basis at the option of the employee, if a signed payroll deduction authorization is on file with the district's bookkeeper:

- payment to tax-deferred annuity programs approved by the Board of Education,
- salary protector plans,
- premiums on health insurance for spouse and/or dependents approved by the Board of Education,
- cafeteria plan deductions,
- membership dues for professional organizations approved by the Board of Education.

Occasionally supportive personnel will be asked to work beyond the usual working day on an emergency basis. Those persons will be compensated with the form of overtime pay (above 40 hours weekly) or by compensatory released time as defined in the Board of Education Policy.



Retirement

Each full time certificated staff member is required by law to participate in the Public School Retirement System of Missouri by contributing to the system 14.5% of his/her total contract salary during the school year. The Board of Education also pays into the Retirement System an amount equal to 14.5% of the total of all contracted professional salaries. Membership in the system provides the staff member with life insurance, disability insurance, and retirement benefits in accordance with established regulations of the system. A staff member who discontinues teaching in Missouri may, after a short waiting period, request withdrawal from the Retirement System. In this case, he/she is entitled to receive all funds that have been contributed by the employee during the time of employment in Missouri. Contact PSRS/PEERS for more information.

Hours of Employment

The following time schedule has been established and will be followed for employees. Teachers shall be on assignment during the school day as authorized by the administrator. The daily time schedule for certified personnel will be 7:55AM -3:25 PM, Monday –Thursday and 7:30AM to after the buses and students leave the parking lot on Fridays. Whenever bus schedules, lunch periods, or other building circumstances necessitate different starting and ending times, the time schedule for staff members will be adjusted accordingly. Non-certified staff shall set up hours with the administration team that will meet the needs of the district.

Evaluation System

The Avenue City School Board, administration, teachers, and support staff are committed to the development of the most favorable educational climate possible for the students in the district. An ongoing appraisal process is an important ingredient for ensuring a favorable climate. The process shall focus on improvement of job performance and helping student achievement. The main purpose of the evaluation process should be to provide positive growth and increase effectiveness of all personnel.

Certificated Staff: The main purpose of teacher evaluation is to improve student instruction. The evaluation processes will be formative in nature and lead to continuous improvement; will align to standards that reflect excellence; build a culture of informing practice and promoting learning; and is multiple, balanced measurements that are fair and ethical. Based on the beliefs that are the foundation of evaluation in the state’s model, the primary purpose of the Teacher Evaluation Protocol is to promote growth in effective practice that ultimately increases student performance. Administration reserves the right to use many different evaluation systems in order to promote effective instruction and continuous improvement.

Support Staff: The administrator will complete a written evaluation on all support staff at least once a year. These evaluations will be used to increase job proficiency and also to determine re-employment. Each employee will be given an explanation of his/her duties and responsibilities. In addition to guidance, the administrator has the responsibility for informing each employee of the criteria to be used in evaluation.

Staff Meetings

The administration team will be responsible for arranging and conducting staff meetings. During each school year, a limited number of early dismissals will be scheduled to conduct staff meetings and provide professional development opportunities for staff members. Staff meetings may be called before or after school, at the discretion of the administration team.



Committees

The district and administration team encourages and expects all staff members to serve on committees that are necessary for making the school function efficiently and in the best interest of the student. Because of the small staff numbers in the district, it will be necessary for some or most of the staff members to become an active part of more than one committee. Staff members will find that committee work will be an integral part of the school community and committees can work together to accomplish many things for the district. A few committees that a staff member could be asked to serve on are the Professional Development Committee, Salary Committee, CTA, Principal’s Advisory Committee, At-Risk Committee, Building Committee, Technology Committee and Leadership Team.

Insurance

Full time employees are provided a comprehensive group medical insurance plan by the School District. The District pays the employee’s premium, up to the approved amount set by the Board . Employees may insure eligible dependents through a payroll deducted premium payments. Part-time employees (.5FTE or more) are eligible for medical insurance at a prorated cost to the district and at their own expense. Full time employees are provided a term life insurance policy by the School District. This policy includes an accidental death benefit and has a coverage value of \$30,000.

Worker’s Compensation

Each staff member is covered by M.U.S.I.C. for worker’s compensation insurance, and is eligible for compensation for an approved hospital, surgical or doctor’s bill resulting from a job-related accident incurred while on the job. An employee is considered on the job whenever engaged in school business. Any accident, no matter how minor, must be reported immediately to the administrator who in turn will fill out and submit an incident report form. Any delay in reporting an accident could affect Worker’s Compensation claim payments. Reimbursement from Worker’s Compensation for loss of time must be remitted to the District if no deduction is to be made from the salary received from the District.

Tax-Deferred Annuities

A staff member may purchase a tax-deferred annuity under group plans in effect between the District and one of the approved carriers. Under these plans, the employee may elect to have his/her salary reduced by a specific amount each year and the amount of reduction transmitted to the carrier. The reduction may not exceed the maximum amount established by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service regulations. The enrollment dates for new members shall be September 1. Changes in the amount of salary reduction shall be made only on September 1.

Sick & Personal Leave

Full time certificated and support personnel shall be granted at the rate of 10 days per school year leave for personal illness, disability, or injury, cumulative to a total of 100 days. For full time staff, three of the sick days can be used as “flex” days, if needed. Full time certificated and support personnel shall also be granted



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three personal days each school year. In the event the personal days are not used they will be changed to sick days and may be added to the 100 days of accumulation. Part-time employees receive an assigned amount of discretionary paid time off. See School Board Policy/Regulation 4320 for specific information concerning leaves and absences. An employee who exits the district after five years of service shall be paid \$15.00 for each unused sick day. An employee may be paid up to a maximum of 100 days for the unused sick leave.

If your absence has not been pre-approved, please notify the principal the night before your absence or by 6:00 AM the day of your absences. A Request for Leave Form should be completed when returning to work if the leave was not pre-approved. A Request for Leave Form should be completed as soon as possible for permission to be absent so that quality substitutes can be arranged. This form is located in the office or workroom. Please ask the secretary if you need a request for a leave form. You will be notified if your absence is approved, not approved, or if a deduction will be taken from your salary. The Board policy on leave can be found in the policy section of this handbook.

Upon Absence the Classroom Teacher should:

- Leave a schedule of the day's programs in an easily accessible place (this might include information pertaining to opening exercises)
- Have an up to date seating chart
- Have an up to date class list
- Leave lesson plans which substitutes can follow without having to consult pupils- pages marked, etc.
- Leave notes concerning any supervision or extra duties assigned to that teacher
- List of students with medical issues and how to handle them in case of an emergency
- Leave information about homeroom activities, grading of papers or oral work, homework assignments, and privileges in the room

Staff Development

The district encourages staff members to take advantage of opportunities for professional development. A variety of offerings include approved workshops, professional conferences, conventions, seminars, training offered by the district, and other outside presenters.

The Professional Development Committee, which consists of a group of certified teachers, manages the certified staff professional development budget. This committee helps plan and make arrangements for professional development opportunities for the entire staff. Teachers requesting to attend a workshop outside of the district and who are requesting Professional Development Committee funds will need to fill out a form and return it to the Professional Development Committee Chair for approval of committee funds. The building principal will also need to give the approval to attend the in-service. Forms can be obtained from the committee chair or in the workroom.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Conferences between parents and teachers are an integral part of the educational program in the School District. Administrators and teachers should make every effort to conduct parent/teacher conferences whenever needed. Conferences with parents at all grade levels are encouraged in order to keep lines of communication open and improve student achievement.

Scheduled parent /teacher conferences are after the completion of the first quarter of each school year.

Storm and Tornado Drills

Storm and/or tornado drills will be completed as set forth in the Board of Education policy manuals.

1. A weather announcement will signify a storm/tornado drill.
2. Students will exit the classroom in a single file, orderly line, and keep together. Teachers will take their student list, follow students out of the classroom, and close the door when all students have exited.
3. Students will move to designated areas in the storm shelter.
4. Teachers will use a student list to make sure that each and every student is present.
5. Administration will signal teachers verbally or by use of the bell when it is safe to return to the classrooms.

Fire and Bomb Drills

Fire and/or bomb drills will be completed as set forth in the Board of Education policy manuals.

1. A short bell will signify a fire or bomb drill.
2. All students in the room will walk out in single file, orderly line and keep together. Teachers will take their student list, follow students out of classrooms, and close the classroom door when all students have exited.
3. Students will leave the building using the designated doors. Groups of students will move away from the edge of the building and stay in appropriate groups.
4. School doors will be closed when all students have exited the building.
5. Teachers will use a student list to make sure each and every student is present.
6. Support staff as well as special area teachers will monitor hallways. If a drill should occur during planning time, regular classroom teachers should locate their class and help with the drill procedure.
7. Administration will signal teachers verbally or by use of the bell when students may return to the building.

Student Safety & Abductions

In today's world of school shootings and abductions teachers are among the first line of defense in protecting the students of Avenue City School. All doors will be locked during school hours. Visitors will be allowed in by office personnel. Students and teachers will be able to exit through all other doors, but visitors will not be able to enter through any other door except the south doors, by the front office.

Teachers should remember to carry their school keys and fob with them. The staff will be notified, if possible, by the Lockdown Alarm and/or by the intercom system if a dangerous person enters the building. Office personnel will be responsible for giving this signal. Upon receiving the signal, teachers should immediately follow the procedures set forth in the District Crises Manual.

Teachers should also try to be aware of necessary custody agreements between divorced parents of the students at the school and make administration aware of these agreements. Students should be sent to regular destinations each evening after school unless a written note from the parent is obtained.



Student Discipline

Teachers should refer to the student handbook to find guidelines for bus, recess, and lunchroom behavior. Teachers will be responsible for establishing behavior guidelines in their own classrooms. Teachers should discuss all guidelines with students at the beginning of the school year so that each and every student is made aware.

Any behavior that presents a danger or causes excessive interruptions should result in immediate removal from the situation. When it becomes necessary to send a student to the office for disciplinary purposes send the offender and escort to the front office. If the offender will not leave the room quietly, the teacher should call the office and obtain an administrator to escort the student down the hall.

Students sent to the administrator's office for disciplinary reasons will have parents notified by note or phone. A record of all discipline actions and consequences that require administrative action will be kept on file in the administrator's office.

Calendar Information

An event calendar is kept current on the school's website. There is also a Google calendar that goes along with your district's email account which all staff should monitor often. Any classroom information or special request for a class project may be added to these calendars. Please e-mail the school secretary with the information so it can be loaded on the website calendar and Google calendar.

Work Orders

Work order forms may be obtained in the front office. Please fill out the form for special request (repairs, setting up for special events, etc.) and submit it to the office. Your request will be completed as soon as feasibly possible.

Purchasing School Related Materials

Teachers are allotted an amount of money to spend on their students each year. The teacher is responsible for spending and documenting the money spent. There will be a budget sheet given to you at the beginning of the school year to keep track of your expenses.

The items purchased can be obtained two different ways. First, if you know ahead that you will need an item a Purchase Order can be used. The company where you purchase the item will then bill the district. Purchase Orders must be completed and signed by an administrator before items can be ordered. In the section "FOR", list area responsible for payment (PDC, Spec. Ed., Etc.). The white copy is for the company or for you to keep if you ordered by phone. The yellow and pink copies are given to the school bookkeeper. When ordering materials check to make sure that the obligation dates for the funds are still in effect.



If the expenditure is a last minute item you have the option of paying for the item yourself and being reimbursed by the district. Keeping receipts and documentation of these transactions is very important. Reimbursement Forms must be completed and turned into the bookkeeping office along with receipts or bills by the 1st of each month to be approved by the Board of Education. Reimbursements will be denied if the form is incomplete or no receipts or bills are attached to the form. You will be notified as soon as possible if your request has been denied and the reason for the denial. **Please note**, sales tax will not be reimbursed; please keep a tax exempt letter with you when making purchases.

PTO Requests for Funds

The school district is lucky to have a supportive Parent/Teacher Organization. This organization often helps with school activities and purchases. Requests for funds are made through the PTO Executive Officers. The requesting person should discuss the request with the administrator before going to the PTO. The person should then contact someone on the PTO executive committee so the request can be placed on the PTO Meeting Agenda and place the request in the PTO mailbox in the office.



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To: All Faculty

From: Mrs. Becky Grimes
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 Homeless Coordinator
 Avenue City School

As part of our federal programs, the district homeless coordinator must illustrate his/her familiarity with the job duties and notify the district staff of the role as district coordinator and the needs and rights of a homeless student.

The definition of a homeless / migrant student is:

SEC. 725. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle:

- (1) The terms `enroll` and `enrollment` include attending classes and participating fully in school activities.
- (2) The term `homeless children and youths`—
 - (A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and
 - (B) includes—
 - (i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
 - (ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));
 - (iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
 - (iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as



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homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

(3) The terms `local educational agency' and `State educational agency' have the meanings given such terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(4) The term `Secretary' means the Secretary of Education.

(5) The term `State' means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(6) The term `unaccompanied youth' includes a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

I am attaching a link to a brochure that discusses my responsibilities as the homeless coordinator and our responsibility as a school district for homeless and migrant youth. I need you to read the brochure.

<https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/educating-missouris-homeless-children>

I am also attaching this link to the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary page about educating homeless and migrant youth. You might also find this useful.

<https://dese.mo.gov/quality-schools/student-support-services/homeless-children-youth>

As always, if you have any questions about this, please see me.

Thank you,

Becky Grimes
Homeless Coordinator

Appendix A

The pages that follow are pages of the Avenue City Elementary School Employee Handbook that will change from year to year. The following are current for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Board Set Calendar
- Certified Teachers Salary Schedule
- Extra Duty Pay Schedule
- Routing Slip
- Late/Incomplete Assignment Notice

Avenue City R-IX School District						
2024-2025 School Year Calendar						
August '24						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8/13, 8/14, 8/15 Teacher Workdays 8/19 School Begins - Early Out 12:50 8/20 Early Out 12:50						
September '24						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
9/2 No School - Labor Day 9/20 No School - Teacher PD Day						
October '24						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
10/18 End of 1st Quarter 10/24 Early Out 12:50 - Parent/Teacher Conf. 10/25 No School - Comp Day for Conf.						
November '24						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
11/27 Early Out 12:50 11/28-11/29 No School - Thanksgiving Break						
December '24						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
12/2 No School - Teacher PD Day 12/20 End of 2nd Quarter 12/23-12/31 No School - Winter Break						
January '25						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
1/1-1/3 No School - Winter Break 1/20 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day						
February '25						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	
2/14 No School - Teacher PD Day 2/17 No School - Presidents' Day						
March '25						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31					
3/7 End of 3rd Quarter 3/14 Early Out 12:50 3/17-3/21 No School - Spring Break						
April '25						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
4/18 No School - Teacher PD Day 4/20 Easter Sunday						
May '25						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
5/16 Early Out 12:50 5/19 Last Day of School - Early Out 12:50 5/20-5/23 Weather Make-Up Days 5/26 Memorial Day						
School Closed/Holiday						
Early Dismissal 12:50 pm						
Teacher In-Service Day (no school for students)						
End of Quarter						
Inclement Weather Make-up Days						
Quarters: Q1 - Oct. 18 (43 days) Q2 - Dec. 20 (41 days) Q3 - March 7 (42 days) Q4 - May 19 (45 days)						

171 Student Attendance Days 180 Teacher Contract Days 8 PD Days Total (including 1 Flex PD Day in August) 1 Comp Day						

Scheduled Make-Up Days:

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|----------------|----------------|
| ESD 1 - May 20 | ESD 4 - May 23 |
| ESD 2 - May 21 | ESD 5 - May 19 |
| ESD 3 - May 22 | ESD 6 - May 16 |

AVENUE CITY R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025 Certified Teachers Salary Schedule

(Base, Over 550, Down 450 Steps 1-5, 650 Steps 6-18, 850 Steps 19-31)

	BS	BS+8	BS+16	BS+24	BS+32	MS	MS+8	MS+16	MS+24	MS+32
BASE	41,750	42,300	42,850	43,400	43,950	44,500	45,050	45,600	46,150	46,700
1	42,200	42,750	43,300	43,850	44,400	44,950	45,500	46,050	46,600	47,150
2	42,650	43,200	43,750	44,300	44,850	45,400	45,950	46,500	47,050	47,600
3	43,100	43,650	44,200	44,750	45,300	45,850	46,400	46,950	47,500	48,050
4	43,550	44,100	44,650	45,200	45,750	46,300	46,850	47,400	47,950	48,500
5	44,000	44,550	45,100	45,650	46,200	46,750	47,300	47,850	48,400	48,950
6	44,650	45,200	45,750	46,300	46,850	47,400	47,950	48,500	49,050	49,600
7	45,300	45,850	46,400	46,950	47,500	48,050	48,600	49,150	49,700	50,250
8	45,950	46,500	47,050	47,600	48,150	48,700	49,250	49,800	50,350	50,900
9	46,600	47,150	47,700	48,250	48,800	49,350	49,900	50,450	51,000	51,550
10	47,250	47,800	48,350	48,900	49,450	50,000	50,550	51,100	51,650	52,200
11	47,900	48,450	49,000	49,550	50,100	50,650	51,200	51,750	52,300	52,850
12	48,550	49,100	49,650	50,200	50,750	51,300	51,850	52,400	52,950	53,500
13	49,200	49,750	50,300	50,850	51,400	51,950	52,500	53,050	53,600	54,150
14		50,400	50,950	51,500	52,050	52,600	53,150	53,700	54,250	54,800
15		51,050	51,600	52,150	52,700	53,250	53,800	54,350	54,900	55,450
16		51,700	52,250	52,800	53,350	53,900	54,450	55,000	55,550	56,100
17		52,350	52,900	53,450	54,000	54,550	55,100	55,650	56,200	56,750
18			53,550	54,100	54,650	55,200	55,750	56,300	56,850	57,400
19			54,400	54,950	55,500	56,050	56,600	57,150	57,700	58,250
20			55,250	55,800	56,350	56,900	57,450	58,000	58,550	59,100
21				56,650	57,200	57,750	58,300	58,850	59,400	59,950
22				57,500	58,050	58,600	59,150	59,700	60,250	60,800
23					58,900	59,450	60,000	60,550	61,100	61,650
24					59,750	60,300	60,850	61,400	61,950	62,500
25					60,600	61,150	61,700	62,250	62,800	63,350
26					61,450	62,000	62,550	63,100	63,650	64,200
27					62,300	62,850	63,400	63,950	64,500	65,050
28					63,150	63,700	64,250	64,800	65,350	65,900
29					64,000	64,550	65,100	65,650	66,200	66,750
30					64,850	65,400	65,950	66,500	67,050	67,600
31					65,700	66,250	66,800	67,350	67,900	68,450

**EXTRA DUTY PAY
FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR**

<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>% OF BASE</u>	<u>PAY</u>
Jr. High Basketball Coach	0.055	\$2,296
Jr. High BB Asst. Coach	0.02	\$ 835
Jr. High Track Coach	0.04	\$1,670
Jr. High Track Asst. Coach	0.02	\$ 835
Archery Coach	0.04	\$1,670
Archery Asst. Coach	0.02	\$ 835
Athletic Director	0.0185	\$ 772
4 th – 6 th Academic Teams	0.02	\$ 835
4 th – 6 th Academic Teams	0.02	\$ 835
7 th – 8 th Academic Teams	0.02	\$ 835
7 th – 8 th Academic Teams	0.02	\$ 835
4 th – 5 th Book Club	0.015	\$ 626
4 th – 5 th Book Club	0.015	\$ 626
6 th – 8 th Book Club	0.015	\$ 626
6 th – 8 th Book Club	0.015	\$ 626
Garden Club	0.015	\$ 626
Garden Club	0.015	\$ 626
Student Council	0.02	\$ 835
Yearbook	0.02	\$ 835
Administrative Assistant	0.02	\$ 835
PDC Chair	0.0075	\$ 313
1 st Year Mentor	0.0075	\$ 313
2 nd Year Mentor	0.005	\$ 209
Music Programs	0.0085	\$ 355 each
Academic Meets	\$28.50 for the day	
Tutoring (after school)	\$12.50 each ½ hour	
Tutoring (summer)	\$25.00 per hour	
National Board Certification	\$1,500.00	
Degree Beyond Master	\$1,500.00 (Admin or teacher, during employment, 1 time only)	

	Name:	Comments:
1	Jori Atchity	
2	Cassie Barsch	
3	Becky Bell	
4	Austin Blair	
5	Anna Bloomberg	
6	Katie Burkett	
7	Linda Carter	
8	Ashley Davis	
9	Faith Davison	
10	Ann DuVall	
11	Renata Eiken	
12	Taylor Ellis	
13	Ashley Farrell	
14	Beth Forney	
15	Becky Grimes	
16	Sara Hare	
17	Erin Hickok	
18	Chase Holcumbrink	
19	Hannah Holly	
20	Paige Huddleston	
21	Heather Huff	
22	Tim Jones	
23	Don Lawrence	
24	Karen Merritt	
25	Erica Miller	
26	Grace Morey	
27	Russell Phillips	
28	Mike Rogers	
29	Shawnda Russell	
30	Jennifer Schaeffer	
31	Dakota Schildknecht	
32	Abby Schweizer	
33	Mandy Scott	
34	Jeana Sigrist	
35	Codi Spafford	
36	Anitra Svendsen	
37	Orvalene Tipton	
38	Jayne Voss	
39	Carol Williams	
40	Stormie Williams	
41	Janice Wing	
42	Jolynn Zvolanek	

Late / Incomplete Assignment Notice

*****NOTICE*****NOTICE*****NOTICE*****NOTICE*****NOTICE*****

Date: _____

_____ has had _____ late or incomplete assignment(s). The assignments are listed below. According to the policy, three late or incomplete assignments within a two-week period will result in Saturday / After School Session. Please remind your child to complete daily assignments.

Please sign and return this notice. Thank you.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Before / After School Session Notice

*****NOTICE*****NOTICE*****NOTICE*****NOTICE*****NOTICE*****

Date: _____

Dear Parent(s):

Your child, _____ has had a total of three late or incomplete assignments within the last two weeks. The assignments are listed below. He/She will report to school on (Date) _____ at (Time) _____ and be dismissed at (Time) _____.

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from these sessions. Thank you.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix B

The following pages are an excerpt from the Avenue City School Board of Education Policy and Procedures Manual. All policies are not contained in this handbook. The entire Policy Manual is found in the district's bookkeeping office. Please contact the school superintendent or the board of education secretary if you have any questions.

STUDENTS

Regulation 2170

Nondiscrimination and Student Rights

Distribution of Noncurricular Publications by Students

Guidelines for Distribution

Students may distribute, at reasonable times and places, unofficial written materials, petitions, buttons, badges, or other insignia, except expressions which:

1. Are obscene to minors.
2. Are libelous.
3. Are pervasively indecent or vulgar (secondary schools)/contain any indecent or vulgar language (elementary schools).
4. Advertise any product or service not permitted to minors by law.
5. Constitute insulting, hateful or fighting words, the very expression of which injures or harasses other people (e.g., threats of violence, defamation of character or of a person's race, religion, or ethnic origin).
6. Present a clear and present likelihood that, either because of their content or their manner of distribution, will cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, or will cause the commission of unlawful acts or the violation of lawful school regulations.

Distribution on school premises of material in above categories to any student is prohibited.

Procedures

Any student wishing to distribute unofficial written material must first submit for approval a copy of the material to the principal/designee at least three (3) days in advance of desired distribution time, together with the following information:

1. Name and phone number of the person submitting request.
2. Date(s) and times(s) of day of intended display or distribution.
3. Location where material would be displayed or distributed.
4. The grade(s) of students to whom the display or distribution is intended.

Within forty-eight (48) hours of submission, the principal/designee will render a decision whether the material violates the guidelines contained in these regulations or the time, place and manner restrictions of this regulation. In the event that permission to distribute the material is denied, the student submitting the request should be informed of the reasons for the denial.

Permission to distribute material does not imply approval of its contents by the school, the administration, the Board, or the individual reviewing the materials submitted. Accordingly, the publication shall contain a statement "The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the District or its personnel."

If the student is dissatisfied with the decision of the principal/designee, the student may submit a written request for appeal to the Superintendent/designee. If still not satisfied, the student may appeal the request to the Board for its review.

Time, Place and Manner of Distribution

The distribution of written material shall be limited to a reasonable time, place and manner as follows:

1. No written material may be distributed during and at the place of a normal school activity (e.g., classroom) if it is reasonably likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of that activity.
2. Distribution of written material is prohibited when it blocks the safe flow of traffic within corridors and entranceways of the school.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to the following terms as used in this policy:

Obscene to minors is defined as:

1. The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the written material, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest of minors of the age to whom distribution is requested; and/or
2. The material depicts and describes, in a manner that is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community concerning how such conduct should be presented to minors of the age to whom distribution is requested, sexual conduct such as intimate sexual acts (normal or perverted), masturbation, excretory functions, and lewd exhibition of the genitals; and/or
3. The material taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors.

Minor is defined as any person under the age of eighteen (18).

Material and substantial disruption of a normal school activity is defined as follows:

1. Any disruption which interferes with or impedes the implementation of any educational or school sponsored program.
2. In order for expression to be considered disruptive, there must exist specific facts upon which the likelihood of disruption can be forecast, including past experience in the school and current events influencing student activities and behavior.

School activities is defined as any activity of students sponsored by the school and includes - by way of example, and not by way of limitation - classroom work, library activities, physical education classes, official assemblies, and other similar gatherings, school athletic contests, band concerts, school plays, and in-school lunch periods.

Unofficial written material is defined as all written material except school publications funded and/or sponsored or authorized by the school. Examples include leaflets, brochures, flyers, petitions, placards and underground newspapers, whether written by students or others.

Libelous is defined as a false or unprivileged statement about a specific individual that tends to harm the individual's reputation, or to lower him/her in the esteem of the community.

Distribution is defined as circulation or dissemination of written material by means of handing out free copies, selling or offering copies for sale and accepting donations for copies. It includes displaying written material in areas of the school which are generally frequented by students.

Disciplinary Action

Distribution by a student of unofficial written material prohibited in this regulation will be treated as a violation of the student discipline code.

STUDENTS

Policy 2710 **(Regulation 2710)**

Student Welfare

Reporting Student Abuse

The Board of Education believes that school staff members, school volunteers, and school contractors are in a unique position to assist children, families, and the community in dealing with the issue of child abuse and neglect. Child abuse is defined as any physical injury, sexual abuse or emotional abuse inflicted on a child other than by accidental means. Neglect is defined as the failure to provide the proper or necessary support, education, nutrition or medical, surgical or other care necessary for the child's well-being. The status as an unaccompanied youth is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect unless the child is under sixteen (16) years of age or is an incapacitated person. However, if a mandated reporter knows or has reason to believe that an unaccompanied child has been or may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, a report must be made. Employees, volunteers, and school contractors making reports of allegations of sexual abuse of a student will be provided immediate unrestricted use of communication technology and will be temporarily released from their work duties to make an immediate report.

If a school employee, volunteer, or school contractor has a reasonable belief that a student has been or maybe subjected to abuse or neglect, such employee, volunteer, or school contractor and the Superintendent shall report the information immediately upon receiving the information to the Children's Division. Thereafter, the Superintendent will investigate the allegation for the purpose of making decisions about the accused person's employment. Depending upon the specific facts, the District may place the alleged abuser on paid leave of absence; place the employee in a non-student contact position; initiate dismissal proceedings, or continue the employee in their present position pending outcome of the investigation.

Any school district employee, volunteer, or school contractor acting in good faith, who reports alleged sexual misconduct on the part of a school employee will not be disciplined or discriminated against because of such reporting.

The District will annually provide employee and volunteer training, which will include but not be limited to current information concerning identification of the signs of sexual abuse in children as well as the identification of the danger signals of potentially abusive relationships between children and adults. This training will emphasize the importance of mandatory child abuse reporting, including the obligation to report suspected abuse by other mandated reporters. Employees and volunteers will receive training on the need for and methods to create an atmosphere of trust so that students believe their school and school employees are available to discuss matters concerning abusive behavior.

The District will post in each student restroom and in a clearly visible location in each school office, the toll free child abuse and neglect hotline number established by the Children's Division. These signs will be published in both English and Spanish. Such child abuse and neglect hotline numbers shall be depicted in large print on posters 11 inches by 17 inches and will be placed at eye level for easy viewing. The hotline number will be shown in bold print. The signs shall also contain instructions to call 911 for emergencies and contain directions for accessing the Children's Division's website for more information on reporting abuse and neglect.

Adopted: August 17, 2000

Revised & Adopted: November 15, 2011, September 13, 2012

Revised & Adopted: December 12, 2013, November 12, 2015

Revised & Adopted: October 10, 2019 and November 11, 2021

Avenue City R-IX School District

STUDENTS
Student Welfare
Seclusion and Restraint

Policy 2770

A. Purpose

It is the purpose of this policy to:

- Meet the requirements of RSMo 160.263.
- Promote safety and prevent harm to all students, school personnel and visitors in the school district.
- Treat all students with dignity and respect in the use of discipline and behavior-management techniques.
- Provide school personnel with clear guidelines about the use of seclusion, isolation and restraint on school district property or at any school district function or event.
- Promote retention of teachers and other school personnel by addressing student behavior in an appropriate and safe manner.
- Promote parent understanding about state guidelines and district policies related to the use of discipline, behavior management, behavior interventions and responses to emergency situations.
- Promote the use of non-aversive behavioral interventions.

B. Definitions:

“Authorized School Personnel” means school personnel who have received annual training in:

- De-escalation practices,
- Appropriate use of physical restraint,
- Professionally-accepted practices in physical management and use of restraints,
- Methods to explain the use of restraint to the student who is to be restrained and to the individual’s family,
- Appropriate use of isolation,
- Appropriate use of seclusion, and
- Information on the policy and appropriate documentation and notification procedures.

“Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP)” sets forth specific behavior interventions for a specific student who displays chronic patterns of problem behavior.

“Chemical Restraint” shall never be used by school personnel.

“Functional Behavior Assessment” a formal assessment to identify the function or purpose the behavior serves for the student so that classroom interventions and behavior support plans can be developed to improve behavior. The assessment could include observations and charting of the behavior and interviews with family, teachers, and the student, so as to determine the frequency, antecedent and response of the targeted behavior.

“**IEP**” means a student’s Individualized Education Program as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

“**Mechanical Restraint**” means the use of any device or equipment to restrict a student’s freedom of movement. Mechanical Restraint shall not include devices implemented by trained personnel or use by a student with prescription for such devices from an appropriate medical or related services professional and that are used for specific and approved purposes for which such devices were designed such as the following:

- a. Adaptive devices or mechanical supports used to achieve proper body position, balance, or alignment to allow greater freedom of mobility than would be possible without the use of such devices.
- b. Vehicle safety restraints when used as intended during the transport of a student in a moving vehicle.
- c. Restraints for medical immobilization; or
- d. Orthopedically prescribed devices that permit a student to participate in activities without risk.

“**Physical Restraint**” a personal restriction such as person-to-person physical contact that immobilizes, reduces, or restricts the ability of a student to move the student’s torso, arms, legs, or head freely.

“Physical restraint” shall not include:

- a. A physical escort, which is a means the temporary touching or holding of the hand, wrist, arm, shoulder or back for the purpose of inducing a student to walk to a safe location.
- b. Comforting or calming a student.
- c. Holding a student’s hand to transport the student for safety purposes.
- d. Intervening in a fight; or
- e. Using an assistive or protective device prescribed by an appropriately trained professional or professional team.

“**Prone Restraint**” using mechanical or physical restraint or both to restrict a student's movement while the student is lying with the student's front or face downward.

“**Restraint**” includes, but is not limited to, mechanical restraint, physical restraint, and prone restraint.

“**School personnel**” means

- Employees of a local board of education.
- Any person, paid or unpaid, working on school grounds in an official capacity.
- Any person working at a school function under a contract or written agreement with the school system to provide educational or related services to students.
- Any person working on school grounds or at a school function for another agency providing educational or related services to students.

“**Seclusion**” the involuntary confinement of a student alone in an area or room that the student is physically prevented from leaving and that complies with the code in effect in the District. Seclusion does not include the following:

- a. A timeout, which is a behavior management technique that is part of an approved program, involves the monitored separation of the student in a nonlocked setting, and is implemented for the purpose of calming.
- b. In-school suspension.
- c. Detention; or
- d. Other appropriate disciplinary measures.

“**Section 504 Plan**” means a student’s individualized plan developed by the student’s Section 504 multidisciplinary team after a pre-placement evaluation finding the student is disabled within the meaning of Section 504 and its implementing regulations.

“**Time out**” means brief removal from sources of reinforcement within instructional contexts that does not meet the definition of seclusion or isolation. Time out includes both of the following:

- a) Non-exclusionary time out: removal of reinforcers from the student without changing the physical location of the student (e.g., asking the student to put his/her head down on the desk); and
- b) Exclusionary time-out: removal of the student from participation in an activity or removal from the instructional area.

C. Seclusion

The District will not confine a student in seclusion unless there is a situation or condition where there is imminent danger of physical harm to the student or others.

D. Mechanical, Physical and Prone Restraint

For all school years beginning on or after July 1, 2022, the District will not use any mechanical, physical, or prone restraint technique that:

1. Obstructs views of the student's face.
2. Obstructs the student's respiratory airway, impairs the student's breathing or respiratory capacity, or restricts the movement required for normal breathing to cause positional or postural asphyxia.
3. Places pressure or weight on or causes the compression of the student's chest, lungs, sternum, diaphragm, back, abdomen, or genitals.
4. Obstructs the student's circulation of blood.
5. Involves pushing on or into the student's mouth, nose, eyes, or any part of the face or involves covering the face or body with anything including, but not limited to, soft objects such as pillows, blankets, or washcloths.
6. Endangers the student's life or significantly exacerbates the student's medical condition.
7. Is purposely designed to inflict pain.
8. Restricts the student from communicating. If an employee physically restrains a student who uses sign language or an augmentative mode of communication as the student's primary mode of communication, the student shall be permitted to have the student's hands free of restraint for brief periods unless an employee determines that such freedom appears likely to result in harm to self or others.

E. Assurance and Training

The District will ensure that the policy adopted under this section requires the following:

1. Any student placed in seclusion or restraint shall be removed from such seclusion or restraint as soon as the District personnel determines that the student is no longer an imminent danger of physical harm to self or others.
2. District personnel shall annually review the policy and procedures involving the use of seclusion and restraint. Personnel who use seclusion or restraint shall annually complete mandatory training in the specific seclusion and restraint techniques that the District uses.

F. Recordkeeping and Parental Notification

The District will attempt to notify the parents or legal guardians as soon as possible but no later than one hour after the end of the school day on which the use of seclusion or restraint occurred. Notification shall be oral or electronic and shall include a statement indicating that the District will provide the parents or legal guardians a copy of the report described in this section within five (5) school days.

Each time seclusion or restraint is used for a student, the incident shall be monitored by a member of the District's staff and a report shall be completed by the District personnel that contains at a minimum the following:

- a. Date, time of day, location, duration and description of the incident and intervention.
- b. Any event leading to the incident and the reason for using seclusion or restraint.
- c. A description of the methods of seclusion or restraint used.
- d. The nature or extent of any injury to the student.
- e. The names, roles, and certifications of each employee involved in the use of seclusion or restraint.
- f. The name, role, and signature of the person who prepared the report.
- g. The name of the employee whom the parent or guardian can contact regarding the incident and use of seclusion or restraint.
- h. The name of the employee to contact if the parent or guardian wishes to file a complaint.
- i. A statement directing parents and/or legal guardian to a sociological, emotional, or behavioral support organization and a hotline number to report child abuse and neglect.

Form 2770 is a sample reporting form which may be utilized to satisfy the reporting requirement.

The District will maintain the report as an education record of the student, provide a copy of the report to the parent or legal guardian within five (5) school days, and a copy of each incident report shall be sent to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education within thirty (30) days of the incident.

G. Applicability of this Policy

This policy applies to all district school personnel. School personnel assigned to programs not located on district premises (hospitals, detention centers, juvenile facilities, and mental health facilities) shall follow the policy and procedure of the facility/program where they work.

H. School Personnel Debriefing

Following any situation involving the use of seclusion, isolation or restraint, as defined in this policy, a debriefing shall occur as soon as possible but no later than two (2) school days after the emergency situation. The debriefing shall include, at a minimum, a discussion of the events that led to the emergency and why the de-escalation efforts were not effective; any trauma reactions on the part of the student, other students or school personnel; what, if anything, could have been done differently; and an evaluation of the process.

I. Retaliation

District employees will not retaliate against any person for having:

- a. Reported a violation of any policy established under this section or failure of the District to follow any provisions of this section in retaliation to incidents of seclusion and restraint; or
- b. Provided information regarding a violation of this section by the District or a member of the staff of the District.

Adopted: January 13, 2011

Revised & Adopted: November 11, 2021

Avenue City R-IX School District

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Policy 4131
(Form 4131)

Employment

Extra Duty and Extended Duty Contracts

Certificated employees may be contracted to provide sponsorship and coaching duties as recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. Compensation for such positions will be provided in accordance with a Board approved extra duty salary schedule.

Certificated employees may be contracted for additional days beyond the regular contract period. Compensation for such extended duty will be calculated on the existing salary schedule. The Board may establish a separate salary schedule for summer school assignments.

Assignment to extra duty, extended duty and summer school is for one (1) year only and may be renewed or eliminated annually upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and at the discretion of the Board.

Personnel Assignment and Transfer

Transfer Request

Staff accepting employment with the District agrees to accept the building assignment of the Superintendent of Schools. Staff will not be assigned where they would be under the direct supervision of a member of the employee's immediate family (father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother, or spouse).

Staff transfers may be initiated by administrative directive or by staff request. In order to facilitate awareness of opportunities, the Superintendent/designee will post vacancies on bulletin boards in each school. The decision concerning filling of the vacancy or new positions by transfer will be made by the Superintendent in consultation with the building principals affected.

An employee who desires a change in grade and/or subject assignment and/or a transfer to another building shall request the transfer on the prescribed form which will be available in the Personnel Office.

An employee must accept the transfer requested unless he/she has notified the administration in writing of a desire to withdraw the request and said notification is received by the principal and Superintendent/designee before the date on which notification of transfer is sent to the teacher.

PERSONNEL SERVICES

**Regulation 4221
(Form 4221)**

Personnel Assignments and Transfer

Support Staff Duties, Schedules and Working Hours

The working hours for support staff will be set by the Board of Education based on classification and responsibilities.

Personnel shall not be permitted to trade lunch or break time in order to depart early.

Overtime/Compensatory Time

Individuals who begin work earlier or work later than their assigned hours must receive prior authorization from their immediate supervisor.

Individuals who work more than forty (40) hours during any workweek will be awarded compensatory time off ("comp time") or paid overtime. Comp time or overtime pay will be awarded at the rate of one and one-half (1½) hours for each hour of overtime worked.

1. Comp time may be accrued up to 120 hours (80 overtime hours). Overtime work beyond this maximum accrual will be monetarily compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the individual's normal hourly rate of pay.
2. Every effort will be made to permit the use of comp time at the earliest time mutually agreed upon by the individual and his/her supervisor. However, where the individual's absence would unduly disrupt District's operations, the District retains the right to postpone comp time usage.
3. Individuals who accrue comp time from July 1-December 31 but do not use the time will be paid any unused comp time as of December 31. Individuals who accrue comp time from January 1-June 30 but do not use the time will be paid any unused comp time as of June 30. Individuals with unused comp time who are terminated or who terminate their employment will be paid for unused comp time at their final hourly rate of pay.

In the event a supervisor wishes to arrange mutually agreeable exchange of a workday, i.e., a weekend, or work on a holiday period day, such an arrangement must be reported to the Superintendent/designee stating:

1. Dates involved
2. Reason
3. Exchange date(s) for compensatory time

Such exchanges are to be done at the earliest time possible, preferably by the next week, and are to be recorded appropriately on the attendance report.

Compensatory time or overtime pay is not authorized unless approved in advance (except for emergency situations) by the Superintendent/designee upon recommendation of the employee's immediate supervisor. Employees who violate the overtime provision will be subject to disciplinary action.

Emergency Closing Days

In the event the schools, or at times a school, are closed due to snow, inclement weather, or for any other emergency reason, designated employees will report to work as per the established District procedure.

Revised and Adopted: November 10, 2016

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Regulation 4320

Absences, Leave and Vacation

Personnel Leave

Paid Sick Leave

Sick leave may only be used for illness of the staff member or the staff member's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as spouse, parent, grandparent, child, sibling, daughter or son-in-law, grandchild, or non-family residing within the staff member's home. The Superintendent/designee may request a physician's statement regarding an absence and/or verification that the employee may return to work. Full time employees receive 10 days per school year. Part-time employees receive an assigned amount based on their FTE.

Full-time staff members may use no more than three days of their sick leave per fiscal year for discretionary paid time off. Part-time employees receive an assigned amount of discretionary paid time off.* Supervisors should be given as much advance notice of the absence as possible. Flex days do not accumulate from year to year.

Personal Leave

Paid personal leave days may only be used for personal business that cannot be transacted in nonwork hours. Personal leave days cannot be used for work stoppages. Employees desiring to use personal days must schedule a request to the faculty principal at least one week in advance. The Superintendent/designee has the right to deny any request for personal leave that does not conform to the policy or would cause a hardship to students or staff. Full-time staff members receive an assigned amount of time for personal leave per year.* Unused personal days will be added to accumulated sick leave until accumulated sick leave reaches hundred (100) days. Staff members who exit the district after five years of service shall be paid \$15.00 for each unused sick day. Staff members may be paid up to a maximum of 100 days for the unused sick leave.

Bereavement Leave

A maximum of three (3) days may be used in any school year for bereavement purposes. Use of these days will not be charged to personal leave or sick leave. Bereavement leave is available only upon the death of a member of the employee's immediate family, as that term is defined in the sick leave regulation. Bereavement leave is not accumulative.

Leave for Jury Duty

Employees called for jury duty, for participation in the jury selection process, or subpoenaed to testify in a civil or criminal proceeding will be granted leave with pay. Employees will receive their normal pay less any jury or witness fees received. Employees called for jury selection or service on a jury will not be requested or required to use annual vacation, personal leave, or sick leave for time required in such civic service.

Military Leave

An employee who is a member of the National Guard, or an organized military service of the United States, and who is required by laws of the United States or the State of Missouri to report for military duty, including training, shall be eligible for a grant of military leave.

Application for military leave shall be made in advance, as soon as practicable after the employee becomes aware of his/her obligation to report and immediately upon the employee's receipt of official notice to report. A copy of the official orders must be added to the leave application. The Superintendent/designee must approve the application. Emergency mobilization orders shall be dealt with on an individual basis.

The District recognizes that employees who receive notice to report for duty typically are not provided with discretion as to when to report. However, whenever an employee has a choice as to when to report for military duty, the employee's military leave shall be arranged during periods in which school is not in session. When the employee is given a choice as to when to report for duty, the Superintendent/designee may request that the employee seek a change in military orders if such a change appears to be in the best interest of the District.

Employees shall receive leave with pay for up to one hundred twenty (120) hours of military leave in each federal fiscal year. Additional military leave shall be without pay, except as required by federal and state law. Any person entitled to military leave shall only be charged military leave for any hours which the person would otherwise have been required to work had it not been for such military leave at a minimum of one hour and additional charges will be in multiples of one hour.

Each employee shall furnish a copy of the employee's military payroll voucher to the Superintendent/designee within thirty (30) days of the employee's return to regular assignment so that the necessary salary adjustments can be made.

Employee eligibility for reinstatement after military duty is completed shall be determined in accordance with federal and state laws.

Domestic/Sexual Violence Victim Leave (See Policy and Regulation 4322).

Leave of Absence

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent/designee and the approval of the Board, an employee of the District may be granted a leave of absence for non-Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) child care, education, or other good cause. Such leave is renewable upon written request for one additional year only. Application for leave is to be made in writing to the Superintendent/designee via Principal/supervisor and must include the period for which the leave is requested and the reasons for the request. The period should be set to least disrupt the education of students. Requests for leave for an entire school year should normally be made in writing before March 1 of the preceding year.

If leave is approved by the Board, the employee is not paid for the period of the leave. Insurance benefits may be continued by the employee by making all payments to the Payroll Office, one month in advance.

Whenever a leave of absence has been granted by the Board to the end of the school year, the employee must notify the Superintendent in writing by the first day of March of an intention to resume his/her position at the beginning of the next school year. Failure to notify the Superintendent/designee of such intention will be regarded as a resignation.

Upon completion of an approved leave, provided proper notification is given, a teacher will be re-employed by the District unless placed on involuntary leave of absence if tenured; or, if notified of nonrenewal of contract by April 15 if a probationary teacher.

If desired, and whenever feasible, the employee will be placed on the same or equivalent position to the one held prior to the approved leave.

NOTE: Leave of absence without pay under the provisions of this regulation does not apply as service towards tenure for probationary teachers.

*Part-time personal leave and flex days.

0.0 – 0.49 FTE = 1 day

0.5 – 0.99 FTE = 2 days

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Avenue City R-IX School District

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Policy 4321
(Regulation 4321)
(Form 4321)

Absences, Leave and Vacation

Family and Medical Leave

The Board of Education recognizes that leaves of absence are occasionally necessary due to family or medical reasons. The District has adopted detailed procedures to ensure compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA). As provided by District regulations, eligible employees are entitled to use up to twelve (12) workweeks of unpaid leave for family and medical reasons. The Board of Education has designated a District administrator to act as FMLA Compliance Officer. As part of its compliance program, the District will notify each employee of the name, address and telephone number of the District's FMLA Compliance Officer and will provide a statement of commitment to adhere to FMLA regulations. The FMLA Compliance Officer will regularly evaluate the District's FMLA compliance to ensure fair and equitable opportunities for all eligible employees.

FMLA Compliance Officer: Superintendent

Address: 18069 Hwy 169
 Cosby, MO 64436

Phone: 816-662-2305

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Avenue City R-IX School District

Compensation

Salary Deductions

Withholding Taxes

A Federal withholding tax is retained for the Collector of Internal Revenue as payment on Federal Income Tax for the current year. The amount withheld is determined by salary and the number of dependents. No salary check will be issued until all withholding forms are submitted.

A State withholding tax is retained for the Missouri Department of Revenue. The amount withheld is determined in the same manner as the Federal Income Tax. Employees may authorize additional sums to be withheld by notifying the payroll department in writing and completing a new W-4 form indicating the additional amount to be withheld each pay period. No salary checks will be issued until all withholding forms are submitted.

Public School Retirement System (PSRS) of Missouri

All full-time teachers and part-time teachers who work seventeen (17) hours or more per week are members of PSRS. Support employees with a teaching certificate are also eligible for membership in PSRS.

Public Education Employees Retirement System (PEERS)

All support employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week on a regular basis for thirty (30) calendar days are members of PEERS and are also covered by Social Security.

Medical

Medical insurance payments will be deducted for all employees on a twelve (12) month prorated basis each month.

Credit Union and Tax Sheltered Plan

Credit Union and Tax Sheltered Plans will be deducted under the terms of the respective contracts.

Tax Sheltered Annuities

The School District provides for payroll deduction and processing for employees participating in tax-sheltered annuities.

Additional Deductions

Any staff member may authorize additional voluntary deductions for payment of tax-sheltered annuities, dues to professional organizations, credit union, and dependent coverage for medical benefits.

Revised & Adopted: February 9, 2006

Performance Evaluation

Certificated Personnel Performance Evaluation

The Board of Education's ultimate goal in education is to provide the highest quality educational experience to all District students. The District's performance-based evaluation system contributes to that goal by promoting the professional improvement of each staff member and, when necessary, by providing data to remove an employee whose employment is detrimental to students.

Performance-based evaluation is a process endorsed by the Board of Education for performance improvement that includes identification of performance expectations, documentation of performance, discussion of performance, development of improvement plans, and making personnel decisions based upon performance. The evaluation process for every employee is an on-going process that takes place every day. Formal, summative evaluations will be prepared and reviewed with each tenured teacher at least every other year. All other District employees will receive summative evaluations annually.

The District's performance evaluation system incorporates the seven "Essential Principles of Effective Evaluation" adopted by the State Board of Education and set out as follows:

1. Uses research-based and proven practices to measure educator performance;
2. Establishes performance indicators for educators based on their level of performance;
3. Aligns the evaluation process with an educator's probationary period to provide for an appropriate accumulation of performance data;
4. Uses student learning, based on a variety of performance measures, in the evaluation process;
5. Assesses educator performance on a regular basis and provides feedback to teachers and administrators that they can use to improve their performance through their careers;
6. Ensures evaluators are highly trained so that evaluation ratings are fair, accurate and reliable; and
7. Uses the evaluation process to guide school district policies that impact the development of educators and student learning.

Notwithstanding the State's essential principles, the major focus on the District's evaluation system is on positive learning outcomes, cognitive and affective, for District students. Educators are responsible for the positive learning outcomes for their students.

The Board recognizes the fundamental experience differences between tenured and probationary teachers. Accordingly, District evaluators will focus their attention, non-exclusively, on probationary teachers and on tenured teachers whose practices adversely affect student learning.

District evaluators will be trained and assessed on their ability to consistently evaluate educators under their discretion.

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Avenue City R-IX School District

Performance Evaluation**Staff Conduct**

The Board of Education requires all staff members to serve as positive role models for District students. District schools exist to provide quality, cognitive, and affective education for District students in a safe and appropriate setting. In achieving these objectives, staff are required to meet certain performance criteria including, but not limited to:

1. Review and comply with Board policies, regulations, and procedures as well as related building rules and practices.
2. Properly prepare for student instruction.
3. Fully utilize instructional time for learning activities.
4. Maintain students under active supervision at all times.
5. Assess student performance in a regular and accurate manner.
6. Modify instructional goals to meet the needs of each student.
7. Comply with administrative directives.
8. Communicate with students in a professional and respectful manner.
9. Communicate with colleagues, parents and District citizens in a professional manner.
10. Properly operate and maintain district property.
11. Utilize district technology solely for school district business.
12. Maintain required records and submit requested reports in a timely manner.
13. Comply with all safety guidelines and directives.
14. Refrain from the use of profane and obscene language.
15. Dress in a professional manner.
16. Attend to all duties in a punctual manner.
17. Maintain student confidentiality pursuant to state and federal law.
18. Follow and implement student Individual Education Programs (IEP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or plans under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
19. Maintain and account for District funds in the staff member's possession and control.

20. Maintain professional relationships with students. With the exception of students who are immediate family with the staff member, this requirement also includes avoiding situations that could lead to allegations of inappropriate relationships with students, including, but not limited to:
- a. Being present in any setting where students are provided or are consuming alcohol or illegal drugs.
 - b. Inviting students to be alone with a staff member at a staff member's residence, on staff member's private property, or in a staff member's motor vehicle without the prior consent of the building principal.
 - c. Communicating with students, electronically or in person, about the student's sexual activity or concerning the staff member's sexual or romantic conduct.
 - d. Being present on District premises alone with a student in a room where the door is closed, the door is locked, or the lights are off, unless required temporarily due to emergency circumstances. Counselors and administrators are exempted from this prohibition in performance of professional duties.
 - e. Covering the interior window(s) of instructional space and offices with any material that blocks or obscures outside vision into the space, unless required temporarily due to emergency circumstances.
 - f. Communicating with students about sexual topics outside approved District curriculum, unless done as part of a District investigation into sexual abuse or harassment.
 - g. Utilizing students to attend to personal errands for the staff member.
 - h. Allowing students to drive a staff member's vehicle.
 - i. Provision to a student of any pictorial, three-dimensional or visual depiction of sexual acts of any sort as well as human genitals. However, works of art, when taken as a whole, have serious significance or materials used in science class are not considered to be violations of this subparagraph. Questions regarding the applicability of the subparagraph must be directed to the teacher's building administrator.

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Avenue City R-IX School District

Separation

Resignation: Certificated Staff

Certificated employees who for any reason intend to retire or resign are encouraged to indicate their plans in writing to the Board as early as possible. Resignation becomes effective at the end of the school year in which they are submitted. Resignations to become effective earlier than at the end of the school year require a release by the Board and must be considered on an individual basis. Letters of resignation shall be submitted to the Superintendent/designee and the principal/supervisor. The letter should state reasons and an effective date for the resignation.

It is the practice to recommend release from contracts for those certificated employees who request to resign prior to June 1st when there is good cause. After June 1st, a certificated employee may petition the Superintendent to recommend a release from their contract with the understanding that the following would be paid by the teacher to the school district to be released from their contract:

June 1st to June 14th = 8% of their contract

June 15th to June 30th = 9% of their contract

July 1st to July 15th = 10% of their contract

July 16th to July 31st = 11% of their contract

After August 1st and throughout the school year the fee will be decided on an individual basis and assessed at that time.

The Avenue City R-IX Board of Education will have the discretion to assess a fee, if any, under hardship cases.

The only exception to this policy for certificated staff is for the Reading Teacher position.

If the Avenue City R-IX School District pays the expense of training a first year reading teacher in "Reading Recovery" and the teachers asked to be released from their contract during the first four years of being employed with the Avenue City R-IX School District, that person or the school district wishing to employ them shall reimburse the Avenue City R-IX School District as follows:

After being with the district for one year = \$ 2,000

After being with the district for two years = \$ 1,000

After being with the district for three years = \$ 500

This person will be charged the above plus the percentage of their contract to be released early if after June 1st.

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Avenue City R-IX School District

Staff Welfare

Employees with Communicable Diseases

If an employee has, or has been exposed to, an infectious or contagious disease or is reasonably believed to have an infectious or contagious disease the following guidelines apply:

1. The employee may be required to undergo a medical examination at District's cost by a physician of the District's choosing.
2. While a determination is made concerning the status of an employee, that employee may be placed on a paid leave of absence. Except in unusual circumstances such leaves will not exceed ten (10) days.
3. If the employee is determined to be infectious or contagious, he/she will be required to take such leave as provided by Board policy until it is medically determined that the employee is no longer able to transmit the disease.
4. Where a question exists concerning an employee's status, an individual assessment of the employee will be completed by a review team comprised of the employee's physician, a school nurse, a physician selected by the District, a county health official, the Superintendent and the employee's supervisor. Other individuals may be included, as is reasonably necessary and as designated by the Superintendent.
5. The review team will consider all available medical evidence and will determine the employee's medical condition, the employee's ability to return to work and whether the employee's infectious status requires any restrictions on the employee's work assignment. Normally the team will be convened within seventy-two (72) hours of notice of the employee's contagious status. The employee's status will be reviewed thereafter as appropriate.
6. The written determination of the review team is subject to an appeal to the Board of Education where determination shall be final.

Staff Welfare

Staff Dispute Resolution (Grievance Procedure)

Definitions

Grievance - A claim by a nonsupervisory employee or employees that a written Board policy or administrative regulation has been violated or misapplied. This policy is not applicable to the content of performance evaluations or to decisions for which state statute may provide a means of resolving disputes, including but not limited to nonrenewal, termination and reduction in force.

Day - When the dispute resolution policy requires certain action to be taken within a specific number of days, days means working days and specifically excludes weekends and school holidays. In counting days, the day on which the event initiating the time limit is not counted.

Informal Resolution

Employees who believe that a written Board policy or administrative regulation has been violated must meet with their immediate supervisor within ten (10) days of the alleged violation. The purpose of this informal conference is to attempt to provide clarification of the issue and, where possible, resolve the dispute.

If the dispute is not resolved within four (4) working days of the informal conference, the employee may initiate the formal procedure by completing an appropriate District dispute form and submitting this form to the employee's immediate supervisor. A completed grievance form must be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor within ten (10) days of the informal conference.

Step One: Immediate Supervisor

Within four (4) days of receipt of the completed dispute form, the immediate supervisor will schedule a meeting with the employee and the employee's employee representative, if desired. Within ten (10) days of this conference, the immediate supervisor will provide the employee with a written response to the dispute.

Step Two: Superintendent's Designee

If the employee is not satisfied with the resolution at Step One, the employee may refer the dispute in writing to the Superintendent. To proceed to Step Two, the written dispute referral must be submitted to the Superintendent within four (4) days of receipt of the Step One decision. Upon receipt of the referral, the Superintendent shall designate a District employee to hear the Step Two dispute. Within four (4) days of receipt of the Step Two referral, the Superintendent's designee shall schedule a conference with the employee and his/her employee representative if desired. Within ten (10) days of the conference the Superintendent's designee will provide the employee with a written response to the dispute.

Step Three: Review by the Superintendent

If the employee is not satisfied with the resolution of Step Two, the employee may refer the dispute in writing for the Superintendent's direct review. To proceed to Step Three, the written dispute referral must be submitted to the Superintendent within four (4) days of receipt of the Step Two decision. Within four (4) days of receipt of the written referral, the Superintendent shall schedule a conference with the employee and his/her employee representative, if desired. Within ten (10) days of this conference, the Superintendent will provide the employee with a written response to the dispute.

Step Four: Board of Education Review

If the employee is not satisfied with the resolution at Step Three, the employee may refer the dispute in writing for the Board's consideration. To proceed to Step Four, the written dispute referral must be submitted to the Superintendent within four (4) days of receipt of the Step Three decision. At the next regular Board meeting following submission of the Step Four referral, the Board will consider the dispute and determine whether to conduct a formal review of the dispute. If the Board determines that its formal review is not necessary, the decision at Step Three becomes final.

If the Board determines that its formal review is warranted by the dispute, the Board will set a date for formal review. At formal review both parties are entitled to be represented by legal counsel. Procedures for formal presentations of the dispute are determined by the Board in its discretion. Within ten (10) days of the formal review, the Board will provide the employee with its written decision. The decision of the Board is final and binding on all parties.

Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Failure of an employee to comply with the timelines provided in the procedures above will result in final rejection of the dispute.
2. Failure of the administrator to comply with the timelines provided in the procedures above will result in the dispute being advanced to the next step.
3. Neither party to a dispute will be permitted to add witnesses or documentation that was not provided at preceding steps.
4. No employee will be retaliated against for the good faith submission and processing of a dispute under these regulations

Staff Welfare

Drug Free Workplace

The unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on school premises or as a part of school activities is strictly prohibited.

Employees under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while on duty are a serious risk to themselves, to students and to other employees. Employees who display physical manifestations of drug or alcohol use while on duty, may be subject to drug testing. Any employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination and referral for prosecution. Employees may also be required to satisfactorily participate in rehabilitation programs.

As a condition of employment, all employees must abide by the terms of this policy. Employees who are convicted of a drug offense which occurred on school premises or while on duty must notify the Superintendent of their conviction. Notification must be made by the employee to the Superintendent within five (5) days of the conviction. Within ten (10) days, the Superintendent will provide notice of such violation to the Impact Aid Program, United States Department of Education, or other appropriate government agency.

The District will institute a drug-free awareness program to inform employees of:

1. The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace.
2. This policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
3. Available counseling and rehabilitation.
4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

On the basis of medical certification, employees with the illness of chemical dependency shall qualify for the employee benefits and group insurance coverages that are provided for under group health and medical insurance policies. The confidential nature of the medical records of employees with chemical dependency shall be preserved in the same manner as for all other medical records.

The District's responsibility for chemical dependency is limited to its effects on the employee's job performance. If the employee violates this policy, refuses to accept diagnosis and treatment, or fails to respond to treatment, and performance is adversely affected, the employee will be subject to employment action in proportion to the performance problem. Implementation of this policy will not require or result in any special regulations, privileges or exemptions from the standard administrative practice applicable to job performance requirements.

Upon the request of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or an agency of the United States, the District shall certify that it has adopted and implemented the drug prevention program described in this policy, in the form required by such agency. The District shall conduct a biennial review of this policy to determine its effectiveness, implement necessary changes, and to ensure that the disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee to possess, use, manufacture, distribute, or be under the influence of medical marijuana in any manner inconsistent with Missouri state law and applicable regulations. Additionally, employees may not be under the influence of marijuana while they are (i) acting in the scope of their employment, whether on District property or off, or (ii) present at any school- or District-sponsored or sanctioned event such as athletic events or conferences. Employees may seek reasonable accommodations related to medical marijuana under the District's policies and procedures addressing the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Transportation Employees

District employees who are subject to the Transportation Employee Testing Act may not use medical marijuana on work days and may not use marijuana while on District transportation. Transportation employees who test positive for any controlled substance including marijuana are subject to dismissal. Transportation employees who cannot, for medical reasons, comply with this policy may request a transfer to a non-safety sensitive position.

The information in this policy will be distributed to all present and future employees.

Upon the request of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or an agency of the United States, the District shall certify that it has adopted and implemented the drug prevention program described in this policy, in the form required by such agency. The District shall conduct a biennial review of this policy to determine its effectiveness, implement necessary changes, and to ensure that the disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.

This policy shall be distributed in writing to all present and future employees.

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Revised & Adopted: August 15, 2019

Avenue City R-IX School District

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Form 4872

Staff Welfare

Alcohol and Illicit Drugs

NOTICE

The use of alcohol or non-prescribed controlled substances by an employee while on duty or the presence of an employee on school premises under the influence of alcohol or non-prescribed controlled substances while on duty is in violation of Board policy, and is strictly prohibited. Violations will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination and may result in limitation or forfeiture of potential workers compensation benefits.

Staff Welfare

Staff Cell Phone Usage

The use of cell phones, iPads and similar personal electronic devices during work time presents a significant safety risk, as well as, adversely impacts work time. For safety and educational reasons, the instructional staff and support staff, except as provided in this policy for transportation employees, are not permitted to use such personal electronic devices during work time. Exceptions will be made for bonafide school related emergencies.

Bus drivers and other employees driving district vehicles and employees driving while on District business are prohibited from using cell phones, iPads, and related electronic devices while driving. If an emergency occurs, the vehicle should be parked and remain parked in a safe location during the use of the electronic device. Bus drivers and employees driving District vehicles should log those work time emergency calls with date, time, call duration and vehicle location with their supervisor as soon as is practicable.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6242

Instruction

Religious or Controversial Issues

Religious education is the responsibility of the home and church. The espousal by any teacher or staff member of any particular religious denomination or faith is strictly forbidden; however, teachers may teach about religion with information being presented at an appropriate maturity level for students.

No partisan political views may be espoused by any teacher or staff member; however, teachers may teach about political parties and politics as related to the governmental systems of the nation or world.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Policy 6243

Instruction

Copyrighted Materials

It is the intent of the Board to delineate, enforce, and abide by the provisions of current copyright laws and regulations as they affect the School District and its employees. The District will not purchase any videos, computer software, audio tapes, publications or other materials that have been illegally copied or reproduced.

Copyrighted materials, whether they are print or non-print, will not be duplicated unless such reproduction meets "fair use" standards, or unless written permission from the copyright holder has been received.

Details about "fair use" will be made available to all teachers. A summary of these standards will be posted or otherwise made easily available at each machine used for making copies.

The Board does not sanction illegal duplication in any form. Employees who willfully disregard the District's copyright position are in violation of Board policy; they do so at their own risk and assume all liability responsibility.

Any materials produced by an employee (or employees) during the time he/she is paid for production of said materials shall be owned by the School District, and any civil rights of authorship are forfeited with payment by the District for production of materials.

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Policy 4120 (Regulation 4120)

Employment (Form 4120) Employment Procedures

The Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, votes on the employment of all staff members. In approving applicants the Board will be guided by the desire to obtain individuals committed to providing the highest quality education for the District's students. For Title I staff qualifications and hiring, refer to Policy and Regulation 1621 – Title I.

No person will be employed by the Board until the District obtains a clear criminal records check and a clear check of the DHSS Family Care Safety Registry. Additionally, and prior to offering employment to any teacher who had previously been employed by a Missouri school district or charter school, the Superintendent/designee shall obtain from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education the identity of the school district or charter school that had previously employed the applicant. The District will contact the former employer to determine if such applicant had been terminated or resigned in lieu of termination; or against whom allegations of sexual misconduct had been substantiated by the Children's Division.

All persons employed by outside vendors/contractors who will have contact with students will be required to successfully undergo a criminal records and a clear check of the Child Abuse/Neglect Registry prior to contact with students. Such background checks will be performed at the vendors/contractors' expense and will, upon request, be shared with the District. All finalists for an employment position will be required to sign a release of liability authorizing prior employers, including school districts, to furnish any information about the applicant and the applicant's work performance, including but not limited to discipline records and performance evaluations. The administration may also conduct random background checks after employment. Failure to check references and prior employment for new hires prior to their start date may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension without pay.

The District will participate in the Missouri Rap Back Program. In doing so, the District will comply with all procedures issued by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigations regarding the Missouri and National Rap Back Program. As a result, the District will be notified by the Highway Patrol when a new arrest has been reported of a District employee. The District will then request the individual's updated criminal record history.

As part of the criminal records check, any person employed after January 1, 2005, shall submit two sets of fingerprints to be used by the Missouri Highway Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The fingerprints shall be collected pursuant to standards determined by the Missouri Highway Patrol. All District employees who are authorized to access the Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS) will only use such criminal history information for purposes of verifying qualifications for employment. The District will not create copies of the criminal record for employment record purposes and will not disseminate the record, except as permitted by law.

The District will designate a full-time employee, who will be fully trained in the Missouri Highway Patrol's automated criminal history site (MACHS), to serve as the District Local Agency Security Officer (LASO). The District's LASO Security Officer will be responsible for implementation and oversight of the District's Use of MACHS for all applicants. Any employee who attempts to access MACHS without authorization, improperly disseminates an applicant's criminal history record or facilitates unauthorized

access to MACHS, will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. Such improper use of the MACHS system constitutes an “incident” requiring reporting. Immediately upon knowledge of an “incident,” the District’s Local Agency Security Officer (LASO) will be notified, in writing, describing the “incident.” The LASO Officer will then notify the Missouri Highway Patrol with the details of the “incident.”

All vacancies should be posted for a minimum of ten (10) school days before the Superintendent may recommend a qualified applicant to the Board for employment. In an emergency situation the Superintendent may temporarily employ an applicant prior to the expiration of the posting. The temporary applicant may be considered along with other applicants for the position after the ten days. However, in order to hire a Board member's spouse, the position must have been posted for a minimum of ten (10) days. (Refer to Policy 0342 – Nepotism, Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure.)

The Superintendent or his designee is the person who shall respond to requests from potential employers for information regarding a former District employee. The information the District should provide is title, position, length of employment, whether the employee was terminated or resigned, and whether the District would re-hire the employee.

Additionally, when requests for information from any public school regarding a former employee against whom allegations of sexual misconduct involving a student have resulted in a determination by the Board of an actual violation of sexual misconduct pursuant to Board Policy; a resignation in lieu of termination; or allegations of sexual misconduct that have been substantiated by Children’s Division, the Superintendent or his designee shall disclose to the requesting school the allegations of sexual misconduct and the findings of a Children’s Division investigation.

Any school district employee who is permitted to respond to requests for information, acting in good faith, who reports authorized information, as provided in this policy or, who, in good faith, reports alleged sexual misconduct on the part of a District employee, will not be disciplined or discriminated against because of such report.

This foregoing policy is intended to comply with the Amy Hestir Student Protection Act, Senate Bill 54, including section 162.068 RSMo. The District shall provide notice of this policy to all current employees and to all potential employers who contact the District regarding the possible employment of a District employee.

Employment

Notice of Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)

The District will provide all new employees, within ten (10) days of beginning service with the District, with current, accurate and complete information about their eligibility for public service loan forgiveness (PSLF). This same information concerning eligibility for participation in the PSLF Program will be provided to all current employees who are employed by the District on June 30, 2017.

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Avenue City R-IX School District