

## **Review Policy Changes Suggested by IASB (Discussion/Action)**

Listed below are policies with new updates, changes, or information in response to changes in laws, rules, or regulations. The materials for review are included. The superintendent will include her recommendation for the action to be taken in the right-hand column.

- District 26 does not maintain most ISBE Exhibits, or Administrative Procedures and those materials are excluded from this packet. The district maintains a separate Administrative Procedures Manual.
- District Policy Manuals do not contain ISBE footnotes, therefore footnote changes are not included.
- Legal References and citation changes only are automatic, do not require Board approval and are automatically recorded for insertion into the District Policy Manual.

The Policy Committee will discuss and determine a recommendation for the below policies for inclusion into the District 26 Policy Manual.

### **PRESS PLUS 112**

<b>Policy No. &amp; Policy Title</b>	<b>Revision Descriptions</b>	<b>Recommended Action (C-A-D-N) *</b>
2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct	The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review. An option is added to footnote 3 if a board wants to designate a local official to administer the oath of office.	<b>C</b>
4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks & Debt Recovery	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.	Question: #1 NO  #2 N/A
4:100 Insurance Management	The policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnote 2 are updated in response to a five-year review.	<b>C</b>
5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review	<b>C</b>
6:10 Educational Philosophy & Objectives	The policy and footnote 1 are updated in response to a five-year review	<b>C</b>
6:190 Extracurricular & Co-Curricular Activities	The policy is unchanged. Footnote 1 is amended and a new footnote 2 is added in response to a five-year review	<b>C</b>
6:240 Field Trips & Recreational Class Trips	The policy is unchanged. Footnote 5 is updated in response to a five-year review.	<b>C</b>
7:305 Student Athlete Concussions & Head Injuries	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.	<b>C</b>

8:25 Advertising & Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities	The policy is unchanged.	<b>C</b>
8:95 Parental Involvement	The policy is unchanged.	<b>C</b>

C = Place on Consent Agenda as is

A= Add Optional Language (indicate recommendation)

D = currently not in the Policy Manual and Do Not Include (requires NO Board consideration or action)

N = New Policy (requires Readings and Board Action)

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### **2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct**

Each Board of Education member, before taking his or her seat on the Board, shall take the following oath of office: [PRESSPlus1](#)

**I, (name), do solemnly swear** (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of River Trails School District 26, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

**I further swear** (or affirm) that:

**I shall respect** taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;

**I shall encourage** and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

**I shall recognize** that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting;

**I shall abide** by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels;

**As part of the Board of Education**, I shall accept the responsibility for my role in the equitable and quality education of every student in the School District;

**I shall foster** with the Board extensive participation of the community, formulate goals, define outcomes, and set the course for River Trails School District 26;

**I shall assist** in establishing a structure and an environment designed to ensure all students have the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework;

**I shall strive** to ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children, in compliance with State law;

**I shall serve** as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community's school (or schools) to advance the vision for River Trails School District 26; and

**I shall strive** to work together with the District Superintendent to lead the School District toward fulfilling the vision the Board has created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills, knowledge, citizenship, and personal development.

The Board President will administer the oath in an open Board meeting; in the absence, of the President, the Vice President will administer the oath. If neither is available, the Board member with

the longest service on the Board will administer the oath.

The Board adopts the Illinois Association of School Boards' "Code of Conduct for Members of School Boards." A copy of the Code shall be displayed in the regular Board meeting room.

LEG. REF:

105 ILCS 5/10-16.5.

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification), 2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban),

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

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### **4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery**

#### Insufficient Fund Checks

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for collecting the maximum fee authorized by State law for returned checks written to the District that are not honored upon presentation to the respective bank or other depository institution for any reason. The Superintendent is authorized to contact the Board Attorney whenever necessary to collect the returned check amount, fee, collection costs and expenses, and interest.

#### Delinquent Debt Recovery

The Superintendent is authorized to seek collection of delinquent debt owed the District to the fullest extent of the law.

A Local Debt Recovery Program may be available through the Illinois Office of the Comptroller (IOC).<sup>Q1</sup> To participate in it, an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the District and the IOC must be in existence. The IGA establishes the terms under which the District may refer a delinquent debt to the IOC for an offset (deduction). The IOC may execute an offset, in the amount of the delinquent debt owed to the District, from a future payment that the State makes to an individual or entity responsible for paying the delinquent debt.

The Superintendent or designee shall execute the requirements of the IGA. While executing the requirements of the IGA, the Superintendent or designee is responsible, without limitation, for each of the following:

1. Providing a District-wide, uniform, method of notice and due process to the individual or entity against whom a claim for delinquent debt payment (*claim*) is made. Written notice and an opportunity to be heard must be given to the individual or entity responsible for paying a delinquent debt before the claim is certified to the IOC for offset. The notice must state the claim's amount, the reason for the amount due, the claim's date or time period, and a description of the process to challenge the claim. If reimbursable meals or snacks provided under the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act are the basis of the District's delinquent debt claim of no less than \$500, the notice must be sent to a student's parent(s)/guardian(s) only after: (a) the student owes the District more than five meals and/or snacks; (b) the Superintendent or designee made: (i) repeated contacts to collect the amounts owed, and (ii) reasonable efforts to collect the amount due for at least one year; and (c) the District requested the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to apply for meal benefits pursuant to policy 4:130, *Free and Reduced-Price Food Services*, and they either: (i) did not qualify, or (ii) refused to apply.<sup>Q2</sup>
2. An individual or entity challenging a claim shall be provided an informal proceeding to refute the claim's existence, amount, or current collectability; the decision following this proceeding shall be reviewable.
  - a. If a waiver of student fees is requested as a challenge to paying the claim, and the waiver of student fees is denied, an appeal of the denial of a fee waiver request shall be handled according to 4:140, *Waiver of Student Fees*. If no waiver of student fees is requested, reviews regarding payment of the claim shall be handled according to this policy before

certification to the IOC for offset.

- b. If application for meal benefits pursuant to policy 4:130, *Free and Reduced-Price Food Services*, is requested as a challenge to paying the claim, and the request is denied, an appeal of the denial of the request shall be handled according to 4:130, *Free and Reduced-Price Food Services*. If no request for meal benefits is received, review of the claim's payment shall be handled according to this policy before certification to the IOC for offset.
3. Certifying to the IOC that the debt is past due and legally enforceable, and notifying the IOC of any change in the status of an offset claim for delinquent debt.
4. Responding to requests for information from the IOC to facilitate the prompt resolution of any administrative review requests received by the IOC.

#### LEGAL REF.:

15 ILCS 405/10.05 and 10.05d, State Comptroller Act.

105 ILCS 123/, Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act.

810 ILCS 5/3-806, Uniform Commercial Code.

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#### Questions and Answers:

\*\*\*Required Question 1. The Ill. Office of the Comptroller (IOC) operates an Offset System for collecting debt owed to the State, political subdivisions of the State, and school districts by persons receiving payments from the State. Seeking debt recovery through an offset of a future payment the State makes to a debtor is optional. The requirements in this policy for obtaining an offset are either in statute or the IOC's intergovernmental agreement (IGA). 15 ILCS 405/10.05 and 10.05d. The first step to participate is to contact a Local Debt Recovery Program (LDRP) manager with the IOC to request an IGA with the IOC's office. Program managers work one-on-one with districts and matters are handled on a case-by-case basis. The LDRP's number for local governments is 312-814-3090. Contact the board attorney for advice and assistance.

Deletion of this section may affect a district's ability to enter the IOC LDRP for collecting debt owed to school districts by persons receiving payments from the State. This section helps the board's monitoring function by identifying the LDRP's important components. It also serves as an element of due process by informing the public and the district's debtors that the district may collect debt through the LDRP.

There are methods other than the IOC's LDRP to collect delinquent debts owed to the school district, i.e., small claims court, private collection agencies, etc.

Has the Board adopted the policy language regarding the Local Debt Recovery Program (LRDP)?

- ☐ Yes. (Default.)
- ☐ No. (IASB will delete the LRDP policy language.)

\*\*\*Required Question 2. The sentence regarding the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act is optional. Inclusion of this sentence does not obligate a district to pursue all such delinquent debt claims. The district has discretion in this area, provided its recovery efforts are pursued on a non-discriminatory basis. Note that historically, the IOC has been reluctant to pursue school lunch debts under the LDRP.

Has the Board adopted the sentence regarding the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act?

- ☐ Yes. (Default.) The HFSBRA allows school districts to determine a lower amount than five meals to trigger contact with a student's parent/guardian to collect owed monies. 105 ILCS 123/10. What is the number of meals that will trigger contact with a student's parent/guardian to collect owed monies? (Enter a number of five, or a number that is less than five.):
  - ☐ No, the District does not participate in free and reduced-price meal programs under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts. (IASB will delete the sentence and the Legal Reference to the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act.)
  - ☐ No. The District participates in free and reduced-price meal programs under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts, but the Board has chosen to delete this sentence. (IASB will delete the sentence.)
  - ☐ N/A. The Board did not adopt the policy language regarding the Local Debt Recovery Program (LRDP). (See Question 1.)
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### **4:100 Insurance Management**

The Superintendent shall recommend and maintain all insurance programs that provide the broadest and most complete coverage available at the most economical cost, consistent with sound insurance principles.

The insurance program shall include each of the following:

1. Liability coverage to insure against any loss or liability of the School District and the listed individuals against civil rights damage claims and suits, constitutional rights damage claims and suits, and death and bodily injury and property damage claims and suits, including defense costs, when damages are sought for negligent or wrongful acts allegedly committed in the scope of employment or under the Board's direction or related to any mentoring services provided to the District's ~~certified~~licensed [PRESSPlus1](#) staff members; Board members; employees; volunteer personnel authorized by 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b; mentors of ~~certified~~licensed staff members authorized in 105 ILCS 5/21A-5 et seq. (new teacher), 105 ILCS 5/2-3.53a (new principal), and 2-3.53b (new superintendents); and student teachers. Comprehensive property insurance covering a broad range of causes of loss involving building and personal property. The coverage amount shall normally be for the replacement cost or the insurable value.
2. Accident and/or health insurance on a group or individual basis for students in grades kindergarten through 8 participating in any school-sponsored athletic activity.
3. Workers Compensation.

**Please refer to the current Negotiations Agreement Between the Board of Education School District 26 and the River Trails Education Association.**

**For employees not covered by this agreement:**

Workers' Compensation to protect individual employees against financial loss in case of a work-related injury, certain types of disease, or death incurred in an employee-related situation.

#### Student Insurance

The Board shall annually designate a company to offer student accident insurance coverage. The Board does not endorse the plan nor recommend that parents/guardians secure the coverage, and any contract is between the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the company.

#### LEGAL REF.:

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, Pub. L. 99-272, §10001, ~~100 Stat. 222,~~ [26 U.S.C. §4980B\(f\)](#) ~~of the I.R.S. Code~~, 42 U.S.C. §300bb-1 et seq.

105 ILCS [5/2-3.53a](#), [5/2-3.53b](#), [5/10-20.20](#), [5/10-22.3](#), [5/10-22.3a](#), [5/10-22.3b](#), [5/10-22.3f](#), [5/10-22.34](#), [5/10-22.34a](#), [5/10-22.34b](#), [5/21A-5 et seq.](#), and 5/22-15.

215 ILCS 5/, III. Insurance Code.



750 ILCS 75/, Ill. Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act.

820 ILCS 305/, Workers' Compensation Act.

CROSS REF.: 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to a five-year review. **Issue 112, June 2023**

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### **5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline**

Maintaining an orderly learning environment is an essential part of each teacher's instructional responsibilities. A teacher's ability to foster appropriate student behavior is an important factor in the teacher's educational effectiveness. The Superintendent shall ensure that teachers, other certificated [licensed] educational employees (except for individuals employed as paraprofessional educators), PRESSPlus1 and persons providing a student's related service: (1) maintain discipline in the schools as required in the School Code, and (2) follow the Board policies and administrative procedures on student conduct, behavior, and discipline.

When a student's behavior is unacceptable, the teacher should first discuss the matter with the student, if appropriate. If the unacceptable behavior continues, the teacher should consult with the Building Principal and/or discuss the problem with the parent(s)/guardian(s). A teacher may remove any student from the learning setting whose behavior interferes with the lessons or participation of fellow students. A student's removal must be in accordance with Board policy and administrative procedures.

Teachers shall not use disciplinary methods that may be damaging to students, such as ridicule, sarcasm, or excessive temper displays. Corporal punishment (including slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of a student in physically painful positions, and intentional infliction of bodily harm) may not be used. Teachers may use reasonable force as needed to keep students, school personnel, and others safe, or for self-defense or defense of property.

#### **LEGAL REF.:**

105 ILCS 5/24-24.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.280.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

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### **6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives**

The District's educational program will seek to provide an opportunity for each student to develop to his or her maximum potential. The objectives for the educational program are to: [PRESSPlus1](#)

1. Foster students' self-discovery, self-awareness, and self-discipline.
2. Develop students' awareness of and appreciation for cultural diversity.
3. Stimulate students' intellectual curiosity and growth.
4. Provide students with fundamental career concepts and skills.
5. Help students develop sensitivity to the needs and values of others and a respect for individual and group differences.
6. Help each student strive for excellence and instill a desire to reach the limit of his or her potential.
7. Encourage students to become life long learners.
8. Provide an educational climate and culture free of bias concerning the protected classifications identified in policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*.

In order for the Board of Education to monitor whether the educational program is attaining these objectives and to be knowledgeable of current and future resource needs, the Superintendent shall prepare an annual report that includes:

1. A review and evaluation of the present curriculum.
2. A projection of curriculum and resource needs.
3. An evaluation of, and plan to eliminate, any bias in the curriculum or instructional materials and methods concerning the classifications referred to in item 8, above. Any plan for new or revised instructional program implementation.
4. A review of present and future facility needs.

CROSS REF: 6:15 (School Accountability), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)

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### **6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities**

Extracurricular or co-curricular activities are school-sponsored programs for which some or all of the activities are outside the instructional day. They do not include field trips, homework, or occasional work required outside the school day for a scheduled class. "Co-curricular activity" refers to an activity associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom and is generally required for class credit. "Extracurricular activity" refers to an activity that is not part of the curriculum, is not graded, does not offer credit, and does not take place during classroom time; it includes competitive interscholastic activities and clubs. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Superintendent must approve an activity in order for it to be considered a District-sponsored extracurricular or co-curricular activity, using the following criteria:

1. The activity will contribute to the leadership abilities, social well-being, self-realization, good citizenship, or general growth of student-participants.
2. Fees assessed students are reasonable and do not exceed the actual cost of operation.
3. The District has sufficient financial resources for the activity.
4. Requests from students.
5. The activity will be supervised by a school-approved sponsor.

#### Academic Criteria for Participation

Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the student conduct code. For students in kindergarten through 8th grade, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies.

#### **LEGAL REF.:**

105 ILCS 5/10-20.30 and 5/24-24.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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### **6:240 Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips**

Field trips are permissible when the experiences are an integral part of the school curriculum and/or contribute to the District's educational goals. [PRESSPlus1](#)

All field trips must have the Superintendent or designee's prior approval, except that field trips beyond a 200-mile radius of the school or extending overnight must have the prior approval of the Board. The following factors are analyzed when determining whether to approve a field trip: educational value, student safety, parent concerns, heightened security alerts, and liability concerns. On all field trips, a bus fee set by the Superintendent or designee may be charged to help defray the transportation costs.

Parents/guardians of students: (1) shall be given the opportunity to consent to their child's participation in any field trip; and (2) are responsible for all entrance fees, food, lodging, or other costs, except that the District will pay such costs for students who qualify for a fee waiver under Board policy 4:140, *Waiver of Student Fees* and are unable to pay for the cost of the trip. All non-participating students shall be provided an alternative experience. Any field trip may be cancelled without notice due to danger to students, staff, or chaperones. Monies deposited may be forfeited.

Privately arranged trips not approved by the Superintendent, including those led by District staff members, shall not be represented as or construed to be sponsored by the District or school. The District does not provide liability protection for privately arranged trips and is not responsible for any damages arising from them.

#### Recreational Class Trips

Recreational class trips are permissible provided they do not interfere with the District's educational goals. The provisions in this policy concerning field trips are also applicable to recreational class trips, except those regarding educational value.

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/29-3.1.

CROSS REF.: 4:140 (Waiver of Student Fees), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students)

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### **7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a program to manage concussions and head injuries suffered by students. The program shall:

1. Fully implement the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act (YSCSA), [PRESSPlus1](#) that provides, without limitation, each of the following:
  - a. The Board must appoint or approve member(s) of a Concussion Oversight Team for the District.
  - b. The Concussion Oversight Team shall establish each of the following based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence consistent with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
    - i. A return-to-play protocol governing a student's return to interscholastic athletics practice or competition following a force of impact believed to have caused a concussion. The Superintendent or designee shall supervise an athletic trainer or other person responsible for compliance with the return-to-play protocol.
    - ii. A return-to-learn protocol governing a student's return to the classroom following a force of impact believed to have caused a concussion. The Superintendent or designee shall supervise the person responsible for compliance with the return-to-learn protocol.
  - c. Each student and the student's parent/guardian shall be required to sign a concussion information receipt form each school year before participating in an interscholastic athletic activity.
  - d. A student shall be removed from an interscholastic athletic practice or competition immediately if any of the following individuals believes that the student sustained a concussion during the practice and/or competition: a coach, a physician, a game official, an athletic trainer, the student's parent/guardian, the student, or any other person deemed appropriate under the return-to-play protocol.
  - e. A student who was removed from interscholastic athletic practice or competition shall be allowed to return only after all statutory prerequisites are completed, including without limitation, the return-to-play and return-to-learn protocols developed by the Concussion Oversight Team. An athletic team coach or assistant coach may not authorize a student's return-to-play or return-to-learn.
  - f. The following individuals must complete concussion training as specified in the ~~Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act~~ YSCSA: all coaches or assistant coaches (whether volunteer or a district employee) of interscholastic athletic activities; nurses, licensed healthcare professionals or non-licensed healthcare professionals who serve on the Concussion Oversight Team (whether or not they serve on a volunteer basis); athletic trainers; game officials of interscholastic athletic activities; and physicians who serve on the Concussion Oversight Team.
  - g. The Board shall approve school-specific emergency action plans for interscholastic athletic activities to address the serious injuries and acute medical conditions in which a

student's condition may deteriorate rapidly.

2. Comply with the concussion protocols, policies, and by-laws of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), including its *Protocol for Implementation of NFHS Sports Playing Rules for Concussions*, which includes its *Return to Play (RTP) Policy*. These specifically require that:
  - a. A student athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion in a practice or game shall be removed from participation or competition at that time.
  - b. A student athlete who has been removed from an interscholastic contest for a possible concussion or head injury may not return to that contest unless cleared to do so by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in Illinois or a certified athletic trainer.
  - c. If not cleared to return to that contest, a student athlete may not return to play or practice until the student athlete has provided his or her school with written clearance from a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in Illinois, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant or a certified athletic trainer working in conjunction with a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in Illinois.
3. Require all student athletes to view the IHSA video about concussions.
4. Inform student athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s) about this policy in the *Agreement to Participate* or other written instrument that a student athlete and his or her parent/guardian must sign before the student is allowed to participate in a practice or interscholastic competition.
5. Provide coaches and student athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s) with educational materials from the IHSA regarding the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries, including the risks inherent in continuing to play after a concussion or head injury.
6. Include a requirement for staff members to notify the parent/guardian of a student who exhibits symptoms consistent with that of a concussion.
7. Include a requirement for staff members to distribute the Ill. Dept. of Public Health concussion brochure to any student or the parent/guardian of a student who may have sustained a concussion, regardless of whether or not the concussion occurred while the student was participating in an interscholastic athletic activity, if available.

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/22-80.

105 ILCS 25/1.15, Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act.

20 ILCS 2310/2310-307, Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

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#### PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to a five-year review. **Issue 112, June 2023**

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### **8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities**

No material or literature shall be posted or distributed that would: (1) disrupt the educational process, (2) violate the rights or invade the privacy of others, (3) infringe on a trademark or copyright, or (4) be defamatory, obscene, vulgar, or indecent. No material, literature, or advertisement shall be posted or distributed without advance approval as described in this policy. [PRESSPlus1](#)

#### Community, Educational, Charitable, or Recreational Organizations

Community, educational, charitable, recreational, or similar groups may, under procedures established by the Superintendent, advertise events pertinent to students' interests or involvement. All advertisements must (1) be student-oriented, (2) prominently display the sponsoring organization's name, and (3) be approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee. The District reserves the right to decide where and when any advertisement or flyer is distributed, displayed, or posted.

#### Companies and Political Candidates or Parties

Any political candidates, any organizations and/or companies of any kind are prohibited from advertising in schools, on the school grounds, or on school or District websites. No individual or group may wear, display or distribute political materials on school grounds.

#### LEGAL REF.:

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free Sch. Dist., 508 U.S. 384 (1993).

Berger v. Rensselaer Central Sch. Corp., 982 F.2d 1160 (7th Cir. 1993), cert. denied, 113 S.Ct. 2344 (1993).

Sherman v. Community Consolidated Sch. Dist. 21, 8 F.3d 1160 (7th Cir. 1993), cert. denied, 8 F.3d 1160 (1994).

Hedges v. Wauconda Community Unit Sch. Dist. No. 118, 9 F.3d 1295 (7th Cir. 1993).

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CROSS REF.: 7:325 (Student Fundraising Activities)

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### **8:95 Parental Involvement**

In order to assure collaborative relationships between students' families and the District, and to enable parents/guardians to become active partners in their children's education, the Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to: [PRESSPlus1](#)

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2. Encourage parents/guardians to be involved in their child's school and education.
3. Establish effective two-way communication between parents/guardians and the District.
4. Seek input from parents/guardians on significant school-related issues.
5. Inform parents/guardians on how they can assist their children's learning.

The Superintendent shall periodically report to the Board on the implementation of this policy.

CROSS REF.: 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 8:10 (Connection with the Community), 8:90 (Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs)

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