

Garretson Student Handbook

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A source of information on school policies, behavioral
standards, curriculum & activities

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Standards and Guidelines Elementary

ACTIVITY TICKETS

Elementary students may purchase activity tickets in the main business office. Students must present their activity ticket or have an electronic photo of their ticket for admittance into home athletic events. Student and adult ticket prices are subject to change, but are determined by the school board at the July meeting before each school year.

ACTIVITIES

Band is a school-sponsored activity at the elementary level. Band is offered to 5th grade students. School sponsored athletic teams do not begin until seventh grade.

ALCOHOL/DRUGS AND TOBACCO

No student shall possess, use, sell, or dispense any over the counter medication, controlled or mind altering substance or drug paraphernalia including, but not limited to: tobacco, vaping pens, e-cigarettes, jules, glue for inhaling, marijuana, drugs, alcoholic liquor, wine, beer, etc., at a school activity or on school property, which includes buildings, grounds, parking lots, and school buses. Any student who reports to school or an activity with evidence of having used the above substances, shall be subject to disciplinary action. Because it is our goal to keep our school drug-free, anything that resembles a drug (although artificial in means) that a student shall possess, use, sell, or dispense may result in a consequence under the Garretson Elementary Discipline Chart.

Students who use prescription drugs authorized by a licensed physician do not violate this policy if the students conform to the prescription and appropriate school policies.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL AT SCHOOL / BUILDING HOURS

The school building will be locked until 7:25 every morning. Students will not be allowed in the school building before 7:25. Students will not be allowed to remain in the building after 3:20 unless they are under adult supervision. Unless students are accompanied by an adult, they will not be allowed to play on the playground when school is dismissed. All doors will be locked after 8:20 and not reopened until 3:15.

Adult supervision begins at 8:00 a.m. 4th and 5th grade students should report to the old gym 8:00 (no earlier). Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders should remain on the playground until 8:15. Primary classrooms, lockers, and hallways are not accessible to students until 8:15 as those areas are not supervised until then. In the event of inclement weather, K-3 students will have assigned locations in the new gym.

Custodians will lock ALL school doors at 4:00 p.m. with the exception of the gym lobby doors on the nights there are events.

School hours are: 8:15 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Education is a state function under the control of the legislature. It is compulsory that all children from age six by September 1 to eighteen regularly attend school. Attendance is part of each student's permanent record. A casual attitude toward a regular school attendance extends into adulthood. It is the duty of the school officials to know the whereabouts of students during the school hours. Attendance is taken daily. A record of absences is kept and is recorded quarterly on report cards and on permanent school records at the end of each school year.

Be aware that a note from home does not automatically excuse a student from school. When possible, students should notify teachers in advance of an absence and parents are required to call or email when their student is absent. The following regulations apply to all students and pertain to absences of all types. Administrative discretion will be used when necessary.

- A. Generally, the only excused absences are:
 - Personal illness
 - Family emergency
 - Funeral
 - Dental or medical appointments that cannot be made on Saturdays or after school hours
 - Parent's request for other special family events (students who go on extended vacations during the school year will be encouraged to read and write every day)
- B. If a student is expected to be absent from school, parents should call the school by 8:30 A.M. If no call is received by 8:30 A.M., the school will call the home and make every effort to contact a parent to verify the absence. A written excuse is not necessary if a phone call has been made by the parent.
- C. If a student becomes ill while at school, he/she shall report to the office. A parent will be contacted to take make arrangements for their child to go home. All parents will be asked to list two (2) emergency contacts whom the school may call when contact cannot be made with either parent.
- D. In the case of an excused absence, an unexcused absence or truancy, students will complete all missed assignments and receive full credit. Making up a test or quiz due to an absence will be at the discretion of the teacher. If a grading period falls within the allowed time to make up work due to an absence, an "incomplete" shall be recorded. Parents are encouraged to request work before a planned student absence.

- E. If a student is absent for more than one and one half hours anytime during the school day, the student will be counted as absent for 1/2 of the day. If a child misses more than four (4) hours, that child will be counted as absent for the day.
- F. Students are asked to present documentation from a doctor's office for medical absences of more than three (3) consecutive school days.
- G. Whenever any student is absent more than seven (7) days in any one quarter, more than ten (10) days in a semester, or more than seventeen (17) days during the entire school year, the parents shall be notified that the student's absentee record is being reviewed by the school principal. If a student should reach 17 days within the school year, any other "parent requests" will be considered unexcused absences unless a doctors note can be provided. Should a student start falling behind with academics, parents will be requested to meet with the teacher and principal.
- H. A student is marked tardy when not present in their classroom from 8:25 until 9:50. After 9:50, student will be given a morning absence. Parents of students who have excessive tardies will be contacted by the school to discuss methods to improve on-time behavior.
- I. Unexcused absences are those absences which are not excused by the school. This means that even though the parents excuse the student, the administration may not. The administration reserves the right to determine when an absence shall be excused.

BICYCLES/SCOOTERS

Students may ride bicycles and scooters to school but should exercise proper caution and follow bicycle safety rules. Once the student arrives at school, bicycles and scooters must be walked on school sidewalks and should be properly parked in the bike racks outside the front entrance. Bicycles or scooters are not to be ridden during recess and noon hour. We strongly suggest locking the bicycles and scooters. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen bikes or scooters.

BOOKS

Textbooks – Teachers will issue textbooks to students at the beginning of the school year. Textbooks become the responsibility of the students to whom they are issued. Should the textbook get lost or receive excessive damage, a fine will be levied against the student to whom it was issued. Fines will be determined by the teacher and the principal based on the actual cost of replacement of the book.

Library Books – The school library and community library all operate under Siouxland Library System. It is the responsibility of the students to return books on time and in good condition. Parents are notified of overdue books through automated phone calls and emails. Replacement costs for books that are damaged or not returned will be issued to parents if necessary. As a convenience, books may be returned to any Siouxland Library, not just the library in which a book was checked out of.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

A hot lunch program is offered through Lunchtime Solutions for all K-12 students at the Garretson School. The school breakfast and lunch programs fall under the guidelines of the National School Lunch program for free and reduced price meals. Students may bring their lunch to school if desired. Sack lunches are available upon request. Extra entrees' are available for purchase if students have a positive balance in their account.

- A. Lunch accounts are set up as STUDENT ACCOUNTS
- B. Lunch accounts are computerized individually
- C. To ensure proper credit to the account, the student's lunch account number should accompany payments
- D. Payments can be made in the form of a check or made on line
- E. All money must be turned into the office or given to kitchen staff by 9:00 AM to be credited that day
- F. If accounts reach a \$-10.00 balance, your child will not be able to purchase a reimbursable meal or extra entree item until money is available in the account
- G. If there are not sufficient funds in their accounts, students will be offered an alternative meal consisting of a sandwich, one trip through the fruit and vegetable bar and milk at no charge
- H. The lunchroom computer will give the cashier a "low balance" warning whenever a student's individual account is \$20.00 or below
- I. Notification via email and text are sent out daily when a student's balance reaches \$20.00 or lower
- J. Balances cannot go below \$-10.00
- K. Parents and/or students can check their account balance by calling the food service bookkeeper at 605-594 8337
- L. Cost of meals are published in the fall before school starts and can be found in the newsletter and on the Garretson School website
- M. Application forms for free and reduced meals are included in the August newsletter sent to all families through the mail. Forms can also be picked up in the business office. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information provided on the application is strictly confidential and will be limited to the certifying official or officials.
- N. **Students with a balance that is too low to purchase a regular meal cannot eat the regular meal until money is deposited into their lunch account. Students will be offered an alternative meal consisting of a sandwich, fruit and vegetable bar and milk at no charge. Students can receive the alternative meal a maximum of five times during the school year. After students have used two alternative meals the principals are notified and phone calls are made to the parents of students. When students have used all alternative meals, he/she will**

have the opportunity to call home during the lunch period; however, the student will not be provided food by the school district.

- O. After two insufficient fund checks have been written from the same checking account, only cash or a cashier's check will be accepted for future account deposits
- P. After thirty days of any negative balance, collection procedures will be initiated on all negative balance accounts, starting with a letter to the responsible party. If there is no response, a second letter will be sent. After it is determined that the usual methods to collect the money owed the district have failed, then action will be taken to collect in small claims court.

The Garretson School District does not allow the delivery of food or beverages from outside vendors or fast food establishments for a student or an adult's breakfast or lunch meal. All meals are to be provided by the district's school food service or a prepared meal from home may be sent or brought in. Only water or milk is allowed during the breakfast and/or lunch serving times.

BUSING

The Garretson School District provides a fleet of buses to those who ride to and from school on them. The Board of Education has employed reliable, responsible and trained people to drive these buses. The bus driver is an official representative of the school and has full authority to discipline students on the bus. It is the duty of each student who rides the bus to do his/her part to keep the buses in good condition and abide by the stated rules when being transported to and from school and/or school related activities.

Together, bus drivers and administration have the right to remove a student from a bus route for a period of time. If a student is removed from a bus, that student will have to obtain other means of transportation at no expense to the school district. A student's absence due to suspension of bus privileges is an unexcused absence.

- A. Students should be on time. If the bus had to wait as much as one minutes at each stop, it would be 20 to 30 minutes late to school.
- B. The loading of students will be done at regular stops and loading zones only. Students should not stand in the traffic lanes while waiting for the bus or rush to the bus. Students should not approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop.
- C. All students must be seated while the bus is in motion.
- D. Arms and hands must be kept inside the bus.
- E. The aisles must be kept as clear as possible. Traffic through them must not be blocked.
- F. Boisterous or profane language will not be tolerated.
- G. Absolutely no smoking and/or possession of drugs or other controlled substances will be permitted on the bus.
- H. The bus driver is responsible for the safety and welfare of the students in the bus and should never be bothered or distracted in any which will interfere with responsible, safe driving. Rowdiness, pushing, crowding, shouting or unnecessary noises will not be permitted.
- I. All school buses must stop for railroad crossings as a matter of safety as well as law. Students must be quiet at this time.
- J. Students will assist the driver in keeping the interior of the bus clean. Students are not allowed to chew gum on the bus. The throwing of anything on the bus will not be tolerated. It is against the law to throw anything from a vehicle on the streets or highways.
- K. Students will immediately report to the driver any damage occurring on the bus. The party responsible, or their parents, will be held responsible for the total cost of the property replacement or repair.
- L. Students will not open or close the windows without the permission of the bus driver.
- M. If it is necessary to cross the road when leaving the bus, students shall cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus in full view of the driver, and cross only after looking to be sure no vehicles are approaching from either direction, and at the signal of the driver.
- N. In the event of road emergency, students are to remain in their seats, unless otherwise directed by the bus driver.
- O. Each student is expected to inform the driver if he/she is not returning on the bus. If the student fails to do this, the driver is relieved of responsibility.
- P. Courtesy is expected at all times, both to the driver and to the other passengers on the bus.
- Q. Inappropriate use of cell phones on the bus will result in the phone being confiscated by the driver and turned over to administration.

CELL PHONES

The use and possession of cell phones in the general classroom are prohibited at the Garretson Elementary School during normal school hours (8:15-3:20). Cell phones shall be kept in student lockers during the school hours listed above. Students may be asked to remove wearable electronic devices during class and place them in their lockers or hold them until after the class is over. If it continues to be an issue a student may be asked to either leave these devices at home or leave them in the office during the school day. Students found violating this policy will have the phone or wearable device confiscated and turned in to the office. A parent will be contacted to come and retrieve it. Inappropriate use of cell phones on the bus will result in the phone being confiscated by the driver and turned over to administration.

CHEATING OR ACTING IN A DISHONEST OR UNFAIR MANNER See High School policy.

CHILD CUSTODY

In most cases, when parents are divorced, both Mom and Dad continue to have equal rights where their children are concerned. If any parent has a court order that limits the right of one parent in matters such as custody or visitation, please bring a copy to the office. Unless a court order is on file in the office, we must acknowledge equal rights for both natural parents.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES – SEE HEALTH POLICIES

CONDUCT AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Assembly Programs, Plays, Concerts, etc. - Students are expected to attend, listen, and be courteous.

Athletic Events - Garretson students (Pre-K through grade 5) must have parental supervision at all school activities outside of the regular school day. These events are being held for the enjoyment and educational benefit of all students. Students Pre-K through grade 5 who are not supervised will be asked to leave the complex or school. Frisbees and footballs will not be allowed at sporting events. Elementary aged students are not to bring food and drink into sporting events. Students are expected to watch the game and support the team. Good sportsmanship is one of the primary purposes of the high school interscholastic athletic program and it is essential for the success of these programs.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the Garretson School District receives a request for access.
Parents or eligible students should submit to the building principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.
 - A. The parents or eligible students may ask the Garretson School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the building principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.
 - B. If the Garretson School District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the Garretson School District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
 - A. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the Garretson School District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement personnel); a person serving on the Garretson School Board; a person or company with whom the school district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.
 - B. A school official has legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities.
 - C. Upon request, the Garretson School District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Garretson School District to comply with requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

U.S. Department of Education
Family Policy Compliance Office
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20202-8520

The Garretson School District may disclose information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed, such as the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended.

A copy of these policies and regulations may be obtained in the superintendent's office of the School District. Complaints regarding violation or rights accorded parents and students should be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools of the Garretson School District or the Family Policy Compliance Office

DANGEROUS ITEMS

The school district recognizes the importance of establishing and maintaining a safe and orderly school environment for students, staff and community. Students must feel safe and secure in the school setting to benefit from the educational program.

The possession of firearms and dangerous weapons or look alike weapons in school buildings, vehicles or on school premises result in police and/or resource officer referral and possible long term ISS.

1. A *dangerous weapon* is defined as any firearm or air gun, knife or device, instrument, explosive material or substance, whether animate or inanimate, which is calculated or designed to inflict death or serious bodily harm.
2. A *look alike weapon* is any item which resembles guns, water rifles, pistols, slingshots, toy guns, toy grenades, toy knives, swords, and other similar items. No student shall carry, have in his or her possession, store, keep, leave, place or put into the possession of another student any look-alike weapon on any school premises, in any school vehicle, or any vehicle used by the school or for school purpose, in any school building or other building or premises used for school functions, whether or not any person is endangered by such actions. At the elementary level, students are prohibited from imitating violent acts and weapon use.

DISCIPLINE

Disciplinary action may be taken by any teacher or the principal. Parents will be advised of disciplinary action when the principal or teacher feels it necessary. Parents can assist in promoting good behavior by:

1. Supporting the school in requiring students to observe all school rules and regulations. Encourage students to accept responsibility for any willful misbehavior.
2. Maintaining an active interest in your child's daily work. Make it possible for students to complete assigned homework, particularly by providing suitable conditions for study at home.
3. Being open-minded to the viewpoints of all who are involved.
4. Speaking positively about school and teachers in front their children.

Discipline issues that are not specifically mentioned or detailed in the chart below will be dealt with in an effective manner. Administration reserves the right to assign alternative consequences.

Class One (Per Quarter)	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense	Habitual
Name calling, Taunting-teasing, Classroom disruption, Playground violation, stealing, Disrespectful/profane language	Teacher and Administrator Discretion.	Teacher and Administrator Discretion.	Teacher and Administrator Discretion.	Teacher and Administrator Discretion.
Class Two (Per Quarter)				
Insubordination	Conference with teacher and principal. Parents notified.	Loss of privileges. Plan & behavior contract written. Counselor meetings. Parent meeting.	SST Loss of privileges. Partial day ISS. Parent meeting.	Full day ISS SST Referral
Class Three (Per Semester)				
Threatening/harassment, Physical/verbal aggression, Intimidation, Pornographic Material	Conference with teacher and principal. Parents notified. Loss of privileges.	Loss of privileges. Plan & behavior contract written. Counselor and/or Resource officer meetings. Parent meeting. Partial day ISS.	Partial day ISS SST	Full day ISS SST Referral
ILLEGAL OFFENSES Class Four (Per Year)				
Tobacco, Gross insubordination, Destruction of property	Parent notification. Partial day ISS. Resource officer	Parent meeting. Full day ISS. SST Counselor and/or	Full day ISS SST Referral	Two day ISS

	meeting	Resource officer meetings		
Class Five (Per Year)				
Arson, Drugs/Alcohol, Weapons, Endangering others	Police/Resource Officer Referral Long term ISS or OSS			

DRESS CODE

It is expected that all students at Garretson Elementary School will use good judgment in the selection of personal clothing that is neat, clean and not offensive in taste or modesty. Safety requirements in specialized subject areas must also be considered. For reasons of health and other considerations, the following restrictions will be observed.

- A. Shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers are not acceptable footwear. Flip flops and sandals may be worn in the school building, but tennis shoes and socks are required for recess and PE
- B. Students may not wear anything on their heads in the building or classroom unless a designated reason to do so has been set (ie: hat day)
- C. All students must wear shirts, blouses, or sweaters that cover the chest, stomach, shoulders and back. Apparel worn for sensationalism or clothing that exposes bare skin or undergarments will not be permitted. Bare midriffs, low-cut muscle shirts, tank tops, tattered clothing and spaghetti straps are considered inappropriate.
- D. Shorts may be worn during the 1st and 4th nine-week periods. Only shorts and skirts of reasonable length (mid-thigh or longer) are permitted.
- E. Clothing bearing inappropriate images or messages is not permitted. Inappropriate is identified as related to drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, sexual content, racism, discrimination, gang referenced or affiliated or any other subject, image or message deemed inappropriate by the administration.
- F. During winter months all elementary students must have footwear for indoor use and snow boots for outdoor wear. During winter months students in grades K-5 will not be allowed to play on snow hills without snow pants and boots.

DUE PROCESS

In compliance with SDCL 14-32-4 (1973), on January 22, 1974, the South Dakota State Board of Education adopted a resolution defining the minimal standards of procedural due process guaranteed a public school student when suspended or expelled from school. The Garretson School District is in compliance with the resolution, which sets forth the following minimum standards:

- Adequate notice of charges.
- Reasonable opportunity to prepare for and meet the charges.
- An orderly hearing adapted to the nature and circumstances of the situation, and
- A fair and impartial decision.

Due process as defined in Article 24:07 Administrators Rules of the Division of Education (DOE).

EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Garretson School is committed to the belief that early education is essential to the future success of children. Through this commitment the Garretson Early Childhood program has developed into a two section pre-school for three, four, and five year olds. The program cost is set by the school board in July and to be charged for the months of September – April.

Eligibility and Entrance Requirements

All students must have an Early Childhood screening before being considered for entrance into the Early Childhood Program. Students will then be considered eligible for the program based on one of the following three criteria:

- A. **Special Needs and/or Head Start eligible:** Three, four, and five year olds on a current academic or language (not articulation) IEP and/or who meet the eligibility criteria for Head Start, will be given top priority for entrance. The program fee is waived for these students.
- B. **At Risk:** Using the DIAL-R as a screening tool, students whose scores fall in the "Potential Delay" range in two areas or on the total score, or scores in the "Potential Delay" in one area. Other factors may be taken into consideration as potential delay factors also. Students in this category must be three on or before September 1st of the current school year to be considered for school entrance.
- C. **Non-At-Risk:** Four and five year olds whose screen scores fall in the average or above average range will be considered for enrollment. Students must be four or five on or before September 1st of the current school year to be considered for school entrance. Students 3 on or before September 1 will be considered based on availability.

Food/Beverages

No outside food or beverages are allowed for the morning or the afternoon sessions of preschool. This includes birthday treats or for special occasions.

Required Documentation

Each student entering the program will be required to have documentation of a current physical, updated immunizations, and a certified birth certificate. These documents must be on file before each student will be allowed to start school. Please refer to the elementary policy for more information on these items.

Attendance

Attendance in the Early Childhood program is not required but is strongly recommended. If a student is enrolled in the program, it is very important that they be there as much as possible. It is important to each young child to have a consistent routine in order to get maximum benefit from the program.

- A. Attendance is taken each day. It will also become a part of each student's permanent record.
- B. If a student is expected to be absent, parents should call the school between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. for the morning section, or between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon section.
- C. If a student becomes ill while at school, he/she shall report to the principal's office. A parent will be contacted to take the student home. Parents will be asked to list two (2) additional people whom the school may call if contact cannot be made with either parent.

Field Trips

Parents will be notified at least two days in advance of any upcoming trip. Parents are required to sign a Field Trip Permission form at the beginning of the year if they want to have their child go on such trips. This form is designed to cover all trips taken throughout the year. Some trips may require money, lunches or other materials to be sent with each student. Please let your student's teacher know at least one day in advance if your child will not be able to attend a class trip.

Late Starts / Early Dismissals

Each winter we face the possibility of bad weather and school cancellations. Parents will be notified through a variety of communication tools including the school's website, automated messaging system, social media, and local media outlets. The following school schedule changes will affect the Early Childhood classes.

- A. If school starts late, the morning session will be canceled. Missed sessions will not be rescheduled.
- B. If school dismisses early, the afternoon session will follow the revised schedule. These sessions will not be rescheduled. The students will be transported in their usual manner to their normal drop off site. If there are to be changes in transportation or drop off sites for these days, please have that listed on the Student Enrollment Information Sheet given at the beginning of the school year.
- C. If school is canceled for the entire day, make up days will be added to the end of the school year. Parents will be updated on changes to the last day of school

Parent Involvement

There are a number of opportunities throughout the year for parents to participate in the school setting.

- A. Parent-teacher conferences are held twice a year. Schedules for these conferences will be sent home with each student.
- B. Field trip chaperones are often needed. Notes will be sent home when there is a need for these.
- C. Parents are always welcome in the classroom. If any parent would like to spend a day in the Early Childhood classroom, notify the teacher in advance.

Program Schedules

Each section of the Early Childhood program will run four days per week, Monday through Thursday.

- A. Morning Session: 8:00-10:45.
- B. Afternoon Session: 12:30 - 3:15 (snack will be included in this session).
- C. Early release schedules will be communicated as needed.
- D. Students should not be dropped off any more than 10 minutes prior to the start of class. Teachers and assistants have other duties before each class, therefore supervision will not be guaranteed before this time. Students must not be left unattended in the classroom.

Supplies

Parents will be required to supply their student with some basic school supplies. A list will be sent out prior to the first day of school. Supplies should be sent the first day that the student attends school.

Transportation

All students in the Early Childhood program are eligible for school transportation based on the priority of students and availability. Students who are on an IEP or are part of the Head Start program have priority. The school has limited transportation services outside of the school bus. We encourage families to transport their preschoolers to and from school if at all possible.

- A. Students who live within the city limits have the option to be picked up for and dropped off from school by the school van.
- B. If a student lives or goes to day care in the country, they will be transported on a school bus at the beginning and ending of the regular school day.
- C. Students attending a rural daycare (within district boundaries) will be transported to and from preschool by a school van in the middle of the day (at the end of the morning section or at the beginning of the afternoon section).
- D. The school van will run on a curb to curb basis. Your child should be brought to and picked up at the van by an adult.
- E. If your student will not be using school transportation for a day, please contact the school or transportation driver prior to 7:30 a.m.
- F. Parents must call the school when there is an address change for pickup and/or drop off.

G. Families who qualify for Head Start and/or IEP services qualify for transportation to and from school.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Procedures to be followed in the event of tornado or other emergency will be announced and posted for each building the first week of school with revision as needed.

Fire, tornado and lockdown drills will be held on a regularly scheduled basis with procedures for each building to be announced the first week of school. Fire exits and tornado designated areas are posted in each classroom.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Children may enter kindergarten if they have reached their fifth birthday by September 1 of the school year. All children enrolling in the Garretson School district must have the following on file at the time of enrollment:

- Certificate of immunization or letter of religious exemption
- A certified copy of your child's birth certificate.
- Copies are placed in students' permanent cumulative folders at school.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are conducted during school time as the planned culmination of a class or unit. Students are expected to comply with district busing rules when school vehicles are used and to leave and return on school vehicles when provided. Students on field trips should view themselves as ambassadors for the school and behave in an orderly manner. Permission slips signed by parents/guardians are necessary for students to be able to go on the field trip. Parent chaperones may be permitted to drive their own vehicles, however, in order to transport their own children, signed documentation must be given to the teacher. Parents are asked to not bring younger children with them during field trips/excursions. The privilege of attending a field trip may be restricted by the teacher and/or principal due to disciplinary problems at school or lack of academic effort.

FINES

Students who owe the school district money for such things as book fines, repair cost, replacement costs and any other type financial obligation will be held responsible for payment before the end of the school year.

FOOD IN THE CLASSROOM

Pop, juice, gum, candy, or sunflower seeds are not allowed in the school building unless arrangements are made by the teacher to have these items as part of a class incentive/reward or party.

Gum is allowed if it is deemed necessary by the classroom teacher, IEP, or SST team to benefit individual students.

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school every day and are allowed to have water bottles in class (with water only).

Elementary classrooms have a milk and snack break each day. Examples of healthy snack options are popcorn, crackers, granola bars, string cheese, fruit/fruit snacks, raisins, etc. We discourage high-sugar snacks and prohibit candy at snack time.

Garretson school is not a peanut-free school, but classroom teachers will make families aware if a classroom needs to be peanut-free.

FORGERY

Students committing forgery involving all types of passes and/or parental excuse notes as well as false phone calls or e-mails will be subject to consequences as determined by school administration.

FUND-RAISING PROJECTS

All fund-raising activities must have prior approval by the Garretson School administration.

Staff and students are discouraged from bringing items to school for distribution or sale to other students and staff. The school will not accept responsibility for lost or stolen items/money.

GRADING SYSTEM

The following grading system will be used in grades 3-5:

- 100 - 94% = A
- 93 - 88% = B
- 87 - 80% = C
- 79 - 70% = D
- 69 - 0% = F

K-2 students are graded on a standard-based reporting system.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

The counselor visits each classroom, performs individual and small group counseling activities, and works with parents and teachers in promoting positive social and emotional student growth. School counselors assist students in the development of those lifelong skills necessary for optimum character development, coping with life's difficulties, and building cohesive relationships. Students and parents should feel free at any time to ask the help of the Guidance Counselor with the assurance that confidentiality will be maintained. Garretson School District does have access to outside counseling services that only serve students through a referral process and with parent or guardian permission.

HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE POLICY

See High School policy.

HEALTH POLICIES – COMMUNICABLE DISEASES/MEDICATIONS

The Garretson School District does employ a full time nurse on staff. In addition, the school district has another nurse that is contracted one day per week. The school nurse conducts hearing and vision screenings throughout the year at various grade levels, tracks student immunizations, is in charge of emergency response policies and procedures, and oversees the school health program. Screenings can be done on students throughout the school year upon parent or teacher request if suspecting a problem.

If your child becomes ill or is hurt during school hours (outside of minor scrapes and bruises), we will attempt to contact you. If we are unable to contact you, we will attempt to contact a person named by you on the **Garretson School Information Update Form** completed by you during the registration week. For serious injuries, an accident report will be completed by the school immediately following the injury and EMS will be activated.

Communicable Diseases

Rules for school attendance: When ill, students should not be sent back to school until they are vomit, diarrhea, or fever-free (without medication) for 24 hours.

Chicken Pox	The first symptoms include a slight fever, and feeling tired and weak. An itchy blister-like rash soon follows. The blisters become dry, crust over, and form scabs within 4 to 5 days. They may appear on the scalp, armpits, trunk and even on the eyelids and in the mouth. Cases must be excluded from school until all scabs are dry and there have been no new pox for two days.
Pink Eye	Symptoms include white or yellowish discharge from one or both eyes, tears, pain, swelling and reddening of the eyelids, matted eyelids after sleep, and sensitivity to light. In severe cases, infiltration of the cornea may occur. The illness may last from 2 days to 2-3 weeks. Child should be excluded from school and not return until seen by a physician and drops administered for 24 hours.
Common Cold	Common viral respiratory diseases can be characterized by fever and one or more cold symptoms such as chills, headache, body ache, weakness, and loss of appetite. Fevers greater than 100.4 should be excluded from school.
Ring Worm	Ringworm is a skin infection caused by a fungus that can affect the scalp, skin, fingers, toe nails or foot by direct skin-to-skin contact with infected people or pets. Ringworm of the body appears as flat, spreading ring-shaped areas. The edge is reddish and may be either dry and scaly or moist and crusted. As it spreads, the center area clears and appears normal. Child should be excluded from school unless child has physician's written permit for re-entering. Infected area should be covered when child is in school.
Impetigo	Symptoms are characterized by pustule (crusted sore with oozing) appearing on face, neck and hands – occasionally on body. Exclude from school until all areas are healed (usually about one week) or until child has a doctor's written statement for re-entry.
Scabies	Scabies is a fairly common infectious disease of the skin caused by a mite. Scabies mites are transferred by direct skin-to-skin contact. Indirect transfer from undergarments or bedclothes can occur only if these have been contaminated by infected people immediately beforehand. The most prominent symptom of scabies is intense itching particularly at night. The areas of the skin most affected by scabies include the webs and sides of the fingers, around the wrists, elbows and armpits, waist, thighs, genitalia, nipples, breasts and lower buttocks. Symptoms will appear from two to six weeks in people who have not previously been exposed to scabies infestations, and within one to four days after subsequent re-exposures. Exclude from school until treated. Itching may still be present, and avoid physical contact with infested individuals and their belongings, especially clothing and bedding.
Head Lice	Lice can be found anywhere on the scalp but are heaviest behind the ears and just above the hairline along the nape of the neck. Head lice attach their eggs (nits) to human hair. Head lice transmission can occur during direct contact with an infested individual. Head lice cannot jump or fly. Head to head contact or sharing items of clothing, combs, brushes, hats, or headphones may also result in transmission. Shared surfaces such as pillows, mattresses, sleeping bags, cars seats, or upholstered furniture may also transmit head lice. Usually, the first indication of an infestation is the itching on the head. Scratching at the back of the head or around the ears should lead to an examination for head louse eggs (nits) on the hair, and can be spread as long as lice or eggs remain alive on the infested person. Medicated shampoos or cream rinses containing pyrethrin (Rid), permethrin (Nix), lindane (Kwell), or malathion (Ovide) are used to kill lice. Always shampoo twice, 1 week apart to kill all live and newly hatched lice. Nightly comb-through and nit-picking are required to remove all

nits from hair, and stop the live cycle. Thorough cleaning should be done of household items including: vacuuming upholstered furniture and carpet; laundering clothing and bedding in hot water (130° F for 20 minutes) and drying on hot cycle or dry cleaning to destroy lice and eggs; soaking combs and brushes in hot water (130° F for 10 minutes). Anything that cannot be laundered should be sealed in a plastic bag for two weeks.

If live lice or evidence of nits is found on the student during the school day, will be asked to go home for treatment. They are required to treat with medicated lice shampoo and do a thorough comb-through to eliminate nits that same day and/or evening and can return to school the following day if there are no live lice present. If the student does not treat with medicated lice shampoo and continues to present to school with evidence of live lice and nits, the school will send the student home to be treated. The school reserves the right to check the students in question for lice until cleared and send them home as needed to reduce transmission.

Parents of Pre-5th grade students will be notified of the presence of lice via letter from school nurse. Parents of Middle and High school students are notified via phone, email, or letter if their student has lice.

Influenza Influenza is highly contagious and is easily transmitted through contact with droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person who is coughing and sneezing. Typical flu symptoms include headache, fever, chills, cough and body aches. Intestinal symptoms are uncommon, and symptoms can occur within 1 to 3 days after exposure to an infected person. Good handwashing and hygiene and getting a flu shot annually are ways to prevent or lessen the severity of the flu.

Common communicable disease guidelines and questions can be found on the South Dakota Department of Health website: <http://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/diseasefacts/>

MEDICATIONS POLICY

The following procedure will be followed for those students who take any medications while at school. Medication includes all prescription and nonprescription (over the counter) drugs.

- A. Students in grades PreK-5 are not allowed to administer, or have in their possession any medications, including over the counter and/or prescription medications. They are required to fill out the medication and treatment authorization form and have a parent and physician signatures for any and all medications being administered while at school.
- B. All prescription medication is required to be brought to the school office at the beginning of the day. Trained school personnel will be available Monday through Friday to administer medication. Medication and Treatment Authorization Form needs to be filled out and signed by parent and physician for medications to be administered at school. First dose of any new prescription medications must be given at home, and can't be given at school.
- C. Prescription medication must be in a pharmacy container with a label. The label is to include the following: student's name, date, dose, time of day the medication is to be taken, and the doctor's name. Ask your pharmacist to provide you with a second container for school use. Medication that comes to school in a container that is not a labeled pharmacy container will not be administered.
- D. Over the counter medication administered at school by school staff must be in original labeled container. Medication that is not in original container will not be administered.
- E. All medication to be taken in school must be accompanied by a Medication and Treatment Authorization Form. Extra forms may be obtained from the office or downloaded from the school website.
- F. A daily log of medication taken by the student will be kept and overseen by school nurse.
- G. In the event of a school-sponsored field trip, your child's medication may be sent with designated personnel in the amount to be administered during the activity, unless otherwise specified by the parent or guardian.
- H. If medication is not picked up within 1 week after school is out, it will be destroyed.

HOME SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION

The Garretson School District will accept students transferring from non-accredited schools may be subject to the following conditions and guidelines to determine placement within the district:

- A standardized achievement test shall be administered to the transfer student. The administration and evaluation of the test will be done by the principal and appropriate staff of the school to which the student is seeking admission.
- Based on the evaluation of the standardized test, the principal will make an appropriate placement. The student's placement may not be in a grade level higher than warranted by the student's chronological age, assuming entry into the first grade at age six and annual grade placement thereafter. After initial placement, the student may be advanced according to the student's demonstrated performance.

HOMEcoming

All students K through 5th grade will walk with their class during the homecoming parade and remain with their class until dismissal from school. If a parent provides a **written or personal** request for the release of a student from homecoming activities, the student will be counted absent according to our absence policy and the school will be released from responsibility.

HOMEWORK

K-5 students may have routine, weekly assignments that are expected to be completed at home (ie: Thursday night spelling work) in addition to unfinished classroom assignments. When necessary, incomplete work will be made up during recesses. Students have an extra day to turn in assignments that are given on the day of an absence. When possible, teachers should be notified of absences ahead of time to keep students from falling behind in their work.

INJURIES

Students are encouraged to play safely and avoid injuries, but if injured, the student should report any injuries, no matter how small, to the teacher in charge or to the office. This is especially important for insurance purposes. When an accident report is deemed necessary, it is submitted to the principal and parents are notified by the classroom teacher.

INTERNET POLICY

Student Use of Computer Networks:

The School District shall encourage use of local and wide area networks for improvement of instructions and in-district communication. The computer and its abilities to connect with other sites worldwide should serve as an enhancement to teacher-led instruction within the classroom.

The administration is directed to develop regulations that insure proper use of District networks and the Internet by students and members of the community.

The use of the School District's network and its connection to the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Guidelines are provided to make students aware of the responsibilities associated with efficient, ethical and lawful use of network resources. If a student violates any of these provisions, his or her account and privileges may be terminated, future access through School District facilities may be denied, and the School District's discipline policies shall be applied. Students or their parents or guardians will be required to compensate the District for any damage done to the network and/or hardware.

The School District shall make every effort to restrict access to inappropriate materials; however, it is impossible to control all materials on a global network. Therefore, the District shall not be liable for the content of viewing of any materials not prepared by the District.

Rules for Network Use:

Use of the School District network facilities may only be made in conformance with this regulation and the Acceptable Use Agreement signed by the student. Network users are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette.

The student will:

- Be responsible for all use of the network under his/her account, regardless of whether access is gained with or without the student's knowledge and/or consent;
- Immediately notify the School District if he/she suspects any unauthorized use of his/her account. A student shall remain liable and responsible for any unauthorized use until the School District is notified of the suspected unauthorized use and has a reasonable opportunity to act upon such notice;
- Not transmit any abusive, defamatory, obscene, profane, sexually explicit, threatening, or illegal material;
- Not engage in any advertising or soliciting the sale or purchase of any goods, products or services, or to solicit the performance of any activity which is prohibited by law;
- Be responsible for any costs, fees, charges or expenses incurred under the student's account number in connection with the use of the network, save and except such costs, fees, charges and expenses as the School District explicitly agrees to pay;
- Not transmit copyrighted material without the express consent or authorization of the owner of the copyright; and
- Not give out his/her home address, phone number, or password.
- Student accounts are considered the property of the District. The School District expressly reserves right, in its sole discretion to:
 - Change or eliminate any portion of any transmission of any user without notice or liability;
 - Review and edit any material to be transmitted by anyone on the network, including private electronic messages. (By reserving this right, the School District assumes no obligation to review or edit any such material and assumes no responsibility or liabilities therefore.)
 - Remove or delete any transmission the School District believes violates the School District's policy or is harmful to others.
- By signing the Acceptable Use Agreement, the student expressly agrees and recognizes that use of the network is at the student's own risk. The School District does not guarantee the network will be uninterrupted or error-free; nor does it make any warranty as to the results to be obtained from use of the service or the accuracy or quality of the information obtained on or by the network or the Internet. Access to the network is provided on an "as is" basis without warranties of any kind. Neither the School District nor any of its agents or employees shall be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages arising out of the use of or inability to use the network or out of any breach of any warranty.

Network Security

Security of all networks connected to the Garretson School District is a high priority. Anyone observing a security problem on Internet or any District network must notify District personnel. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet or other District networks.

Intentional damage to equipment or software or any intentional attempt to harm or destroy data of another user on the Internet or any other network may result in the cancellation of computer privileges and the District's discipline policy shall be invoked. The vandal or his/her parents/guardians will be responsible for damages or the cost of correcting the problem. Any student who does not follow the proper usage of the Garretson School Computer network and Internet as communicated in the Acceptable Use Agreement and school policy handbook will be subject to consequences determined by the administration.

LIBRARY

All elementary classes are scheduled for 30 minutes of library time once each week. Library skills are taught during this time and books can be checked out. Students may check out books from the school library for one week (K-3) and two weeks for grades (4-6).

The school library and community library, all operate under Siouxland Library System. It is the responsibility of the students to return books on time and in good condition. Parents are notified of overdue books through automated phone calls and emails. The school library will also notify parents through a paper note sent home with students as needed for overdue books. Replacement costs for books that are damaged or not returned will be issued to parents if necessary. As a convenience, books may be returned to any Siouxland Library, not just the library from which a book was checked out of.

LOST AND FOUND

A lost and found box will be maintained in the K-3 wing of the elementary school. Lost articles should be reported and found articles turned into the office. Students and parents are encouraged to check the box periodically for lost articles. Items will be on display during parent-teacher conferences and donated after the completion of each conference event if not claimed.

MEDICATIONS – SEE HEALTH POLICIES

MESSAGES

Phone messages left with the secretary or principal will be delivered to students and teachers in a timely manner. When possible, we encourage messages to students be sent electronically and directly to teachers and cc'd to the secretary. Students may use the office phone for valid reasons but will not be permitted to use a telephone without permission from office staff.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents may make appointments for conferences with teachers, counselors, or the principal. Conferences are scheduled two times a year once in the fall and once in the spring according to the adopted school calendar. Administration and teachers will provide sign-up times available for both conferences.

PARTY INVITATIONS

Parents are encouraged to send party invitations by mail or invite children by phone or e-mail. School personnel are not permitted to disclose phone numbers and email addresses unless given permission by parents within classroom. If invitations are sent to school for delivery, they need to be given to the teacher privately, who will then deliver them to bookbags at an appropriate time.

If parties require extra students to ride the bus home with your student, arrangements need to be made with the driver to make sure there is adequate room on the bus. However, we do encourage parents to take care of transporting extra students.

PATRIOTISM

The Garretson School encourages patriotism. The school day begins with each classroom reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition, the National Anthem is played before varsity athletic events.

PICTURES

Student pictures are taken two times in the school year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Students have the opportunity to purchase packets of pictures but are not required to. Regardless of making a purchase or not, pictures of every student will be taken for student records from the fall picture event.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All students K-5 have the opportunity for Physical Education during the school week. Each student must wear his/her tennis shoes.

All students are required to participate in Physical Education unless a written excuse is given. If a student must miss Physical Education for an extended period, a doctor's excuse is required.

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND/OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT SCHOOL PERSONNEL, FACILITIES & SERVICES
(See High School Policy.)

RECESS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

All students will be taken out for recess. It is important that the students get fresh air and the activity made possible at recess. If students are ill, they may infect others in their class and should probably stay home from school that day rather than staying in for recess. A written note from a doctor may be required if a child is to stay in during recess for an extended period of time. In the event of inclement weather and/or when the wind chill or temperature is 0° or below, students will be kept inside for an indoor recess. These rules apply to before school recess. If there is indoor recess before school, notice will be posted on the doors for students and they should follow the indoor recess procedure listed in the school arrival policy.

Playground Rules:

- No gum, candy, pop, seeds, etc. are allowed on the playground during school hours.
- No balls or toys from home are allowed on the playground.
- No throwing rocks, snowballs, leaves, etc.
- Students are not to play around cars or delivery vehicles.
- Students must ask permission to retrieve a ball from the parking lot or street. Adult eye contact and proximity is to be present when students retrieve balls. Retrieved balls need to be given to the teacher for the remaining part of recess.
- Students must ask permission before entering the building or leaving the playground. When returning to the playground, please let the teacher know.
- Students are not to climb fences.
- Spitting is prohibited.
- Jump ropes and other toys are to be used for their intended purpose.
- Climbers must stay off the top of the monkey bars and are not allowed to hang from their knees
- No swinging side to side, twisting, or standing on swings. No underdogs.
- No climbing up the slide. Sliders must go down feet first. The slide must be cleared before going down it.
- No pushing, shoving, tackling, or other rough play on the playground or snow hills.
- Students are not to play tag on the jungle gyms.
- Students are not to climb trees.
- Students are not to stand on the table, benches, or garbage cans.

Winter Weather Rules:

- K-5 must wear coats, snow pants, gloves/mittens and boots to play on snow hills.
- General safe play is allowed on snow hills. No pushing, shoving, tackling, or other rough play on snow hills.
- Students will slide down the snow hills, feet first.
- No throwing snow or snowballs.

Recommended Temperature Chart for Outdoor Recess:

- Under 50 degrees: Warm coat with hat and gloves.
- 51-55 degrees: Warm sweatshirt or coat
- 55-60 degrees: Light sweatshirt or long sleeve shirt
- Shorts are only permitted to be worn first and fourth nine-week periods.

Teachers reserve the right to prohibit any activity if students are not playing safely.

RETENTION POLICY

Retaining of students at a given grade level is a procedure practiced when students are functioning at a level below grade level expectations. Criteria used to determine whether or not a student should be retained are:

- Basic skills mastered in reading and math
- Physical, emotional, and mental maturity
- Work habits and attitude
- Any of these in addition to a significant number of absences

No child will be retained until such decision is reached jointly by parents, teacher(s), and principal.

SCHOOL CLOSING POLICY BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

The superintendent may close the district schools or dismiss them early when hazardous weather or other emergencies threaten the health and safety of students and personnel. When this happens, the school will use a variety of tools to communicate relevant information to the public, including the school's website, automated messaging system, social media and local media outlets.

In the event of school closure due to weather, all school practices and events will be canceled, with the exception of district, region, and state level events. In those cases, the superintendent will make the decision to travel in conjunction with school officials hosting the event. In the case of canceled or postponed activities, the superintendent or activities director will post those scheduled changes to the school's website and social media to announce the schedule change.

Any days missed due to weather, emergency or disease will be made up to meet the school term as established by the school district.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

In order to provide appropriate educational opportunities, special education programs are available for student's ages 0-21. Resource rooms enhance the regular classroom instruction. Speech, language, and occupational and physical therapies are available. Services outside the district are provided when all necessary special education criteria are met. (The "Comprehensive Plan for Special Education" is on file with the principal.) Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher or the school administrator with their child's academic concerns or if they think an evaluation for special services would benefit their child's educational experience.

STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS

Students are to refrain from use of excessive affection in the hallways, classrooms, on school property or at a school activity. Excessive affection is defined as anything more than holding hands. Examples include: kissing, excessive hugging, touching of inappropriate areas, etc.

VISITATION

We encourage parents to visit our classrooms. Children are eager to share their school experiences and want parents to show interest in their school life. Please call the teacher and make arrangements to visit whenever possible.

If a student from another school visits a classroom, arrangements must be made prior to the visit.

We require that ANYONE coming to school during the school day report directly to the school office and receive a visitor sticker. Please do not proceed to any area of the building or playground until the office is aware of your presence. We ask that when leaving the building, visitors stop into the office as well. This is for your child's safety and also to prevent any disruption of classroom learning time.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer help is always welcomed at Garretson School. If you are interested in helping out at school, please inform your child's teacher. Unless working under direct supervision of a staff member, volunteers will need a background check to volunteer at Garretson School. This includes those involved with the mentoring program.

WITHDRAWAL AND TRANSFER

If you are moving out of the district, the school needs to be notified at least a day in advance. Student records are electronically sent to new schools upon request.

TITLE ONE PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The Board of Education of Garretson School District recognizes the necessity and value of parent involvement to support student and academic achievement. In order to assure collaborative partnerships between parents and schools, the board is committed to achieving the following goals in ways that recognize and respect the diversity and differing needs of families. The Garretson School District intends to include parents in all aspects of the district's Title 1 program. The goal is a home-school partnership that helps all students in the district succeed.

The following provisions and activities have been reviewed and considered appropriate to the Title 1 program by parents, teachers, administration and school board.

- A. Involving parents as partners in school governance, including decision making.
- B. Establishing effective two-way communication with all parents.
- C. Developing strategies and programmatic structures to enable parents to participate actively in their children's education.
- D. Providing support and coordination for school staff and parents to implement and sustain appropriate parent involvement.
- E. Utilizing community resources to enrich the educational environment and promote family and student success.
- F. Supporting parents in their roles as the child's first and most important teacher.
- G. Providing parents at least 2 open meetings for Title 1 activities each year. Dates and sites of meetings will be printed in the school newsletter and the local paper.
- H. Parents will have access to the Garretson School District Consolidated Application and the District Improvement Plan.
- I. The Garretson School District will be receptive to parental requests for information and ideas which will enhance the Title 1 program and activities.
- J. Special forms are designated for Title 1. Parents will be informed of a student's referral and placement in a Title 1 program. Written progress reports will be sent home quarterly.
- K. Parent/School Compacts will be developed and disseminated to parents of participating students each year prior to the fall Parent/Teacher Conferences.

DISCIPLINE DEFINITIONS

Bus Behavior: While on district-provided buses, students shall adhere to the same behavior expectations, standards, and consequences as at school.

Computer Violation: Consequences for computer violations will be applied according to the nature of the offense on the Discipline Plan. (i.e. - copying administrative files = theft; destroying files = destruction of property; not following computer rules = insubordination.) Violations may result in restriction and or loss of computer privileges.

Conflict Resolution: Programs designed to teach students to deal with conflict in a constructive manner.

Destruction or Stealing Property: Willfully causing or attempting to cause damage to private or school property, stealing or attempting to steal private or school property, or repeated damage or theft involving private or school property. Includes alteration of student/school computer programs/systems.

Disrespectful/Obscene Language: Use of obscene or disrespectful language, communication or action.

Electronic Devices: Electronic devices including items such as, cellular phones, wearable smart watches, air pods, and laser lights will be used under school guidelines or will be confiscated and returned only to the students' parents.

Expulsion: Denial of a student's membership in school for a period of time.

Fighting: Physical violence in an angry or quarrelsome manner with intent to harm another person or to disrupt the process of education while on school property; including parking lot and buses.

In School Suspension (ISS): A student's temporary denial to participate in a class, as determined necessary by the school principal. Suspension will be served in school and students will be given credit for the work completed while not in class.

Insubordination/Habitual Disobedience: Student conduct deemed as unwillingness to submit to authority, refusal to respond to a reasonable request or situations in which the student is shown to be habitually disobedient.

Intimidation/Threat To Others: Use of coercion, force, threats, violence, intimidation or similar conduct that constitutes a threat to a person's safety or interferes with school purposes.

Long-Term Suspension: Temporary denial to a student by the superintendent or school board of participation in school for more than ten days and not more than ninety days.

Out of School Suspension (OSS): Temporary denial to a student by the principal, superintendent or school board of participation in class or classes. Suspension will be served out of school.

Nuisance Items: Items that disrupt the teaching and learning process or could cause harm or disturbance to a fellow student or teacher.

Profanity: Swearing; use of obscene, threatening or flagrantly disrespectful oral or written language, gestures.

Suspension After School (SAS): An option for the principal to use in place of ISS that requires students to serve suspension before or after school.

Student Support Team: A team of staff members who work together to help students become and remain successful in school.